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Outreach Campaign For Health Care Announced Here

An aggressive outreach campaign sparked by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's commitment to health care for the state's most vulnerable citizens led to major enrollment gains in the state programs aimed at children, families and the elderly.

"We're not just talking about delivering health care here in Illinois," said Blagojevich. "We're doing something about it. We're expanding eligibility. We're making it easier for parents to get their kids enrolled. And we're making every effort to ensure that if you are eligible for KidCare, FamilyCare or SeniorCare, you get it."

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured singled out Illinois recently as one of only three states in the nation to significantly expand coverage in 2003, at a time when budget constraints are forcing many states to slash access to health care.

Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA) Director Barry S. Maram announced that the agency has delivered health care to an additional 106,000 children, parents and seniors in the first year of the Blagojevich administration.

Maram said the total includes 60,000 children. The increase means that the number of children receiving comprehensive health insurance from the state's Medicaid and KidCare programs climbed over one million this year, to 1,046,000.

"Under Gov. Blagojevich's leadership, the Department intends to continue working with our partners in the health care industry to expand and strengthen the state's health care network and to deliver quality care at a reasonable cost to hard-working families and seniors," Maram said.

In the KidCare program, Blagojevich signed legislation in July raising the income threshold from 185 percent to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The change made an estimated 20,000 more children eligible for KidCare.

To enroll in KidCare, FamilyCare or SeniorCare, families can obtain applications either by phone; mail; in person at Illinois Department of Human Services offices and hospitals around the state; and the IDPA's website: www.dpaillinois.com. To get a SeniorCare application by phone call 800-356-6302 and for KidCare and FamilyCare, call 866-468-7543.

4th District Meeting

Residents of the 4th District of Oak Lawn are invited to attend a Town Hall Neighborhood Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6th. The meeting will be held at Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., and is hosted by Trustee Steve Rosenbaum.

The meeting will include an update on current developments in Oak Lawn. There will also be a question and answer session on issues brought forward by attendees.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on Wednesday, Jan. 14th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library at (708) 422-4990.

Rotary Hosts Holiday Party

The Oak Lawn Rotary recently hosted a Holiday Party for over 200 program participants from Garden School and Park Lawn. The festive event was held at Park Lawn School and Activity Center in Oak Lawn.

The afternoon began with a holiday greeting from Oak Lawn Rotary President, Jeanine Shotas. She was then joined by fellow Rotarians who served a delicious buffet luncheon. Rotarians distributed gifts to all the guests and then took time to visit and spread holiday cheer! The highlight of the afternoon was singing Christmas carols led by Park Lawn's Ellie Crumback and dancing to the latest tunes played by Legends DJ, Ray Rita. A great time was had by all. The holiday party has been an Oak Lawn Rotary tradition for over 20 years.

Pictured (front row) President Shotas, Dr. Sandra Bury, Kathy Kobak, Jim Weise, Le Roy Corradino and Ray May; (back row) Jim Sweeney, Marie DiNovo, Dom Frigo, Dan Perrino, Bob Beatty, Tom Bugielski and Dave Kobak.

AARP Meets

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Jan. 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

For entertainment we will have Mercita Demonk who will portray Jane Addams, be attired in period clothing and speak to us as if we were visitors to Addams' Hull House.

If you are an AARP member, you are welcome to join the AARP Oak Lawn Chapter. Dues are $5 a year. For more information, call Stan Urban at (708) 422-5635.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JANUARY 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Picnic Permits Offered

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is proud to offer its visitors the opportunity to procure the first picnic permits of 2004 on Friday, Jan. 2nd with doors opening at 5 a.m. and permits issued beginning at 6 a.m.

Due to the fire at the Cook County Administration Building, 69 W. Washington in Chicago, picnic permits may be purchased ONLY at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's General Headquarters (GHQ), 536 N. Harlem Ave. in River Forest, at the corner of Harlem Ave. and Lake St.

In an additional effort to offset any inconvenience our visitors may experience, picnic permits will also be available for purchase at GHQ on Saturday, Jan. 3rd and Sunday, Jan. 4th from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the District's picnic permit office at (708) 366-9420.

Walter H. Lysen, Publisher Dies

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Matteson Mortgage Company Faces Lawsuit For Fraud

A Matteson company that offered to help consumers avoid mortgage foreclosure is named in a lawsuit filed Monday, Dec. 29th, by the Cook County State's Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division.

According to Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine, Coburn & Associates offered to help consumers who were behind on their mortgage payments. For a fee ranging from $700 to $2,495, Coburn & Associates promised to conduct negotiations with lenders to bring delinquent mortgages back to good standing. The company offered to negotiate for missed payments, or to negotiate the reassignment of delinquent monies to the end of the loan. To do this, Coburn & Associates collected thousands of dollars from consumers to forward to mortgage companies. In some cases during the Spring and Fall of 2003, the money collected was never forwarded to the mortgage company, placing homeowners in jeopardy of losing their homes and increasing their debt.

Named in the suit are Coburn & Associates, Inc. 21141 Governors Highway, and its owners-operators, Cleasandra Coburn and Lorenzo Spearman. The suit alleges the defendants violated the Illinois Credit Services Organization Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Illinois law requires companies that provide advice and assistance to defer payment of debts to file a registration statement with the Illinois Secretary of State and to obtain a $100,000 surety bond for the benefit of their customers. The suit alleges Coburn & Associates neither registered with the Secretary of State nor possessed a surety bond.

"Any company which purports to assist people who are facing imminent foreclosure of their homes has an exceptional duty to follow the law and to fulfill its promise to aid its customers," Devine said.

The lawsuit seeks to permanently enjoin Coburn & Associates from engaging in unlawful negotiations with lenders on behalf of debtors in Illinois. The State's Attorney's Office is seeking refunds for consumers who were defrauded and a $50,000 civil penalty against each defendant.

The State's Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division filed the lawsuit after receiving numerous complaints from consumers about Coburn & Associates. Consumers with questions or complaints about Coburn & Associates may contact the Consumer Fraud Division at (312) 603-8700.

Nominee To Be Honored By Stroger Commission

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy (6th District) announced that she is seeking a nominee to be honored by Cook County Board President John Stroger's Commission on Women's Issues. The annual "Unsung Heroine" breakfast will be held in March at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Blvd.

The awards ceremony recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the well being and betterment of their community through their volunteer actions. Jennifer Vidis, executive director of the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues, said, "These honorees are our neighbors, our mothers, our sisters, our daughters. They make a difference in our lives through their generous gift of their time, energy, expertise and leadership."

Commissioner Murphy stated nominees must be residents of Cook County and live in her 6th County Board District. They must be involved in their community in either a professional or volunteer capacity and be someone who has not received widespread recognition. Elected officials are not eligible.

Commissioner Murphy encourages all organizations in the 6th District to submit entry nominees. Nomination entry forms will be available at village/city halls in the 6th District or by calling Commissioner Joan Murphy's office at (708) 389-2125. All nomination entry forms must be submitted to Commissioner Joan Murphy by Jan. 19th at 5405 W. 127th St., Crestwood, IL 60445.

Tax Deduction Possible In Historic District

A little-known provision in the Internal Revenue code enables owners of buildings within historic districts to take a federal income tax deduction of about 15 percent of the appraised value of the property. A donation of a "Preservation Easement" can generate a one-time charitable deduction that can be taken over the course of six years on personal income tax, according to the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Assn. (IRELA) and the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI).

So far, fewer than 300 owners of historic residential and commercial property in the Chicago area have capitalized on the 23-year-old provision in the code to obtain deductions totaling $52 million during a recent 12-month period.

To qualify, the building must be listed on the National Register or located in a national or local historic district. More than 90 such districts exist in the Chicago area. The owner donates a Preservation Easement (limited to the exterior front and two sides of a building) to the LPCI, which then assists the owner in monitoring the building to ensure that the structure is maintained in a manner consistent with its original architectural form. LPCI is the federally recognized 501-c-3 not-for-profit "conservation" organization in Illinois authorized to accept donations of Preservation Easements under the relevant section of the Internal Revenue Code. The easement prevents inappropriate alterations or demolition, but does not prevent changes to the interior or rear side of the building.

The 15 percent guideline is the theoretical difference between the appraised value of the property and what it would become worth with the encumbrance of the façade easement in perpetuity. For example, owners of a historic building valued at $1 million could protect its façade with an easement to the LPCI and take a non-cash charitable deduction of $150,000 from the next income tax filing.

Part of the agreement involves making a cash donation to the LPCI in the amount of 10 percent of the tax deduction ($15,000 in this example) but that is also tax-deductible. The contribution helps fund the LPCI's work, which includes annual inspections of each registered façade for historic integrity and maintenance of photographic documentation files.

For further information, contact Andrew Fisher at the LPCI at (312) 922-1742 or access their Web site at www.landmarks.org.

Maria Pappas Wins Endorsement

Maria Pappas, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, announced recently that she had won the endorsement of the Women's Campaign Fund, the oldest nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to supporting progressive women candidates.

The WCF announcement came as Pappas filed the maximum number of nomination petitions with the Illinois State Board of Elections just weeks after announcing her campaign. Pappas, who has led in recent polls, is the only candidate from either party with the combination of legislative experience and working as a public executive who turned around a once-troubled $8 billion agency.

Pappas, a native of West Virginia, has a doctorate in counseling and a law degree. Pappas came to government after teaching internationally and establishing a successful practice in family law and counseling. She is currently serving her second term as Cook County Treasurer, having won re-election with the most votes of any local official last year.

"You have been supportive of women's issues for many years, and we know that the people of your state will be well served by your competent and caring work," said Susan Medalie, Executive Director of the Women's Campaign Fund.

"We plan to let all of our supporters in Illinois know about your race, and it will be the issues you have supported over your career that will lead you to victory," Medalie added. "Just as a women's right to choice is critical, so is the election of Maria Pappas to the Senate. We understand this, and strongly endorse you for your election."

62 Students Named As State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the names of this year's students honored as Illinois State Scholars. The Commission is pleased to announce that 62 students from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School are being recognized as Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement.

"These students should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. The Commission congratulates them and wishes them the best in their future endeavors," proclaimed Larry Matejka, ISAC's executive director.

The following is a list of McAuley students recognized: Amanda J. Ball, Emily S. Bryar, Anne E. Custck, Ellen C. Dahlke, Kristina L. Dalby, Amy K. Flanagan, Amy J. McGinnis, Amanda C. Moore and Kathryn R. Rooney, all of Evergreen Park; Patricia M. Barry, Jacey K. Boike, Ashley C. Chan, Kathryn M. Devine, Meghan T. Gallagher, Regina M. Harris, Maura K. Hughes, Bridget E. Madden, Cathriona A. McGuire, Mary Miller, Kathryn M. Mizera, Megan C. O'Connell and Ashley M. Rook, all of Mt. Greenwood; Angela T. Bleecher, Jacklyn R. Cullinan, Elizabeth E. Hrebic, Anne M. Knightly, Maura T. Murphy, Meghan E. Nawrocki, Catherine R. Reynolds, Ellen R. Savaglio, Jenna L. Scanlan, Marisa A. Sharko, Elizabeth R. Tumnello and Elizabeth M. Wright, all of Oak Lawn; Elaine Cabugason, Amanda C. Hartmann and Sarah A. LaFrancis, all of Garfield Ridge; Megan T. Delaney, Ashlee T. Gillen, Sheila K. Gleason, Sarah E. Kell, Allison V. Mundell, Sussan J. Navabi, Meghan T. Ori, Claire V. Pistek, Jennie M. Sullivan and Gabrielle M. Warshall, all of Beverly; Katie-Sue Fisher of Blue Island; Stephanie L. Ilardo, Laura J. Moulton, Erin O'Brien, Krista A. Placas and Kathleen T. Scanlan, all of Orland Park; Sarah B. Jost of Ashburn; Karen M. Kinsley of Bridgeview; Brigitte M. Mattes and Katherine M. Wollner, both of Palos Park; Andrea I. Mosqueda of West Lawn; Dorothy A. Skotusa of Burbank; and Terra S. Young of Calumet Heights.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Due to the death of her father Messenger Publisher, Walter H. Lysen, Ms. Lysen's column will not appear this week.

New Laws In Effect January 1st

State Sen. Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) announced that several bills, of which he was the chief sponsor, that passed during the last legislative session will be taking effect as of Jan. 1st.

Among those is House Bill 1118 which will "freeze" tuition for the first year Illinois students who enroll after the 2003-04 academic year at Illinois public universities. This applies only to Illinois students and for only the 4 academic years following initial enrollment.

Senate Bill 533 requires schools to develop a mentoring program for new teachers. "These types of programs will better prepare new teachers and allow them to draw from the expertise and knowledge of current faculty. A key factor in retaining quality people in the profession," Maloney said.

Senate Bill 467 will require insurance companies to cover the cost of asthma treatments. In the past, insurance companies could limit the number of prescription refills on asthma inhalants prescribed by a doctor. This legislation would allow asthma sufferers to receive more medication without penalty from their insurance carriers. The senator said, "This is very important in the Chicago area where asthma is a serious health risk to so many people, especially children."

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Moraine Valley's career counselors offer sound advice on selecting a career while academic advisors assist with choosing the right courses. Faculty members also provide real-world knowledge and experience, and job placement specialists help you find the right job.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110, TT/TDD (708) 974-9556.

Free Trees Available

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of January.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds, and two Kousa Dogwoods.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers, and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NB 68410, by Jan. 31, or go online to www.arborday.org.

Full Agenda Of Bills Signed This Week

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed legislation that removes from state statutes special interest language signed in 1999 by former Gov. George Ryan to protect soft drink distributors and bottlers that was struck down as unconstitutional earlier this year by a federal court.

Senate Bill 963, sponsored by state Sens. John Cullerton, D-Chicago; Emil Jones, D-Chicago; and Mattie Hunter, D-Chicago; and state Rep. Daniel Burke, D-Chicago, repeals the Soft Drink Industry Fair Dealing Act, which made it difficult for soft drink suppliers to change or terminate contracts with local businesses that bottle and distribute their products. Specifically, the law stated that soft drink suppliers could not cancel a distributorship without good cause and prior notification. In addition, it prohibited the supplier from failing to exercise good faith in the negotiation of any change in terms of the distribution agreement or engaging in retaliatory conduct against a distributor.

A federal judge in East St. Louis ruled in July that the act was unconstitutional.

Legislation giving similar protections to liquor distributors was passed in 1999, but ruled unconstitutional and repealed by the General Assembly in 2000.

Other bills signed by the Governor include:

House Bill 648 – An Act Concerning Animals – Provides cleanup language to implement the previously passed Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act. It provides that an applicant for certification as a euthanasia technician must hold a license or certification from certain specified associations issued within three years preceding the date of application. It further clarifies the grandfathering provision for certified euthanasia technicians and allows for the transportation of animals across the state lines for the purpose of euthanasia if the shelter has a certified technician to perform the procedure. And it requires that a person who purchases, stores or administers euthanasia drugs must be registered inventory records in compliance with U.S. law and DPR regulations. Effective immediately.

House Bill 741 – An Act Concerning Alcoholic Liquor – Amends the Liquor Control Act to provide that a liquor license shall be valid from the date of issue through the last day of the 11th month after the month in which the license is issued. In addition, it allows alcoholic liquor to be delivered and sold at the Louis Joliet Renaissance Center, City Center Campus and the Food Services/Culinary Arts Department facilities owned and controlled by Joliet Junior College, and the Michael Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago. Liquor is prohibited from being served or sold in a state building unless otherwise specifically allowed under state law. The bill further provides that an import distributor may be issued a supplemental storage permit upon filing of an application with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the payment of a $150 fee. The permit allows an importing distributor to store alcoholic beverages at a location other than its licensed premises. Effective immediately.

House Bill 920 – An Act Concerning Higher Education - Amends the Northeastern Illinois University law to provide that a student member of the Board of Trustees may only serve for a one-year term and makes a graduate student eligible to be a student member. Effective immediately.

Senate Bill 714 – An Act Concerning Accounting – Amends the Illinois Public Accounting Act to require that information regarding educational requirements, the application process, the examination and fees shall be available on the Board of Examiners Internet Web site, as well as in printed documents. It also provides for implementation of a computer-based examination and criteria for certification. Effective immediately.

Senate Bill 794 – An Act Concerning State Audits – Amends the State Auditing Act to make changes in the definitions of "post audit," "financial audit," "compliance audit," and "performance audit." Authorizes the auditor general to contract with certified public accountant licenses in Illinois, if necessary, to carry out his duties. Effective immediately.

Senate Bill 1656 – An Act Concerning Legislature – Creates the Office of the Architect for the state Capitol as a legislative support service agency to replace the Space Needs Commission, which was abolished. Effective date is Feb. 1.

Senate Bill 1957 – Amends the school code to provide for the transfer of students to another school in the district if school is persistently dangerous or if the student was a victim of a violent crime on school grounds during school hours or during a school-sponsored event. It also requires the State Board of Education to maintain data and annually publish a list of persistently dangerous schools. Effective immediately.

International Adoption Agency Seeks Help

World Links Assn. announced recently that thousands of children living in orphanages throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union will be without adequate coats and boots this winter. Through its Shoe-Shopping Spree and numerous other projects, World Links, a non-profit international adoption agency based in Scranton, PA provides clothing, medical supplies and other resources to children living in need throughout Eastern Europe and Russia. World Links is calling for widespread support of its charitable projects to help meet its goals for 2004.

"We've been fortunate to meet all of our goals in 2003," says a World Links representative. "We hope to enjoy the same success with our 2004 projects."

In addition to providing winter boots and coats for orphanages in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan, World Links also applies donations toward gifts for the children, repairs to the facilities and educational supplies and programs. World Links, founded in 1996, is expanding its relations to other countries throughout this region of the world. As a result, the number of children World Links aims to help will grow throughout 2004.

"We want people to know that there are children in distress in the former Soviet Union countries." Currently, 40 children are visiting the United States through World Links Winter Miracles Program, and several more on medical visas.

For more information on World Links programs and adoption services, visit World Links new web site at www.worldlinksadoption.org or contact the organization toll-free at (866) 236-7870. Staff members are available throughout the holiday season to assist with inquiries and donations.

Changes Scheduled For Maryville

At its annual board meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, the Board of Directors of Maryville Academy announced several changes at the 120-year-old child care facility. The changes include the elevation of Rev. John P. Smyth to President Emeritus/Chancellor. Succeeding Fr. Smyth will be Rev. David F. Ryan, currently Assistant Executive Director, who will become Acting Executive Director, effective Jan. 1st. Charles H. Walsh succeeds George W. Rourke as Chairman of the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Fr. John P. Smyth has been assigned to Maryville since his ordination in 1962 and was named Executive Director of the facility in 1970 by the late John Cardinal Cody. Under Fr. Smyth's direction, Maryville has grown from a struggling home for orphans and wayward youth with a crumbling infrastructure to the largest child care facility in Illinois.

Fr. David F. Ryan was named Assistant Executive Director in January 1985. During his time at Maryville, Fr. Ryan has earned a master's degree in Social Work from Chicago's Loyola University and a master's in Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

Charles H. Walsh grew up at Maryville. He has served on Maryville's board since 1997 and served as chairman of Maryville's ChuckWagon fundraiser for six years. Walsh noted, "I have been affiliated with Maryville for most of my life. I grew up here; I have served as chairman of the Chuck Wagon Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors. I am proud to be a part of Maryville and look forward to serving Maryville in the future; and I will do all in my power to see it fulfill its mission of providing safety and stability to the abandoned, abused and neglected youth in our care."

Wolves To Pay Visit

On Thursday, Jan. 8th, Chicago Wolves right wing Stephen Baby will visit the Midlothian Public Library, 14701 S. Kenton Ave., at 4:30 p.m. and the Green Hills Public Library, 8611 W. 103rd St. in Palos Hills, at 6:30 p.m. as part of the team's "Read to Succeed" program, which has reached nearly 300,000 children in nine seasons.

Baby will discuss the importance of recreational reading; dress a child in Wolves hockey gear; raffle Wolves prizes; and sign autographs.

The program, sponsored by Fisher Nuts, encourages children to spend more time reading at the library and for recreation. Every participant in the program sets an individual reading goal and has the opportunity to achieve incentive prizes such as Wolves watches, "Read to Succeed" pucks and game tickets for reaching his or her reading goals.

The Wolves work with the DuPage, North Suburban and Suburban Library Systems and their participating libraries, reaching more than 30,000 kids each year. Members of the Chicago Wolves will visit more than 40 libraries throughout the Chicago are this season.

6 Costly Mistakes To Avoid Before Buying A Home

Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage, can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

Whether you are about to buy your first home, or are planning to make a move to your next home, it is critical that you inform yourself about the factors involved before you buy.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *"6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."*

Having the right information before hand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. **To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call 1-877-784-5659 and enter ID# 5004. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.**

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Family Wood Cutting Sessions

Elmer Lysen wrote many columns during his 45 years here at the Messenger and this is one we think is most appropriate at this time of the year. Originally it appeared 27 years ago this month prior to his death.

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Back in the days before chain saws came on the scene, the Christmas-New Year vacation saw a lot of time sawing by many youngsters who had to help stock the wood pile. It was during such times, however, that many world problems, as well as family problems, were discussed.

Our father was in the construction trades, as well as farming, so the cold winter months resulted in his being home much more than in the summer. If you haven't pulled a long cross-cut saw through a 16-inch log you have no idea how much conversation you can carry on during the session. You stopped often to rest, of course, and to drive a little wedge into the cut to make the saw move easier.

The wood sawing experience is just about over. John Balcauski who cuts and sells wood from his location at 115th and Ridgeland made a chain saw available to me. It cuts through logs in seconds, but in the process the noise it makes deadens your ears so that you can't carry on a conversation even when you are not cutting wood.

I thank John for the saw, because it does make cutting trees and logs a pleasure, rather than a job.

But the reason I started to tell you about the wood cutting sessions is that I gained much information and learning from my dad during our wood cutting ordeals.

A topic which came up often for discussion was the matter of time, which we agreed to call a "Succession of events." After one of these long wood cutting sessions I made lengthy notes, and just this week, some 40 years later, I came across them. And with a New Year ready to make its debut, I thought I'd record a few of them. On top of that, the new chain saw here on the farm probably means my son Ronnie and I never will enjoy those quiet cutting sessions of yesteryear.

Even though I was young at that time I agreed with dad that time creeps too slowly for youth. We want it to hurry as we dream of future glories; we want the days and years to pass swiftly; we are in a hurry to say goodbye to today, and eager for tomorrow to come—and come fast.

But them as we grow older we ask time to stay, to grant us a little more of the sun's light, a little longer to repair the mistakes. We would, if we could call back yesterday and bid time to return.

But we can't, and the sun rolls too swiftly through the skies causing the night to follow the day, and the changing seasons to come and go with lightning speed.

At 50, a man thinks of what he will do during the 30 years he has left to live—perhaps.

But at 70, he knows the time is fast approaching to close his books, balance his accounts, and get ready to bid farewell to the days and years that once promised to last forever.

As we agreed "Time is a succession of events." If you go to sleep and wake in a minute or wake in 15 hours, it's the same, so far as you know. When you sleep, time slips by.

If death is sleep, followed by awakening, it will make no difference to us whether we wake instantly in another world, or a thousand years later in another universe.

Time is a succession of events. The length of our life depends on what we do, how much we pack and crowd into our hours. The man of genius, with an intensively active, working mind, may actually live more in one hour than another many will live in 75 years.

The average old man in his three score and ten, lives a thousand times longer, in actual events, than a monstrous turtle that exists five and six hundred years and never lives at all.

Scholars have said that we live in "time and space." Time measures the length of our existence. Space measures our earth, controls our elements, tells us where and how far we may go—within reason.

No man has been able to tell us what time is or what space is.

One scientist has said that time never could begin and never can end. Another tells you "There is no such thing as time."

All we know, or rather think we know; is that apparently time passes. But the truth is, as had been said, that time remains, and we pass.

Life and time can be worthwhile or not worthwhile. Life is worth whatever we make of it. We cannot change nature, or change old age back into youth.

All Points Southwest

Walter Herbert Lysen

January 1, 1918 - December 28, 2003

Walter Herbert Lysen, 85, of Orland Park, President and Publisher of the Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers, was born January 1st, 1918 to Swedish immigrants Olga and Olaf Lysen in Worth, IL, the sixth child of seven children.

Walter attended Worth Grammar School and graduated from Blue Island High School (Class of '34) where he starred as an outfielder on the baseball team. He attended Illinois Wesleyan, where he was a member of the varsity baseball team.

After Illinois Wesleyan Walter pursued his love of baseball, playing for a year in the Washington Senators minor league organization.

Walter returned to his hometown of Worth where he continued to play baseball and sharpened his writing skills at the Blue Island Sun Standard stringing as a sports reporter. He also worked as a correspondent for the Chicago Times and Chicago Sun.

In 1938 Walter went to work for the Andrews family, owners of the Messenger Newspapers. He began a full time newspaper career when he replaced his older brother Elmer as editor of the Worth Citizen. Subsequently Walter was made an advertising representative for the nine Messenger publications in existence at the time. In 1946 he added the managing editor's position of the Mount Greenwood Express to his responsibilities.

Walter met the love of his life Margaret Long-Wildman in the Woolworths 5 and 10¢ store in Mount Greenwood. On June 1st, 1940 Walter and "Marge' were married by family friend Rev. Paul Sanders, Sr. in the log cabin, the original site of Community Center Foundation in Palos Park. They made their home in the Village of Worth.

Walter also nurtured his interest in local politics by being elected the Village of Worth's youngest trustee at the age of 23.

He continued to enjoy covering the political scene in Chicagoland forging friendships and alliances with members of numerous political parties and his political acumen became legendary.

In 1951 Walter and his partners purchased the nine Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers from the Andrews family. As the business grew Walter and Marge became the sole owners of the expanding newspaper group that now includes fourteen weekly newspapers, serving 23 suburban communities and the city of Chicago.

Walter was extremely active in the Cook County Suburban Publishers Association. He held every executive position including 10 years as President and 10 years as Chairman of the Board.

Walter also continued to hone his competitive spirit as an outstanding golfer and board member of Midlothian Country Club. Over his fifty-plus years as an active member of the country club, he enjoyed many long and lasting friendships.

He is survived by his wife, Marge; daughters Linnea (Thomas) Gavin and Lucinda "Cindy" Lysen; grandsons Thomas and Michael Gavin.

Memorials to the memory of Walter H. Lysen may be made to the Luke Pascale Foundation at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Illinois 60406.

Propose Meat Safety Legislation

Following the recently reported discovery of a cow infected with mad cow disease in Washington state, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) said he will introduce legislation to ensure the safety of both domestic and imported meat products.

Durbin's legislation would strengthen livestock feed standards, expand the surveillance of suspicious outbreaks of neurological disorders in livestock and broaden labeling requirements to make clear exactly what can and cannot be fed to livestock animals. Durbin's bill would also require more detailed information on the type and origin of meat in imported products and would implement new restrictions on the use of diseased meat, central nervous system tissue or other high-risk tissues that could transmit mad cow disease in animal feed. Under the proposed legislation, no part of an animal suspected to suffer from a neurological disorder such as mad cow disease could be sold for human consumption or used in other animal feed.

"The food supply in the United States is the safest in the world, but if we want to keep it that way we must be prepared and willing to respond to whatever challenge it faces. The discovery of this infected cow in Washington State is a real wakeup call. We must put in place the proper safeguards to promptly detect the disease and keep it from spreading to other cattle or into the human food supply," said Durbin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture. "When we sit down at the dinner table, we should know that what we are eating is as safe as we can make it."

Recently, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, announced that a single Holstein cow in south central Washington State likely had mad cow disease. If confirmed, the case would be the first in U.S. history. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or mad cow disease, is a neurological disorder that eats holes in the brains of cattle. Outbreaks decimated the European beef industry and killed more than 100 people in the 1980s.

Durbin said he plans to formally introduce the bill in the Senate when Congress reconvenes in January.

Labor Statistics Well Below Economists Projections

Recently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released job numbers well below what economists had expected for the month of November. In order to show real growth most economists say we need to add at least 200,000 jobs a month in this country, last month we added just a fourth of that number.

"We have lost 3 million jobs in this country and all we hear from the Bush Administration is more tax cuts for the wealthy, more money for Iraq and more bad trade agreements for our workers," said Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes.

"Providing tax cuts for the wealthiest in society does not constitute a jobs creation plan," said Hynes. "President Bush has no plan to get the job done. Last month he was gloating about economic indicators and once again jumped the gun declaring 'mission accomplished.' His lack of a plan and misplaced priorities continue to fail us."

"I believe America can work again but not until we help Americans get back to work. I am running to represent America's workers in the United States Senate to get our priorities back in order."

Several weeks ago, on Oct. 9th, Hynes released the "Hynes Plan to Create Jobs" and since then has traveled to 22 counties throughout the state to speak with Illinoisans about his plan. Hynes was the first and only candidate in Illinois' U.S. Senate race to release a detailed jobs plan. The 22-point plan is a series of proposals that call for a dollar for dollar match – for every dollar we spend rebuilding Iraq, we spend a dollar investing in America, a firm commitment to investing in Illinois' infrastructure, and ending the practice of signing trade agreements that send American jobs overseas. Hynes' plan also calls for a National Manufacturing Policy – the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently that we lost 17,000 manufacturing jobs in the last month.

As Illinois Comptroller, Hynes has a strong record of fighting for the working men and women of Illinois. For this reason, Hynes has been endorsed by 62 labor unions representing more than 700,000 members.

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For the third year in a row, **St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island** has been named one of the nation's top heart hospitals in the prestigious *2003 Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success Study.* What's even more impressive: St. Francis is the **ONLY** community hospital in the entire State of Illinois to make it to the list.

But to the thousands of patients we've served over the years, our rating as one of the nation's best comes as no surprise. For more than 30 years, we've dedicated ourselves to innovation, advanced technology and quality outcomes. In fact, we're considered heart care pioneers in the South Suburbs.

Our cardiac surgeons first began treating coronary artery disease in the mid-1960s. By the early 1970s, St. Francis was the first hospital in the region to perform open-heart surgery. Today, we perform nearly 500 open-heart surgeries and 3,000 cardiac catheterizations every year.

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Help To Write A Plan

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. You will learn to write a solid business plan, mandatory when seeking a loan and necessary for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

The Oak Forest High School Cafeteria was magically transformed into a medieval banquet hall on Dec. 6th and 7th for the 180 people that attended the first Madrigal Dinner Concert presented by the Drama and Music Departments. The Madrigal is one of the most enduring musical forms in all of history. The songs were first performed in the 16th century and hundreds of Madrigals are performed across the country during the holiday season. The idea to host a Madrigal performance came from the Oak Forest Choir Director, Clinton Desmond, who was a Madrigal singer himself while a high school student. The audience was treated to over two hours of song, merriment and good food. Reigning throughout the performance were Queen Anne Sears and King Tim Linville. They were attended by the following lords and ladies: Josh Freudinger, Catherine Bennett, Adam Hillier, Stacey Mallo, Jim Rosko, Jessica Rueda, Kris Wilhelmsen, Sarah Stanislawski, Ron Attreau, Colleen Godin, Matthew Miller, Juliana Ramos, Josh Reid and Erica Westergren. The court musicians were: Brad Owens, Dan Granato, Rachel LaPorte, Samantha Graber, Wes Wallace, Ray Lenz and John O'Brian. Also in attendance were the Beggar Lady Anjie Swideral, the Serving Wench Mary Zemaitis assisted by Amanda Attreau and Anne Ryder and the very merry Court Jester Bobby Baldwin. It is the hope of the Music and Drama Departments that the Madrigal Dinner become an annual event at Oak Forest High School that all the community will want to attend.

Minimum Wage Set To Rise Jan. 1

State unemployment figures out recently show less-skilled workers in Illinois failing to reap the benefits of the nation's job creation, according to the Employment Policies Institute (EPI). In the month the nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.9 percent, the Illinois rate held steady at 6.7 percent. And yet while the Illinois unemployment rate is the sixth highest in the nation, the state minimum wage is scheduled to increase to 26 percent higher than the federal standard in two steps, starting on Jan. 1st.

The unemployment rate in Illinois is now 14 percent higher than the national rate. Over 800,000 Illinois residents live in depressed areas where the rate of unemployment stood between 9 and over 12 percent in 2002. These areas of high local area unemployment include Rockford with an unemployment rate of 10 percent, East St. Louis with a rate of 12.2 percent, and North Chicago which had a rate of 11 percent.

Craig Garthwaite, chief economist at EPI, said:

"As the nation's job creation machine powers up, it is perhaps no coincidence that the three states with the highest minimum wages in the nation – Oregon, Washington and Alaska – are among the five states with the highest unemployment rates in the nation.

"Illinois is not far behind with the sixth highest rate of unemployment and yet it will soon have a state minimum wage 26 percent higher than the federal minimum. It is a strong deterrent to hiring the state's most vulnerable workers who do not possess the skills to be competitive in the job market at the mandated wage.

"During the recession it was difficult enough for the most economically vulnerable adults in Illinois to find work at the state minimum wage but even now during the recovery they are failing to reap the benefits of their counterparts in other parts of the nation."

Guide Available To Area Schools

South side and south suburban parents interested in sending their children to private schools can find information on programs in 32 schools in the "Guide to Chicago Area Independent Schools," available free of charge by writing to Chicago Area Independent Schools, Box 558007, Chicago, IL 60655.

"The guide provides information on the wonderful range of independent schools in the Chicago area. Some schools offer traditional, classical curricula while others emphasize gifted education or the arts," said Lynn Lawrence, principal of North Park Elementary School in Chicago, and a representative of the organization that published the guide, the Chicago Area Admissions Directors.

"We put the guide together to answer parents' questions about choosing a school as well as application procedures," she added.

In addition to providing specific information on the schools, the guide also gives suggestions in selecting a school and how to go about applying.

Independent schools are supported by parents, alumni and friends and are not dependent on public or church funds. The private schools, accredited by regional agencies, are governed by boards of directors and responsive to parents.

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Anti-Cruelty Lectures Set

The Anti-Cruelty Society's winter/spring 2004 lecture series covers a range of important issues and intriguing lessons. Everyone is welcome, and the sessions are free of charge. They will be held in the Society's Education & Training Center, 169 W. Grand Ave.

Free parking is available for attendees in the Society's garage, accessed from Wells St. just below Grand Ave. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Tammie Bouschor at (312) 644-8338, ext. 344. Please include name, daytime phone, the name of the program(s) for which you are registering, and the number of guests attending.

Attorney General Opens Nominations For Recreation Awards

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has opened nominations for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards, designed to recognize organizations, businesses, individuals and government agencies that have created recreation opportunities for Illinois residents with disabilities.

In making the announcement, Madigan adds a new dimension to Recreation Access Illinois (RAI), her office's ongoing statewide effort to promote recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding efforts and to encourage full access to recreation programs and events for Illinois residents with disabilities.

Public and private organizations, individuals, businesses and government agencies may qualify for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards. Applicants are asked to submit details of activities, programs, facility upgrades, events and other initiatives that illustrate unique and effective approaches to accessibility in recreation. Eight Best Practices Awards will be available, one in each of the following categories:

- Single unit of government (budgets up to $1 million);
- Single unit of government (budgets over $1 million);
- Two or more units of government (budgets up to $1 million);
- Two or more units of government (budgets over $1 million);
- Commercial for Profit (budgets up to $2 million);
- Commercial for Profit (budgets over $2 million);
- Not-for-Profit (budgets up to $250,000) and
- Not-for-Profit (budgets over $250,000).

Applicants may submit only one award nomination.

A panel appointed by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) will review all entries and make recommendations for awards. Madigan will chair the panel, which will include a representative of a park district, a special recreation association, a not-for-profit agency, a for-profit firm and two persons with disabilities.

"The Recreation Award Best Practices Awards program has two goals," Madigan said. "We want to recognize the work of those who promote good health and fitness in the disability community. And by doing so, we hope to encourage others to follow their lead and increase the availability of accessible recreation facilities and inclusive programs."

Recreation Access Best Practices Awards nominations must re received by Feb. 1. For qualifications and nomination forms call 1-800-900-8086 (Voice and TTY) or visit www.RecreationAcessIllinois.org.

Funding for Recreation Access Illinois (RAI) and the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards is provided through the Vitamin Anti-Trust Settlement and administered by Attorney General Madigan's office.

Teen Births Down In All Racial Categories In 2002

The number of babies born to Illinois teenagers continued en eight-year decline in 2002, falling to a record low, according to the latest Illinois Department of Public Health birth statistics released by IDPH Director Dr. Eric E. Whitaker.

"We've seen a positive trend now for nearly a decade in battling what has been a serious problem for our youth and society," Dr. Whitaker said. "There's a lot of credit to be shared, from the teens themselves to the efforts of their parents, teachers, clergy and community organizations, to government prevention programs."

Progress was greatest among the youngest teens with births to girls age 10 to 14 down by almost 50 percent since 1993 (49.5%) and down by 35 percent among girls age 15 to 17. The percentage of births to teens age 18 to 19 dropped 15.3 percent. Overall, teen births fell 24 percent from 1993 to 2002 (24,395 to 18,546).

The reduction in teen births by race since 1993 was greatest among African Americans with a 39 percent decline (10,938 to 6,704). Among whites, teen births fell 29 percent (8,577 to 6,106), while Hispanic teen births rose 18 percent in the past 10 years from 4,736 in 1993 to 5,589 in 2002.

In 2002, teen births were down in all racial categories from the previous year. African Americans accounted for 36 percent of all teen births compared with 36 percent or 7,265 in 2001. Whites accounted for 33 percent of teen births compared with 33 percent or 6,625 in 2001. Births to Hispanic teens accounted for 30 percent of the total teen births or 5,589 and were down slightly from the 6,004 reported in 2001.

Dr. Whitaker said the prevention of teen births has important health consequences for both the teen and her child. Teenagers are less likely to receive regular prenatal care, more likely to smoke when pregnant and more likely to have a low birth weight infant, all of which are factors in infant deaths and poor health outcomes.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported in recent years that the decline in teen births can be attributed, in part, to a reduction in students engaging in sexual intercourse (down 16 percent from 1991 to 2001) and an increase in the use of contraceptives among students having sexual intercourse.

Attorney Melanie Franek (far left) was recently installed as President of the South Suburban Bar Association at its annual Christmas Party.

Pictured with Franek is Joseph G. Bisceglia, Partner of Jenner & Block, LLC and attorney Jeanne Marie Reynolds.

Census Bureau Survey Will Reveal Americas Spending Habits

Information about how much Americans spend on groceries, clothing, health care, housing and other items will be collected in January by Census Bureau field representatives from a sample of randomly selected households across the country.

In the Consumer Expenditure Survey, about 7,500 households will be interviewed once every three months over a one-year period. Another 7,500 households will record their expenditures for two weeks. The results are published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Government economists use the results to update a "market basket" of goods and services for the Consumer Price Index, the single most widely used measure of inflation in the country.

"Findings from the Consumer Expenditure Survey permit policymakers to assess the impact of changes in governmental policies on the spending patterns of different socioeconomic groups," said Stanley D. Moore, director of the Census Bureau's Chicago regional office. "These data also help business owners track consumer spending trends so they can better respond to the needs of their customers."

By law, respondents' answers are confidential. Selected households receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. Census Bureau field representatives, who conduct the interviews, carry official identification cards.

Defense Lawyers Often Misunderstood

The public's knowledge of our legal and judicial process is often derived from television and movie courtroom dramas and police shows. These dramatizations can lead to misconceptions about the criminal justice system. They can also create uncertainties about the role of lawyers who represent defendants in criminal cases.

As advocates for defendants who are accused of breaking society's laws, defense lawyers are sometimes misunderstood because many aspects of criminal law itself are misunderstood. For example:

- If a defendant confides to his lawyer that he did indeed commit the crime, the lawyer does not have to disclose the client's admission of guilt to the court or to anyone else. The lawyer may urge the client to change his plea to guilty, but the accused has immunity from self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The lawyer is bound by ethical and professional obligations not to reveal statements made by the accused in confidence.
- It is up to the lawyer in private practice to decide whether to accept a particular case. A lawyer may refuse to defend a person who is accused of a crime. However, the Constitution also says the accused has a right to legal counsel. Defendants who are unable to pay for legal representation may be defended by a court-appointed lawyer.
- The defense lawyer's responsibility to be an advocate for the accused, doing everything within the law to clear the defendant of charges, but it is not the lawyer's responsibility to determine his client's guilt or innocence. It is the responsibility of the prosecution to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, and it is up to the court – the judge or the jury – to decide guilt after hearing evidence from both the prosecution and the defense.
- The attorney's job is to advise the client about the various decisions to be made about how the defense will be handled. The lawyer should make certain that his client fully understands the consequences of such decisions, but it is the client who must decide and bear the consequences.

The goal of ensuring justice in our society demands that defendants be represented by competent legal counsel who vigorously fulfills their duties to their clients. Every lawyer is sworn to uphold a Code of Professional Responsibility which requires the lawyer to "represent a client zealously within the bounds of the law."

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Assn. member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Unemployment Benefits Under Discussion

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky joined Margaret Blackshere, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO, and many area unemployed workers recently to discuss the failure of the Republican-controlled Congress to extend unemployment benefits for America's most at-risk population.

For the second year in a row, thousands of jobless workers in Illinois will begin losing benefits just before Christmas. Their stories are familiar, but heartbreaking and need to be told. Many have worked for over 20 years at the same jobs and have lost those jobs because of flawed federal trade policies and a struggling economy where there are three unemployed workers for every job opening. Congress and the President need to understand that unemployed workers in this country don't want a handout, they only need a hand up.

New Law Is Major Step For Medicine

Physicians will be in a better position to advocate for patient care thanks to a new law that takes effect Jan. 1. The Fairness in Contracting Act, a priority of Illinois State Medical Society for the past three years, entitles physicians and other health care professionals to receive much needed information regarding proposed contracts and administrative procedures from health insurers, information essential to running a successful medical practice and thereby providing high quality patient care.

"We've been looking forward to this day for a long time," said ISMS President William E. Kobler, M.D. "By requiring health plans to be upfront in providing essential information, physicians can better manage patient care. Illinois citizens should be encouraged to know their health care team is working in a more fair and capable manner on their behalf."

The Fairness in Contracting Act applies to the distribution of information only, and will not alter current payment methods. It will, however, provide vital first steps in restoring sensible business practices between physicians and other health care providers, and insurers, including:

- Contracting procedures – with proposed contracts, physicians and other health care providers will receive all attachments, exhibits, certain specialty-specific fee information and the network administration manual. Once this information is received, physicians will have 30 days to review the contract before signing. Prior to "Fairness," doctors were forced to sign contracts without knowing what they would be paid for services or how health plans performed administrative procedures.
- Remittance advice and procedures – a remittance advice must contain detailed information including the services billed, any patient payment responsibility, the actual payment and reasons for any reductions. In the past, many physicians received payment for care, but it was not linked to a specific patient or service, thereby preventing physicians from appropriately balancing their books and running their practices.
- Recoupments – if an insurance company must recoup payments, a detailed explanation containing the name of the patient, dates of service, service code or service description, the amount and the reason for recoupment must be included in the demand for recoupment. Physicians frequently complained that demands for the return of payments previously paid were not accompanied by proper explanation.

"We would like to thank our friends in the Illinois General Assembly as well as other individuals who have supported Fairness over the last three years," Dr. Kobler stated. "We would also like to recognize one health plan in particular, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, for breaking ranks with other Illinois health plans and negotiating in good faith with ISMS."

State Representative Angelo "Skip" Saviano (R-Elmwood Park) and State Senator Denny Jacobs (D-East Moline) sponsored Fairness in Contracting.

"This law is a major step forward for medicine," said Dr. Kobler. "When health care professionals, providers and insurers work on more even terms, the outcome is improved patient care. Illinois patients are the ultimate winners today."

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

CLASS REUNIONS

Calumet High School class of 1944 will hold their 60th year class reunion on Oct. 3rd, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip. Call Gladys Mountford at (708) 424-1063.

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Morrell School class of February 1945 seeks alumni. Contact Howard, 695 Ivylog Terrace, Matteson, IL 60443.

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Elihu Yale Elementary School (7100 Princeton) – looking for classmates from class of 1954 for 50th reunion in 2004. Call Carol at (708) 499-0178.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fokta) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991.

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St. Cyril Methodius class of 1954 (other classes are welcome) is looking for classmates for a reunion in 2004. Call Ray at (708) 422-1961 or e-mail rholly9850@aol.com.

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St. Bruno class of 1959 is looking for classmates for a 2004 reunion. Call Barb Bedus at (708) 425-0156.

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African Lion Arrives

A roar of excitement is resounding through Brookfield Zoo, with the arrival of a new resident – Makonnen, a 4-year-old male African lion.

Makonnen, whose name means "ruler" or "leader" in Swahili, arrived at the zoo a few months ago from the Memphis Zoo, and has been behind the scenes while adjusting to his new home. Now he can be seen outdoors every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the zoo's Fragile Kingdom exhibit. (On Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, John, the zoo's other African lion, will have access to the exhibit.)

Brookfield Zoo has big plans for this majestic animal. Working with the Species Survival Plan, a collaborative animal management effort among zoos in North America, zoo staff hopes that some day Makonnen will lead a new lion pride at Brookfield Zoo. Makonnen is known as a "pedigreed" animal, which means his genetic history and ancestors are known. With fewer than 70 pedigreed lions in U.S. zoos, any of Makonnen's future offspring would be important additions to the lion population in zoos.

As with many animals in its care, Brookfield Zoo's interest in lions goes far beyond simply sharing their beauty with visitors. As world leaders in conservation, the zoo's scientists have been following lions and other large carnivores in Africa for more than a decade in an effort to help save these animals from the many causes of endangerment faced in the wild.

Brookfield Zoo veterinarian Dr. Michael Briggs and University of Illinois pathologist Dr. Michael Kinsel are gathering critical information to determine the impact of disease on wild populations. They collect samples of blood, hair and semen from lions, leopards and other large carnivores in Africa, and ship the samples home for analysis by Brookfield Zoo staff. Zoo geneticist Dr. Jean Dubach's studies of historic gene flow in lions are helping to uncover significant details about species and subspecies evolution. Once Brookfield Zoo scientists discover how genetic diversity relates to animal density and disease status, it will be easier to identify the various needs for habitat preservation.

Artwork Displayed At School

Art students from Queen of Peace High School exhibited their artwork at St. Xavier University's Gallery in early December. Themed "War: A World-wide Web," the exhibit featured images by young artists from St. Xavier and local high schools.

Under the guidance of art teachers Sandy Safranek and Maureen Mares, senior Jacqueline Vicenteno exhibited a charcoal drawing entitled "Esperanza," senior Heather Rak, a mixed media-watercolor "The Innocents" and senior Julija Vallee, a watercolor piece "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Seniors Jane Janik and Natalia Galvan collaborated on an acrylic mixed media work entitled "Tears of a Soldier."

Junior Susan Czech contributed a collage piece entitled "Fragments of War" and junior Emily Krystof exhibited an acrylic multimedia plaster work called "Growing Out of Destruction."

Festival

De La Salle Institute announces that 14 members of its Theatre 100 program will participate in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival that will be held at Illinois State University in Normal from Jan. 8th to 10th.

In addition to performing *Twelve Angry Men* on Jan. 9th at 7 p.m., the students also will attend workshops, see performances of shows by other schools and attend the performance of the All-State show.

Park Lawn's Annual Auction And Party

It's hot and it's happening! Join over 800 single men and women at Zazz, Park Lawn's annual single's auction and party, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6th at the Ashton Place. This year's event promises to be the hottest single's party in town. The main attraction of the evening is a live auction of date packages with eleven dazzling bachelors and bachelorettes. The date packages include a variety of activities such as dinner, a Bulls game, a night at a comedy club, or music at a blues club. Other attractions of the evening include a silent auction, raffles, food, dancing and socializing.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the live auction begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $32 in advance or $37 at the door. Tables of ten can be reserved for $300. Contact Park Lawn at (708) 425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com. Checks are payable to Park Lawn, 10833 S. LaPorte, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. All major credit cards accepted, must be 21 to attend.

Pictured: bachelors, bachelorettes and volunteers Sandy DeVivo, Scott Boman, Pamela Beckman, Terri Schoot, Debbie Joyce.

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St. Laurence Motivated Character Of War Hero In Iraq

By: Joyce Macey

When Ken Hickey of Homer Glen received a phone call from his brother, Jim, Commander of the Fourth Infantry of the First Brigade in Iraq, the news was electrifying.

Jim, 43, two years the junior of Ken, informed him that Sadaam Hussein had just been captured from a hole in the ground with the work of the Fourth Infantry and Special Forces. He referred to Sadaam as the "Object."

Because of superior intelligence gathering in Iraq, 600 troops convened in a three-mile radius where they believed Sadaam was hiding. They were led by former Hickory Hills resident Colonel Jim Hickey.

"It came as no surprise to me knowing my brother," said Ken. Ken, who graduated from St. Laurence in 1987 and Jim in 1971, recalled how Jim was always an organized, driven kind of guy who, when he makes a statement, it comes after a great deal of deliberation.

"My brother has always had a sense of fairness, even in school. He felt he was part of the team," said Ken.

"We played soccer and baseball for St. Laurence and both of us graduated with honors," Ken modestly volunteered.

Their parents, James and Anne Marie, built the family home in Hickory Hills in 1968. James was a plumber by trade and he and Anne Marie provided a solid family structure for their six kids.

"We did some silly stuff, too," explained Ken. "I remember one day Jim and I were dressed as soldiers and ran through the house covered in mud." "We also shared the same bedroom all through school."

All six Hickey kids attended grammar school at St. Patricia's in Hickory Hills and are all college educated. Jim attended the Virginia Military Institute as he pursued a career in the military. He is based in Killeen, Texas and is married to wife, Maureen. They have no children.

As far as the other Hickeys, Ken is married and has two children. He is with Enterprise Architect and, like brother Jim, comes up with strategic direction for his firm; brother Pat is in the pharmaceutical business; sister, Maureen, is a doctor's assistant in cardiology; Colleen is a teacher at Rosary High School and Shawn is in sales.

"It's confusing at family get-togethers because we have a couple of Maureens and Colleens in the family," Ken said.

The elder Hickeys make their home in Naperville where Anne Marie has a store aptly called, "The Irish Way."

Meanwhile, tradition continues at St. Laurence High School at 5556 West 77th St. in Burbank. On January 10 at 8:00 a.m. the school holds its annual entrance exam. Call 708-458-6900 for more info.

Who knows? Somewhere among the new enrollees may be other Col. Hickeys who will make their permanent mark in history.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NOTES

By Rosalie Thompson
Social Security District Manager

Not too long ago, it seemed all "baby boomers" were citizens of Woodstock Nation, convinced that they would never grow old. Now they all know better.

The oldest baby boomers will turn 58 next year, and they are more likely to sing along with elevator music than with the new rock bands on MTV.

In just a few short years, around 2008, the first wave of these baby boomers will become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. So here it is a short guide to Social Security for those "baby boomers" who are soon to be "senior boomers."

First, you have probably already heard that your full retirement age is going up. Pegged at 65 for the first decades of the program, the age at which a person can begin collecting full Social Security benefits is on its way up to 67. But to give people time to plan for the future, this increase, which was part of the Social Security Amendments of 1983, did not begin until this year. And it is going up in gradual steps. People born in 1938 must be age 65 and 2 months to collect full Social Security benefits. Those born in 1939 must be 65 and 4 months. The two-month per year increase continues until it reaches 66 for people born in 1943. The retirement age levels at age 66 for many baby boomers – those born from 1943 through 1954 – then rises again in two-month increments until it reaches 67 for people born in 1960 and later.

Second, boomers should know that although Congress changed Social Security's full retirement age, it did not change the early retirement age. It is still 62. But the reduction in your benefit for taking retirement at age 62 is gradually increasing from 20 percent to 30 percent over the next 20 years.

Third, there are certain facts of life, in particular, baby boomer women need to be aware of. Boomer women will be the first generation of women who are more likely to get higher benefits on their own Social Security record than on a spouse's record. Boomer women are also more likely than earlier generations to have been divorced. And boomer women who are married are likely to outlive their husbands. All of these situations can affect their Social Security entitlement and, for that reason, boomer women should check out Social Security Information for Women at www.socialsecurity.gov/women/.

And here is a final tip for baby boomers of both genders: think online. Most boomers are now comfortable using computers to conduct business, so they expect and appreciate online government services. And Social Security delivers. Boomers can use our online retirement planners and calculators to figure out how future Social Security benefit will fit into overall financial plans – www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. And as they edge ever closer to Social Security retirement age, they can file for their benefits online – www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire. All of this and more is available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Q. I am a widow. When I took my own reduced retirement benefits at age 62, I was told that I could switch to higher widow's benefits when I reach my full retirement age. Is this still true?

A. Yes. Widows and widowers are generally the only Social Security beneficiaries who have this option of switching from reduced benefits on one record to unreduced benefits on another record.

Q. I was married to my husband for only three months before he died. I never remarried after that, and now I am about to turn 60 years old. Can I get Social Security widow's benefits?

A. A marriage must last at least nine months before we can pay widow's benefits. However, there are exceptions. The most common is in the case of an accidental death. Call us at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office and we will go over the details of this and other exceptions to find out if you are eligible for widow's benefits.

POLICE CALLS

On Dec. 21st Patrice Ware, 44, and Tatiana Servant, 17, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Kmart security removing the security tags, then concealing the merchandise valued at $1013.04 in bags and exiting the store without paying.

On Dec. 22nd David Dixon, 43, Bradford Boyd, 59, and Janice Jackson, 39, all of Chicago were arrested and charged with retail theft after officers on routine patrol in the Home Depot parking lot observed them acting suspiciously. As the officers approached the three, the Home Deport security agent reported to police that the three had been involved in a retail theft. Loss prevention had observed Dixon concealing merchandise, valued at $262.48 on his person, then exit the store without paying. Boyd then attempted to return some of the stolen merchandise, valued at $103.28 for a cash refund. In the car near the front seat passenger, Jackson, was a bag containing merchandise valued at $158.30.

On Dec. 23rd Michael Justo, 26, of Alsip and Jonathan Traynere, 22, of Hickory Hills were arrested and charged with armed robbery. Justo demanded money from the victims and threatened to cut their throats if they did not give him the money. One of the victims attempted to snatch a pipe from Justo and Justo them hit him in the head with it. A description of the car was broadcast and police observed the car and attempted to stop it. Justo and Traynere fled the stopped car. Justo stopped immediately and Traynere was discovered hiding under a backyard picnic table.

Crackdown On Predatory Lending

With predatory lending reaching crisis proportions in Illinois and the nation, Attorney General Lisa Madigan said a new bill signed into law recently by Gov. Rod Blagojevich will make Illinois one of the first states to enact significant legislation to crack down on lenders preying on borrowers who have built considerable equity in their homes.

Madigan's office, which has seen a major surge in complaints of predatory lending, worked closely with legislators to draft the legislation. The bill was sponsored in the House by Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie. In addition to fighting predatory lending on the legislative front, Madigan and her Consumer Protection attorneys have sued several predatory lenders and gained millions of dollars in restitution for Illinois homeowners.

"Predatory lending is the SARS of the home loan market," Madigan said. "This law gives homeowners extra protection from unscrupulous high-cost loans and gives my office the authority to prosecute people who make these loans. It also makes clear that homeowners and families are not pawns in a mortgage lending game."

The new law contains a number of consumer-oriented protections designed to prohibit high-cost loans that borrowers cannot afford to pay back:

- The law includes high-cost triggers that are substantially more inclusive than current consumer protection lending laws. As a result, these consumer protections will cover a larger number of loans.
- It prohibits the practice of loan "flipping" in which borrowers are induced to repeatedly refinance their loans while lenders profit on the fees; such loans leave the borrower more in debt with each new loan.
- The law prohibits most direct payments to contractors by lenders.
- The scope of the law includes assignees and subsequent holders of high-risk home loans.
- The law provides for enforcement by the Attorney General and county state's attorneys under the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act.

Madigan said foreclosures have exploded in Illinois in the high-risk, high-cost home loan market.

"Predatory lending practices can wipe out a family's life savings and eat away at the foundations of a community," Madigan said. "Home equity is the single most valuable asset many people have. Unfortunately, many hard-working families are cheated out of their dream. This new law will provide more prosecutorial tools that I will use very aggressively."

No Progress In DUI Driving Told

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was recently quoted in an AP story as saying that "since the early 1990s we haven't made any progress" regarding effectively reducing drunk driving in the United States.

There were approximately 17,000 alcohol-related fatalities in each of the last three years, according to the NHTSA. With roughly 14 million people in the country currently addicted to alcohol and millions more displaying symptoms of abuse, the number of casualties is unfortunately not surprising.

The same AP story said Runge was pushing for funding for states to develop more drunk driving courts with special prosecutors and judges. There are currently a few of such courts in the United States. The intent to focus on one singular issue seems to have been successful, much like the idea of drug courts and their surge in popularity and effectiveness.

One key to the success of such programs in the court system is effective rehabilitation for the addicts. This is an essential component, whether the individual is sentenced to outpatient or residential treatment.

For more information on drunk driving in America, log on to www.nhtsa.dot.gov. For more information about the Narconon program, facts about drug and alcohol addiction, a free assessment and referral or to get help for a loved one in need, call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1(800) 468-6933.

Survey Indicates Spiritual Integration

A survey that showed how associates incorporate spirituality into patient care at Advocate Christ Medical Center has prompted the medical center to expand its educational programs on spirituality for nurses, physicians and staff.

In the survey, 90 percent of associates responded "yes" to the question, "Do you believe spirituality should play a role in the delivery of patient care?" The survey also indicated that staff members wanted more information about how to express spirituality in patient care more effectively.

"This survey demonstrates that health-care professionals are willing to express spirituality, but they do not always have the resources needed to provide it in an efficient and effective way," said Rev. Larry Easterling, vice-president of mission and spiritual care at Christ Medical Center.

New educational material will be integrated with the medical center's recently implemented patient information technology, called CareConnection. CareConnection is a state-of-the-art computerized database that can include information for caregivers about faith-specific care guidelines and religious cultures.

The medical center also offers physicians and employees a program called "Ethics for Lunch," a monthly presentation about spirituality in health care. Spirituality in health care will be included in grand rounds, presentations, new staff orientation and open forums.

"By changing our educational programs, the medical center not only will increase associate and patient satisfaction, but improve clinical outcomes," said Easterling.

In an article published in the journal *Psychosomatic Medicine*, researchers found that patients who had sustained a heart attack, for whom spirituality was part of their lives, were three times more likely to survive than heart patients whom lacked spirituality. The more important spirituality was to a heart patient, the greater their chance of surviving after six months.

Christ Medical Center staff will begin assessing critically ill patients to determine the amount of spiritual support patients need as part of their care.

"These spiritual assessments will provide our staff with information about the patient's well-being and gives us insight into the patient's ability to recover from their illness," said Easterling. "Once we know a patient is in need of spiritual support, staff members will be able to use the new spiritual-care educational resources, ultimately helping improve the patient's outcome."

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Moraine Valley Community College has been selected to administer computer-based Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification exams. Testing will be offered in January and February in the college's Testing Center, Room B100, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

Having the ASE exams in computer-based form benefits technicians by allowing more scheduling flexibility, including weeknight or weekend options. Technicians also get immediate feedback on their scores.

A total of 20 ASE exams will be available at Moraine Valley in computer-based format, in three areas: Automobile/Light Truck, Advanced Automobile Engine Performance, and Automobile Parts.

ASE certification is a professional credential recognized in many automobile maintenance and repair positions. Today, there are more than 400,000 ASE-certified professionals working in dealerships, service stations, collision repair shops, auto parts stores, machine shops, schools and other institutions throughout the country.

Registration for the first round of tests will begin Jan. 5th and continue through Feb. 7th. Testing will be available from Jan. 20th through Feb. 15th. To register for the exams, call ASE's toll-free number, (800) 525-6929, after Jan. 5th. For more information on the exams, call the ASE Help Desk at (319) 337-1433 or visit the ASE Web site at www.ase.com/cbt.

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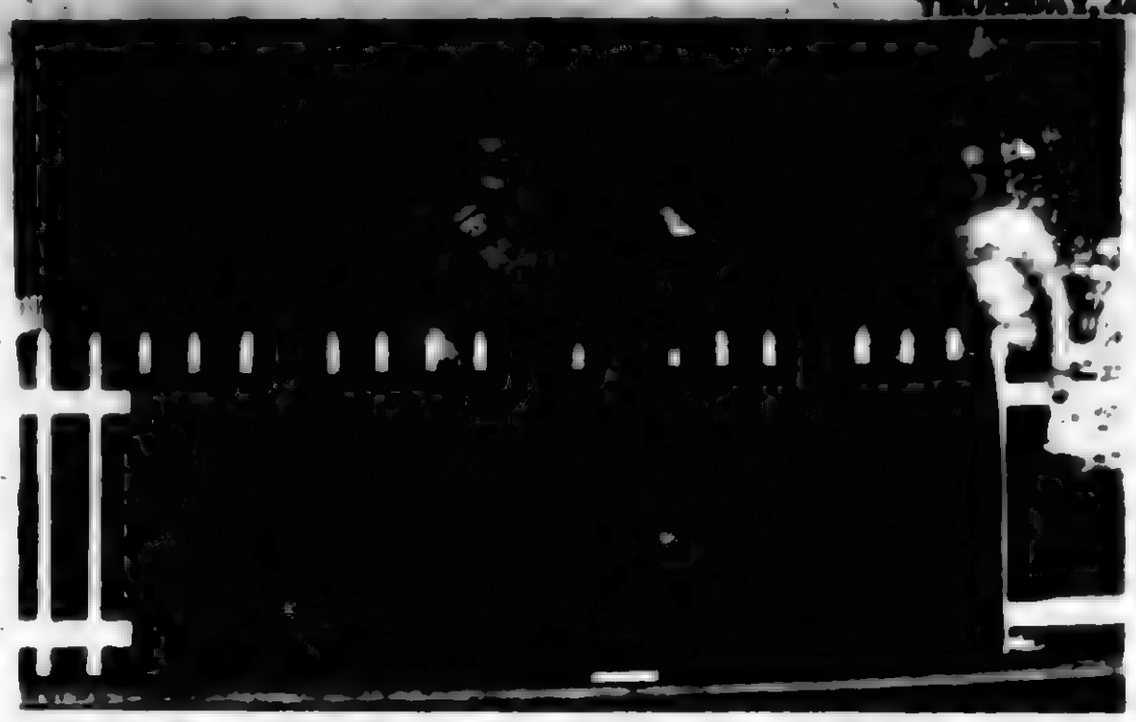


Cadette Troop #488 of Maple Association have been fulfilling its community service hours at the new Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. Under the direction of Girl Scout Leader, Nina Ferreri, and Elizabeth Gelman, executive director, of the Children's Museum.

They have been volunteering weekly, working with small children, while doing various activities. Story telling, puppetry, playing games, helping with parties, and stage performances. All to amass their community service hours.

The girls are very excited about expanding into their community. They love working with the children and Mrs. Gelman. The Museum is a wonderful, safe, educational environment for children. The girls want to help make a nicer place for children to play and participate.

Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Stachovic of Burbank School, Tara Becker Michelle Bonilla, Bianca Ferreri, and Maggie Miller, all of St. Albert School.

Visit Nature Cafe

Calling all nature enthusiasts and reading buffs. Do you enjoy nature? Do you take pleasure in reading a good book? Put the two together and you have "Nature Works Café," an adult discussion group. The books and the discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. The program will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is *Seeing Nature: Deliberate Encounters with the Visible World* by Paul Krafel. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

A fee of $3 per person is required and will be collected at the program.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Jan. 14th to discuss "The Gardens of Mont St. Michel" by William Maxwell and on Feb. 11th for "Lying Under the Apple Tree" by Alice Munro. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on Jan. 28th to discuss "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett and on Feb. 25th for "My Antonia" by Willa Cather. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708) 422-4933.

Prepaid Tuition A Meaningful Gift

College Illinois! the state's only 529 prepaid tuition program that allows participants to protect themselves from tuition inflation by locking in a price now to cover future college tuition and fees, provides an opportunity for friends, grandparents and other family members to give a more meaningful gift this holiday season. The program makes it easy for friends and family to enroll a child and provide a gift of education for someone special in their lives.

Many recent news articles indicate that Americans are looking to give more meaningful gifts this holiday season – even to children. The troubled toy industry, struggling to grow sales amid store closings and slow sales reported by industry leaders such as Toys "R" Us, may be another indicator that parents and grandparents are looking for alternatives to toys.

"There is no longer lasting gift than a college education. A child who receives a prepaid tuition plan this year will benefit from it for the rest of his or her life," said Randy Erford, director of *College Illinois!*

Administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, *College Illinois!* is a secure college funding option because benefits do not fluctuate with the stock market. Similar to an insurance policy, *College Illinois!* is a contract between the purchaser and the state of Illinois that ensures tuition and fee benefits for college. When a beneficiary is ready to go to school, they can choose to attend college anywhere because benefits can be used not only at Illinois public universities and community colleges, but at public and private institutions nationwide as well.

Benefits keep pace with the increases in tuition and fees equal to those found at in-state, public institutions and are 100 percent exempt from state and federal income taxes. Those who purchase a *College Illinois!* contract as a gift also enjoy gift and estate tax benefits, and the purchase requires no broker or lawyer.

Once a friend or family member becomes familiar with the program and decides to enroll a child, they can choose to prepay anywhere from one semester at a community college to nine semesters at the university level. It takes less than 10 minutes to fill out the program application online, or it can simply be dropped in the mail. After an application is processed, the purchaser will receive a packet of program information that includes a certificate that can be used to announce this important gift to the child.

Since the program's inception in 1998, nearly 21,000 Illinois families have committed over $600 million toward the purchase of more than 36,000 prepaid tuition contracts. *College Illinois!* is secured by the State of Illinois. The program's Trust Fund is managed by professional money managers, subject to oversight by the program's Investment Advisory Panel and the Commission.

For more information or to enroll in *College Illinois!* visit www.collegeillinois.com or call (877) 877-3724. The program's sixth annual enrollment period is open through March 31st.

Oak Lawn Semi-Finalists

Recently, two Oak Lawn Community High School seniors, David Montgomery and David Vognar, were recognized as semi-finalists in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards, worth $32 million, that will be offered next spring. To continue, semifinalists now must fulfill several requirements and advance to Finalist standing, a prerequisite to being considered for a Merit Scholarship award.

To become finalists, semifinalists must have a record of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to fulfill all requirements to become finalists.

The Laughing Aardvarks, the improvisational theater company from Richards High School, have been chosen to perform at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival on Jan. 8 and 9 on the campus of Illinois State University.

Theater productions selected to perform at this event are invited only after judges evaluate them. While most drama groups perform once at the festival, the Richards group has been asked to present "It's a Small World After 9-11" three times.

"The kids are honored and very excited. Representatives from the festival attended our November performances to critique the play. We were invited based on their evaluations," said drama director and English teacher Charles Palin, who has had four previous productions, none of which was an improvisational show, chosen for the festival. Palin's theater group also was asked by the Illinois High School Theatre Festival to present an improvisational workshop at the summer high school drama workshop sponsored by the University of Illinois.

Few high schools in Illinois offer improvisational theater as a drama activity. Among the schools that sponsor improvisational drama companies, Richards widely has been recognized as the most refined. Jonathan Pitts, a trainer from Chicago's renowned Second City, has worked with the Richards group for the past five years and provided training and directorial guidance.

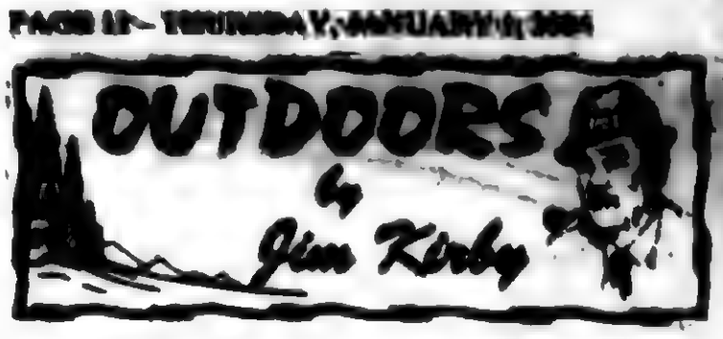
In the past five years, the Aardvarks have evolved from a two-week summer enrichment program to a theater company that produces an annual show with year-round training. The brainstorm of Palin, the Laughing Aardvarks now have enough students to stock three seperate casts. The "old," or experienced, Aardvarks supply the cast for "Small World."

Students who will perform at the festival include (back row, left to right) William Kenney, John Warner, Sean Conroy, Jarrod Caplak and Bob Haberzat; (front row) Kaitlin Fickarty, Hannah Kelly, Nicki Rodecki and Stephanie Lewis.

DUI Online Risk Education Program

Some DUI offenders mandated to participate in the Risk Education Program in Illinois will soon get the opportunity to take the ten-hour course online through an innovative program developed by Intervention Instruction, Inc. This new program is the first of its kind in the nation, and is being piloted in 12 Illinois counties during the next eight months. The Online Risk Education for DUI Offenders Program's effective, proven curriculum is expected to raise the standards and change the landscape of DUI Risk Education in Illinois. Sister Patricia Kilbane, Executive Director of Intervention Instruction, Inc. in Chicago, said, "Our mission is to serve the at-risk community. This innovative program will extend our reach and increase our prevention efforts tremendously."

The objectives of the Online Risk Education for DUI Offenders Program are to educate first offenders and reduce recidivism, preserve public safety, and offer proven education and prevention curriculum to Illinois Offenders via distance learning. John Moulton, Program Director for the Online Risk Education for DUI Offenders Program, said, "Our goal is to enable persons to successfully separate drinking and driving, and the program is especially well adaptable to intergrate with Employee Assistance Programs. It provides current alcohol and substance abuse education in a secure environment with frequent progress checks and verification of satisfactory completion. The material is relevant to any person with dependence or addiction problems, and as a preventative measure can help employers reduce future incidents of employee low productivity, illness, disability, or death."



HAPPY NEW YEAR!: As we enter the new year, my resolution is to not make any New Year's Resolutions that I have no intentions of keeping. Instead, I hope and pray that during the coming year: (1) The Iraqis realize we're there to help them to help themselves, and we need them to take control of their citizens so our service men and women can come home. (2) We find those Weapons of Mass Destruction wherever they may be. (3) Bin Ladin is found dead or alive and Afghanistan finally gets the big picture. (4) More rogue countries will follow Libya's lead and embark on the road to peace.

IT'S SHOW TIME: For the next two months, the Chicago area will have at least eleven outdoor shows going on. This is a great way for the entire family to book their vacations, find out what's new in equipment, and meet and talk to some of the most knowledgeable people in all facets of the Great Outdoors. The following is a chronological schedule of the upcoming shows:

Jan. 8-11 – The 21st All Canada Show at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

Jan. 9-11 – The 9th Annual Chicago Muskie Show at Harper College in Palatine, (847) 242-1600.

Jan. 10-11 – The 20th annual Hammond Outdoor Show, Dowling Park, Hammond, Indiana, (219) 853-6378.

Jan. 14-18 – Chicagoland Outdoors Show, Donald Stephans Convention Center, Rosemont, (800) 511-8376.

Jan. 21-25 – Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoor Show, McCormick Place, Chicago (312) 946-6242.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 – The Midwest Flyfishing Show, Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace (630) 632-4875.

Feb. 7-8 – Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoor Show, Tinley Park High School, (708) 429-5729. *This is a great show for the entire family, and its close to home!!*

Feb. 20-22 – Outside Travel Expo, Navy Pier, (877) 604-2867.

Feb. 21-22 – Southwest Chicago Fishing and Boating Show, Lockport East High School, (815) 838-0790. *This is another family-oriented show close to home!.*

Feb. 27-29 – Illinois Deer and Turkey Classic, Bloomington, (800) 324-3337.

Every Saturday Jan. 10 through April 3rd – The Let's Talk Fishing Show, 1 to 5 p.m. at the **Edge Lounge**, 147th and Cicero in the Mid Oak Plaza (708) 687-4244. Spend your Saturday afternoons with fellow outdoor enthusiasts. Features fishing and hunting films; shore lunch; raffles; pro guest speakers; fishing and hunting literature.

NEW BOOK ON ILLINOIS WILDLIFE: For anyone interested in Illinois wildlife and their habitats, there's a new must-have book published by the Department of Natural Resources and the University of Illinois called "Creating Habitats and Homes for Illinois Wildlife."

"The book will inspire, instruct and encourage people to enjoy and conserve the rich legacy of Illinois," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. "This guidebook details in plain language and photos, management opportunities and practices that landowners can adopt for key habitats on their own land."

With more than 200 color photographs, the book is worth having for the exquisite depiction of Illinois wildlife, but the books is also chock full of accessible scientific information about the status of wildlife habitat in Illinois.

"We cannot overestimate the importance of natural areas and wildlife on the qualify of life," said co-author Richard Warner, U of I Professor of wildlife ecology. "But the Illinois economy realized more than $1 billion every year from expenditures related to watching wildlife. Nearly $600 million is spent each year on recreational fishing. And hunters spend nearly $450 million a year pursuing game."

Since most land in Illinois is held by private citizens, it's imperative that individual landowners are knowledgeable about wildlife habitat.

"This book goes father than any other book available in describing what individual people can do on their own property to create wildlife habitat," said another co-author Phil Mankin, U of I wildlife ecologist. There are chapters on grassland, woodland, aquatic and wetland habitats, and a chapter focusing on specific things people can do in their own backyards, or small tracts of land.

The cost of the book is $25, plus shipping and handling. You can purchase the book from the IDNR Gift Shop at: 1-800-720-3249.

Special Olympics Bowling

Nearly 300 athletes from across the state competed in the 2003 Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling Tournament on Dec. 13th in Peoria.

To compete in the bowling tournament, athletes must have trained for at least eight weeks and qualified through one of 17 areas in the state. Competition gives athletes the opportunity to demonstrate the sports skills they have developed through training. Athletes are divisioned based on age and skill level so that each athlete can have the opportunity to experience success while competing on a comparable playing field.

Officials

The Alsip Park District is looking for individuals 18 years or older to officiate the Adult Volleyball Leagues. Candidates must be dependable and be knowledgeable of the game. All interested individuals should contact the Alsip Park District at (708) 389-1003.

St. Xavier Sports Results Listed

Senior guard Mary Cate scored a team-high 19 points and snagged an SXU record 11 steals in leading the No. 15 St. Xavier University women's basketball team to a 94-89 overtime victory over Culver-Stockton College (Ill.) in the first round of the SXU Christmas Tipoff Tournament.

Three other Cougars scored in double figures for SXU. Junior guard Sara Zembrzuski and sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio each scored 17 points in the winning effort, while freshman point guard Dani Engleman tallied 15 points. DiMaggio and junior forward Lauren Novak each pulled a team-high 13 rebounds in the game. It was DiMaggio's second double-double performance of the season. SXU improves to 11-3 overall on the season.

In the first game of the afternoon between St. Ambrose University (Iowa) and University of St. Francis (Ill.) SAU freshman center Jennifer Goetz led the Fighting Bees with 20 points to help SAU win, 71-66. Other St. Ambrose players to tally double figures in scoring were senior forward Kelly Metz who scored 19 points and freshman guard Cathy Managan who recorded 12 points. USF was led by sophomore center Kami Bethke who scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the defeat.

Game two pit Madonna University (Mich.) against Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) and was a tight game until the second half when Madonna pulled away to win the game, 81-66, with solid defense. MU was led by sophomore forward Sarah Thompson who scored 22 points and seven rebounds. CC was led by freshman center Kentrice Sanders who scored 12 points and finished with seven rebounds.

The event's third, first-round game featured Doane College (Neb.) and St. Vincent College (Pa.). Doane was able to break the game open early taking a 48-30 into the halftime break. Doane pulled away even more in the second half to secure the 87-58 victory led by senior forward Kate Reeson with a game-high 21 points. DC also had four other players score in double figures. St. Vincent had only one player score in double figures with junior forward Chanell Wade scoring 14 points.

Camping Reservations

Reservations for the 2004 camping season for Dept. of Natural Resources campsites, group campsites and picnic shelters may be made by mail beginning Jan. 2nd and in person beginning Feb. 2nd, Director Joel Brunsvold announced recently.

"State-owned campgrounds are a popular spot for families to vacation for a day, a weekend, or for a week-long holiday," Brunsvold said. "Our staff continues to work very hard to keep all our parks open for public enjoyment and to maintain them in the manner our visitors have come to expect."

Brunsvold noted that the reservation system allows visitors to plan ahead and guarantee a spot at their favorite park during the busy outdoor recreation season.

Reservations can be made *by mail only* beginning Jan. 2nd. Beginning Feb. 2nd, telephone and in-person reservations can be made using Visa and MasterCard at the following sites: Chain O'Lakes, Clinton Lake, Fox Ridge, Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Kankakee River, Pere Marquette, Ramsey Lake, Rock Cut, Shabbona and Sangchris Lake. In-person reservations will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not accepted via electronic mail at any site.

A daily lottery will be conducted for mail-in reservations. Up to six mail-in reservations per envelope, per person will be accepted for campsites or shelters. Camping groups may mail more than six reservations per envelope as long as no more than six are for one individual.

A reservation fee must be paid at the time reservations are made. Once a reservation is confirmed, the fee is non-refundable unless the IDNR closes an area due to storm damage or other reasons.

In addition to regular camping fees and utility fees payable upon arrival at the site, regular campsites and group campsites require a $5 reservation fee at the time the reservation is made. All sites taking reservations will require the first night's camping and utility fee plus $5 reservation fee. Payment of the first night's camping and utility fee guarantee that the reservation will be held until 3 p.m. the following day. Shelter reservation fees are $20.

Campsites can be reserved for a maximum of 14 nights per 30-day period and reservations must be made at least seven days before the campsite is needed. Reserved campsites will be held until 3 p.m. the following day, after which time the site will be offered to other campers on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends require a minimum three-day reservation.

All Canada Show

The 21st annual All-Canada Show will be held from Thursday to Sunday, Jan. 8th to 11th at the Pheasant Run Convention Center in St. Charles.

An "All-Canada" lineup of seminar presenters highlights the show along with more than 220 Canadian lodges, camps and outfitters. That's the largest number to appear in Chicagoland, according to Dave Hutchison, All-Canada president.

Admission: adults, $9; seniors and children under 18, $8; and children 12 and under, free.

Hours: 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8th; 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9th; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10th; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11th.

For complete show details, including $2 off admission coupon, visit www.AllCanada.com or call (800) 325-6290.

Elmhurst Basketball 4-1

The Elmhurst College men's basketball team improved to 4-1 on the season after surviving a late rally from the University of Wisconsin-Stout to win 97-96. Meanwhile the women's basketball squad dropped their CCIW opener, falling to Illinois Wesleyan University 72-62.

The men's basketball team downed UW-Stout 97 to 96 to pick up their fourth win of the season. A Chris Martin free throw, with two seconds to play, broke a 96-96 tie to give the Bluejays the win.

In women's basketball, the Bluejays dropped to 1-5 overall and 0-1 in the CCIW after falling to Illinois Wesleyan University 72-62 on Saturday. Four Bluejays finished in double figures in scoring.

CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	GAMES WON	GAMES LOSSES
4TH GRADE		
Most Holy Redeemer White	8	1
St. Alexander Green	7	2
St. Ann Lansing	7	2
Most Holy Redeemer Red	6	3
Cardinal Bernardin	5	4
Sutherland	5	4
Our Lady of the Ridge	4	5
St. Linus	4	5
Most Holy Redeemer (Blue)	3	6
St. Cajetan Black	3	6
St. Alexander White	1	8
St. Cajetan Gold	1	8
5TH GRADE		
St. Ann Lansing	9	0
CRPD Thunder	7	2
St. Linus	7	2
St. Alexander	5	4
St. Patricia	5	4
Our Lady of the Ridge	4	5
Most Holy Redeemer Red	3	6
Most Holy Redeemer White	3	6
St. Daniel	1	8
St. Michael	1	8
6TH GRADE		
Our Lady of the Ridge	6	0
St. Patricia	6	0
St. Ann Lansing	5	1
St. Michael	5	1
Cilecki	3	3
Cardinal Bernardin	3	3
St. Christopher White	2	4
St. Christopher Red	0	6
St. Alexander	0	6
St. Daniel	0	6
7TH GRADE		
Our Lady of the Ridge	5	1
St. Daniel	5	1
St. Ann Lansing	4	2
St. Christopher	4	2
St. Michael	4	2
St. Linus	3	3
St. Alexander	3	3
St. Bede	1	5
St. Patricia	1	5
Cardinal Bernardin	0	6
8TH GRADE		
St. Alexander	6	0
St. Benedict	5	1
St. Patricia	5	1
Sutherland	4	2
St. Ann Lansing	3	3
St. Bernadette	3	3
St. George	3	3
LJP	3	3
St. Daniel	3	3
St. Michael	2	4
Our Lady of the Ridge	2	4
St. Bede	2	4
St. Christopher	1	5
Conrady	0	6

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 12-22-03
At Elgin
Waukegan 66, Mount Carmel 56
At Glenbard West
Nazareth 30, De La Salle 42
At Luther South
Kelly 63, Morgan Park Academy 32
U-High 56, Luther South 54
Holy Trinity 56, Morgan Park Academy 35
Evergreen Park 49, Ag Science 37
Bowen 48, Washington 46
Richards 44, International 42
At Waubonsie Valley
St. Charles North 62, Tinley Park 40
Tuesday, 12-23-03
At Elgin
Mount Carmel 59, Addison Trail 33
At Glenbard West
Antioch 39, De La Salle 37
At Luther South
Kennedy 70, Richards 51 (7th)
Ag Science 53, Chicago Intl. 42 (5th)
Clemente 80, Bowen 62 (3rd)
Evergreen Park 51, Washington 47 (title)
At Waubonsie Valley
Naperville North 73, Tinley Park 57
Friday, 12-26-03
Bloomington Tournament - Class AA
Rockton-Hononegah 77, St. Rita 60
Thornwood 45, Andrew 30
Prosser 55, Peoria Notre Dame 42
Clinton (Tenn.) 65, Mt. Zion 59
Elgin Tournament
Mount Carmel 53, Elgin 39
St. Rita 56, Fremd 49
Glenbard West Tournament
Timothy Christian 48, De La Salle 42
Kankakee Tournament - Class AA
Urbana 74, Argo 60
Austin 62, Richards 47
Bremen 69, Kankakee 48
Bradley 55, Minooka 38
Class A
Illiana Christian 46, Herscher 37
Providence St. Mel 55, Bishop McNamara 41
St. Anne 67, Iroquois West 37
Reed-Custer 47, Peotone 39
Lemont Tournament
Sandburg 61, Romeoville 53
Orr 64, Westmont 40
Reavis 59, Joliet Catholic 36
Chicago Chris. 68, Gardner-S. Wilmington 42
Plainfield Central 69, T.F. South 33
Neuqua Valley 76, Lemont 66
Momence 51, Montini 44
Lisle 69, Walther Lutheran 57
Lincoln-Way Tournament
At Lincoln-way Central
Lane Tech 68, Oak Forest 48
CVS 57, Lincoln-Way Central 40
Hubbard 97, Lindblom 55
Robeson 73, Plainfield South 49
At Lincoln-Way East
St. Laurence 76m Tilden 37
T.F. North 52, Oak Lawn 27
Harper 65, LaSalle Peru 61
Lincoln-Way East 58, Gage Park 47
Proviso West Tournament
Fenwick 53, Young 50
Homewood-Flossmoor 90, Fenger 36
Hillcrest 72, Leyden 43
Rich South Tournament
Rich Central 74, Shepard 62
Leo 63, Hinsdale South 56
Hinsdale Central 63, Marian Catholic 53
Bloom 83, Rich East 40
Hales Franciscan 91, Crete-Monee 78
Rich South 55, Lincoln Park 47
Herndon (Va.) 78, Peoria Woodruff 51
Thornton 73, Eisenhower 37
Waubonsie Valley Tournament
Marmion 62, Tinley Park 53
York Tournament
Brother Rice 65, Stagg 51
St. Ignatius 56, Benet 40
Gordon Tech 62, Riverside-Brookfield 56
Conant 52, Lyons 44
Wheaton South 46, Willowbrook 43 (3 OT0
Holy Cross 67, Palatine 58
York 80, St. Charles 64
Downers Grove South 67, Deerfield 36
Saturday, 12-27-03
Bloomington-Normal Tournament
Class AA
Andrew 62, St. Rita 52
Elgin Tournament
Mt. Carmel 73, Wheaton North 43 (9th)
Glenbard West Tournament
De La Salle 52, Fenton 47 (7th)
Kankakee Tournament
Class AA
Richards 71, Minooka 55
Argo 52, Kankakee 48
Austin 51, Bradley-Bourbonnais 47
Urbana 60, Bremen 54
Class A
Reed-Custer 53, Illiana Christian 40
Bishop McNamara 49, Iroquois West 45
Lemont Tournament
Lemont 60, T.F. South 30
Sandburg 55, Reavis 52
Orr 79, Chicago Christian 61
Plainfield Central 68, Neuqua Valley 54
Lisle 66, Momence 53
Romeoville 46, Joliet Catholic 37
Walther Lutheran 37, Montini 36
Westmont 53, Wilmington 51 (OT)
Lincoln-Way Tournament
At Lincoln-Way Central
Consolation Bracket
Oak Forest 73, Lindblom 58
Lincoln-Way Central 70, Plainfield South 44
Championship Bracket
Hubbard 71, Lane Tech 67
CVS 66, Robeson 57
At Lincoln-Way East
Consolation Bracket
Gage Park 65, Oak Lawn 55
La Salle-Peru 62, Tilden 50
Championship Bracket
St. Laurence 65, Harper 63
T.F. North 52, Lincoln-Way East 38
Proviso West Tournament
Young 66, Fenger 54
Homewood-Flossmoor 49, Fenwick 33
Julian 68, Hillcrest 65 (OT)
Rich South Tournament
Shepard 62, Hinsdale South 43
Marian Catholic 80, Rich East 57
Peoria Woodruff 71, Eisenhower 55
Rich Central 73, Leo 42
Lincoln Park 76, Crete-Monee 57
Bloom 67, Hinsdale Central 55
Hales Franciscan 77, Rich South 71
Thornton 69, Herndon (Va.) 50
Waubonsie Valley Tournament
Glenbard North 71, Tinley Park 56 (7th)
York Tournament
Brother Rice 69, Gordon Tech 65
Benet 40, Palatine 38
Riverside-Brookfield 55, Stagg 50
Willowbrook 58, Lyons 49
St. Ignatius 51, Holy Cross 48
Downers Grove South 57, York 47

BOYS BOWLING
Saturday, 12-27-03
Brother Rice 2,974, Fenwick 2,128
Gordon Tech 2,801, St. Rita 2,504
Loyola 2,666, Hales Franciscan 2,334
Mt. Carmel 2,500, St. Ignatius 2,498
Notre Dame 2,981, Leo 1,839
St. Laurence 2,835, De La Salle 2,662

BOYS SWIMMING
Monday, 12-22-03
At Homewood-Flossmoor
Team Standings: Glenbrook South [illegible] 936.8, Champaign Centennial 945.7, Neuqua Valley 760.75, Lincoln-Way East [illegible] 741.15, Homewood-Flossmoor [illegible] 713.45, Palatine 669.45, Lyons 635.45, Schaumburg 580.1, Glenbrook North 542.35, St. Ignatius 317.3, Danville 302.05, Champaign Central 194.35, St. Charles North 170.15
Saturday, 12-27-03
Homewood-Flossmoor 129, Lockport 102, Stagg 97

WRESTLING
Tuesday, 12-23-03
Lincoln-Way Central 65, Lisle 6
Minooka 37, Lincoln-Way Central 31
Minooka 59, Lisle 19
Neuqua Valley 45, Lincoln-Way Central 15
Neuqua Valley 68, Lisle 6
Neuqua Valley 37, Minooka 23
Friday, 12-26-03
Reavis 65, Lake Forest 12
Lake Forest 44, Homewood-Flossmoor 30
Saturday, 12-27-03
De La Salle 63, Holy Cross 3
Lincoln-Way East 46, Shepard 25
Lincoln-Way East 53, Reavis 24
Lincoln-Way East 42, Shepard 41
Reavis 57, Shepard 11
Reavis 29, Lincoln-Way East 28
Argo Quad
Argo 62, Stagg 12
Argo 61, St. Laurence 9
Argo 41, Hoffman Estates 17
Brother Rice Quad
Fenwick 57, Bishop McNamara 12
Fenwick 75, Brother Rice 0
Fenwick 81, St. Francis de Sales 0
Downers Grove South Quad
Prospect 65, Lemont 9
Prospect 37, Downers Grove South 33
Prospect 63, West Chicago 6
Downers Grove South 58, West Chicago 17
Lemont 39, West Chicago 39 (Lemont won tie breaker)
Downers Grove South 40, Lemont 15
Montini Quad
St. Rita 22, Providence 22 (St. Rita won tie breaker)
Montini 34, St. Rita 27
Providence 40, Montini 17
Montini 48, Proviso East 20
Providence 54, Proviso East 13
St. Rita 52, Proviso East 12
Wheaton-Warrenville South Quad
Marist 34, Conant 28
Marist 48, Wheaton-Warrenville South 18
Marist 48, Glenbard West 16
Conant 36, Glenbard West 31
Conant 57, Wheaton-Warrenville South 9
Marist 34, Conant 28

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 12-22-03
Morton Tournament
Hinsdale South 53, Argo 39
Addison Trail 59, Reavis 40
Proviso West 67, Riverside-Brookfield 63
East Aurora 39, Morton 34
Mother McAuley Tournament
Mother McAuley 46, Illiana Christian 33
Trinity 68, Hyde Park 40
Joliet 62, IHM 49
Mother McAuley 72, St. Benedict 32
Illiana Christian 48, Mother McAuley JV 37
Trinity 78, IHM 37
Joliet 72, Hyde Park 43
Mother McAuley 51, St. Benedict 43
Oak Lawn Tournament
Oak Lawn 47, Richards 41
Lemont 53, Neuqua Valley JV 48
Lincoln-way East 54, Queen of Peace 36
Glenbard East 53, Glenbard South 45
St. Ignatius Tournament
Marist 63, Mother Guerin 34
St. Ignatius 64, Northside Prep 38
Latin 49, Thornridge 36
Wheaton North Tournament
Lyons 58, Elk Grove 49
Lincoln-Way Central 65, St. Charles East 39
Tuesday, 12-23-03
Morton Tournament
Addison Trail 50, Morton 32
East Aurora 48, Reavis 37
Proviso West 64, Hinsdale South 53
Riverside-Brookfield 70, Argo 47
St. Ignatius Tournament
Marist 55, Thornridge 29
St. Ignatius 53, Mother Guerin 34
Latin 56, Northside Prep 42
Wheaton North Tournament
Championship Bracket
Lincoln-Way Central 40, Lyons 32
Glenbrook South 55, Willowbrook 42
Hersey 55, Schaumburg 45
Hinsdale Central 36, Glenbard North 29
Friday, 12-26-03
Bloom Tournament
T.F. South 49, Elmwood Park 29
Bloomington-Normal Tournament
Class AA
Galesburg 69, Andrew 38
Hillcrest Tournament
Hillcrest 42, Lockport 27
Homewood-Flossmoor 48, Thornton 25
Rich Central 49, Oak Forest 37
Sandburg 50, Seton 16
Stagg 63, Kankakee 26
Thornwood 54, Shepard 31
Morgan Park 37, Rich South 28
Marian Catholic 76, Mt. Assisi 23
Lisle Tournament
Chicago Christian 48, Plano 25
Wheaton Academy 51, St. Francis de Sales 42
Bishop McNamara 57, Coal City 21
Luther South Invitational
Evergreen Park 68, Morgan Park Academy 43
Luther South 43, Providence-St. Mel 35
Mother McAuley Tournament
Mother McAuley 73, Mother McAuley JV 41
Trinity 61, Joliet 48
IHM 35, Hyde Park 32
Illiana Christian 47, St. Benedict 31
Mother McAuley 60, Joliet 39
Mother McAuley JV 44, Hyde Park 34
IHM 50, St. Benedict 39
Trinity 54, Illiana Christian 45
St. Ignatius Tournament
Marist 67, Latin 33
Northside Prep 60, Mother Guerin 25
St. Ignatius 48, Thornridge 28
Wheaton North Tournament
Winners Bracket
Schaumburg 48, Lyons 40
Glenbard North 36, Willowbrook 29
Glenbrook South 42, Hinsdale Central 34
Hersey 65, Lincoln-way Central 41
Saturday, 12-27-03
Benet/Naperville North Tournament
At Naperville North
Providence 59, Proviso East 50
At Benet
Benet 63, Wheaton South 36
West Chicago 36, Glenbard West 28
Bloomington-Normal Tournament
Class AA
Taylorville 49, Andrew 37
Hillcrest Tournament
Consolation Bracket
Oak Forest 50, Kankakee 42
Lockport 40, Shepard 37
Rich South 45, Mt. Assisi 35
Thornton 33, Seton 26
Winners Bracket
Sandburg 36, Homewood-Flossmoor 34
Rich Central 62, Stagg 54
Thornwood 44, Hillcrest 43 (2 OT)
Marian Catholic 60, Morgan Park 46
Lisle Tournament
Chicago Christian 54, Newark 49
St. Francis de Sales 38, Westmont 16
Luther South Invitational
Bogan 52, Morgan Park Academy 43
De La Salle 34, Kenwood 26
Evergreen Park 45, Fenger 20
Walther Lutheran 75, Luther South 31
Mother McAuley Tournament
Mother McAuley 48, Trinity 40
Joliet 54, Illiana Christian 48
IHM 48, Mother McAuley JV 42
Hyde Park 43, St. Benedict 30
*Mother McAuley won tournament
St. Ignatius Tournament
Marist 61, Northside Prep 51
St. Ignatius 68, Latin 40
Mother Guerin 46, Thornridge 42
Wheaton North Tournament
Lincoln-Way Central 40, Hinsdale Central 37 (3rd)

GIRLS BOWLING
Saturday, 12-27-03
Trinity 2,262, Marist 1,985
Loyola 2,373, St. Ignatius 1,885
Notre Dame 1,840, Regina 1,425

7-1 Record

The Elmhurst College men's basketball team improved to 7-1 on the season after winning all three of their games last week. Meanwhile, the women's basketball squad won both of its contests last week to improve to 3-5. Finally, the wrestling team kicked off its CCIW dual-meet opener, defeating North Central College 24-19.

The men's basketball team knocked off Alma College 78-59 before winning both of their games at the Bluejay Classic Basketball Tournament. Elmhurst downed Simpson College 76-56 and then knocked off Aurora University 90-85 in the tournament's championship game. Chris Martin earned tournament MVP honors while Nick Michael was also named to the all-tournament squad.

Loss

Freshman guard Dani Engelman and junior guard Sara Zembrzuski each scored 11 points but it was not enough as No. 15 St. Xavier University women's basketball team was defeated by No. 20 Xavier University (La.) 80-67 on Monday in Cancun, Mexico.

Besides Engelman's and Zembrzuski's 11 points, the only other Cougar to score in double figures was sophomore forward Jackie DiMaggio who tallied 10 points in the contest.

NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 50037
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on April 2, 2003.

I, Thomas Gardiner, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at Daley Center outside #2402, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3794 West 76th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $124,228.83.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
207590C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One N.A., f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Leslie Douglas, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22972.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14214 S. Grace Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $48,833.88.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph S. Lawrich, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9822.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14400 Homan Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story blue frame and attached two car garage.

The judgment amount was $104,769.60.

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Call between the hours of 3pm - 5pm. Please refer to file number PA0304697.

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207866C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Douglas G. Bruck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10141.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8331 S. Menard Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,291.45.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Carl W. May, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-1118.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8444 S. Kenton Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $141,389.38.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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208471C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Louise Mayfield, et al., Defendants, vs. LaSalle Bank, N.A., Counter-Plaintiff, vs. Louise Mayfield, et al., Counter-Defendants. No. 03Ch-2247

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8436 S. Scottsdale, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. The Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Jerold J. Shapiro at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kamm & Shapiro Ltd., 318 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 726-9777

208445C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. TCF National Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Heirs at Law and Devisees of Margaret E. Sherman, Deceased, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10709.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2003 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9131 South Spaulding, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call Mr. David T. Cohen at Plaintiff's Attorney, David T. Cohen & Associates, Ltd., 10729 W. 159th St., Orland Park, IL 60467-4631. (708) 460-7711.

208924C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jacqueline Willis, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9445.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8756 S. Richmond Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $116,883.64

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5519.

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207610C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Woodie G. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 00Ch-13375.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14700 S. Mozart, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $151,938.39.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-00-5596.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GE Mortgage Services, LLC, f/k/a GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Terry L. Lynch, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10164.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15727 Peggy Ln., Unit #7-7, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,789.07

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5881.

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207566C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. SFJV-2002-1, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Julio Estrada, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9706.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15020 S. Ridge Way, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,448.49.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5324.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Soto, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9015.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15929 S. Lorel Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $92,629.96

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-1903.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Richland Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Reginald Bailey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-13762.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 7, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7924 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $145,042.20.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-6785.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Lasiero a/k/a Anthony M. Lasiero III a/k/a Anthony M. Lasiero, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3620.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15524 S. Lorel Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $199,879.47

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-C442.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207568C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. The Bank of New York, Trust U/A dated 12/1/01 EOCC Trust 2001-2), Plaintiff, vs. Walter Carter, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-7130.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 50326

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 28, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/k/a: 7747 S. Christiana St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvements on the property consist of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $166,623.59.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Nancy Rodriguez, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-781?

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14801 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $142,315.30.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602, 312-750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru [illegible] A.M. When calling, please refer to file number [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA Successor in Interest to Bancplus Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence M. Roberts, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5846.

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 19, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3227 W. 98th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $74,336.42.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

208864C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. FT Mortgage Companies, Plaintiff, vs. Fred L. Hughes a/k/a Fred Lee Hughes, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-3869.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 42008

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 3755 W. Hayfors St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $98,077.40.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

212192C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Slomski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-22289.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5470 W. 84th St., Burbank, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,476.60.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206809C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roger T. Radz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10215.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4568 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60658.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,495.75.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5873.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207576C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Martin Boyd a/k/a Martin E. Boyd, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-18775.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9125 S. Trumbull Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $140,018.67.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-9874.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Katie E. Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8509.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9401 S. Richmond Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $121,672.33.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4922.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207573C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Karen M. Bailey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3955.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5310 Kimball Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $221,293.46.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-2168.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207570C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Standard Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Kevin T. Olszewski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-2292; Sheriff's No. 030146-001F.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 29, 2004, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Address: 5715 West Edge Lake Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Improvements: 4 unit apt. bldg. Judgment amount $309,193.86 (as of 11-15-2002).

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate upon confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.

Premises will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: contact Plaintiff's Attorney, JAMES B. CARROLL & ASSOCIATES, 2400 W. 95th Street, #501, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 or call between the hours of 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Plaintiff's Attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set out in this notice of sale. Tel. No. 708-422-3766.

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207225C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jermaine Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9608.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 28, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7722 S. Spaulding, Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,234.71.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Pullman Bank and Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of John Taylor, deceased, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11970.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly Known As: 11107-11111 S. Emerald, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $328,165.69.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael J. Goldstein, Michael J. Goldstein & Associates, 318 W. Adams St., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 346-0945.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207123C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee of Executive Financial Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Cesar Yepez, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9049.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4125 W. 97th Place, Unit 1-306, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call: Ms. Luann Reda at Plaintiff's Attorney, Holland & Knight LLC, 131 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 263-3600.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wendover Financial Services Corporation, f/k/a Wendover Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lucille E. White, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9603.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5031 W. 127th St., Alsip, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,085.17.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207840C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a PNC Mortgage Corporation of America, Plaintiff, vs. Richard J. Lamm a/k/a Richard Lamm, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-6823.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9404 S. Utica Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $99,052.49.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-3104.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207996C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Denis L. Mullins a/k/a Dennis L. Mullins, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-5621.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9222 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $139,328.88.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-3213.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

208016C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Williams a/k/a Yolanda R. Williams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4223.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56096
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 4232 W. 77th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $135,452.47.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this No

211273C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aleuts Group Loan Servicing LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9087.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 31, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10500 S. Oak Park Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $30,370.13.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORD 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-3707

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208012C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony G. Colby, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4474.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56050
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 6807 W. 97th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

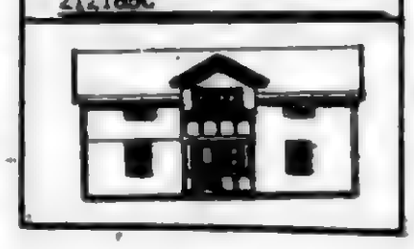
The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $109,029.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

212185C



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, NA formerly known as First Union National Bank successor by Merger to American Savings of Florida, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. Stanley M. Tokarczyk, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-8173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/28/03, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 1/22/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/k/a: 11610 S. Leamington, Alsip, IL 60482

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $55,183.93.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-8521D.

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207577C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Edward W. Lough, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4233.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55865
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 12, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 28, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 14821 Richmond Avenue, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $96,491.44.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

212187C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. David Ewen, Jr. a/k/a David Ewen a/k/a David G.M. Ewen a/k/a David G. Ewen, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-6166.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 24, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14643 S. St. Louis, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 236-0077.

207375C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Christopher M. Piesna, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22584.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14817 S. El Vista Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $143,432.44.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 1B S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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File No. PA0210907.

208470C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Capital Providers, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Nancy M. Chal, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-22546.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 21, 2004, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Address: 8756 S. Meade Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Improvements: Single family residence.

Sale shall be under the following terms: 10% down, balance within 24 hours, cash or certified funds.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.

Premises will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: Dordek, Rosenburg & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 8424 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077. Tel. No. 847-676-9555.

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207467C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Glover, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10226.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3801 W. 140th St., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $37,152.88.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9065D.

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207190C

NOTICE

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Volunteer Training

The American Cancer Society will hold its next *Road to Recovery* certification training for volunteer drivers on Thursday, Jan. 15th from 9 to 11 a.m. through the Prairie Land Regional office. The two-hour training will cover driver guidelines and tips, procedures for transporting patients, and facts about cancer treatment.

For more information or to register for the training, contact Jackie Behrends, ACS Patient Services Representative, at (708) 633-7770.

The ACS is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

The Society is the only nationwide cancer organization to offer its information service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just call 1(800) ACS-2345.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Michael F. Sherman Sr.

Mass was said Saturday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Michael F. Sherman, Sr., 49.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine C.; his children Michelle and Michael F. Jr.; six grandchildren; his father Norman (Linda); sisters Donna (Raymond) Jasutis and Lisa Sherman; and brothers Mark (Eileen), Matthew (Mary), Steven (Sue), and Rickey (Seiv).

Joseph F. Szypulski

Mass was said Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph F. Szypulski, 76, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Aurelia; his children Susan Allman, Carol (Greg) Cybor and Michael (Christine); three grandchildren; sisters Theresa Refermat, Frances Mezydlo and Stella Steinmazek and a brother Henry.

David M. Vice

Services were held Saturday at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, for David M. Vice.

He is survived by his wife Charlene H.; his children Jeffrey (Arlene) and Ronald (Karen); four grandchildren and a brother Dixon.

Joseph Lello

Mass was said Saturday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph Lello, 49.

He is survived by his sister Frances Panozzo and brother Raymond (Joan)

Mary Jane McKenna

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary Jane McKenna, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her children Kenneth (Lois), Elaine, Joy (Joseph) Dynowski and Robert; four grandchildren and a sister Frances (Joseph) Lenhardt.

Dennis A. Zielinski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Dennis A. Zielinski, a Vietnam War Air Force veteran. He was a member of American Legion Post 18, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and L.O.O.M. Lodge 1557. He was a former employee of Beltone and Union-Carbide.

He is survived by his wife Helene; his children Mark and Kevin (Heather); one grandchild; brother Francis (Judith) and sister Vivian Schroeder.

Dorothy L. Desmond

Mass was said Saturday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Dorothy L. Desmond, 91, wife of the late LeRoy.

She is survived by her children Diane (Robert) Helstern, Robert L. (Joann), William J. (Aneika), and John W. (Marianna); nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Victor A. Ferraresi Sr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Victor A. Ferraresi, Sr., a veteran and husband of the late Margaret.

He is survived by his children Mary Ellen Pickham, Dolores Sproule, Victor Jr., Marge, Helen (Frank) Grice and Trish Vrdsky; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother Joe, and a sister Louise Meisner.

Deborah Ann Lenz

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Deborah Ann Lenz, 50, formerly employed by Calumet School District and Jewel Foods.

She is survived by her husband Andrew M.; her children Jennifer (Ron) Canada and Erica; her mother Joan O'Connor; brothers Jerry (Ileana) and Thomas O'Connor and a sister Colette O'Connor.

Michael E. Fenton

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, for Michael E. Fenton 55, who passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve. Mr. Fenton was a member of Lewis University Alumni Association, International Formalwear Association and the Southland Chamber of Commerce. He was a 25 year member of St. Michael Parish.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, Orland Park Village Trustee; his children Matthew and Amy; brother Tim Fenton and sisters Donna (Bob) Russell and Debbie (Dave) Bradee.

Gloria E. Winston

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for Gloria E. Winston, 75, a 40 year resident of Oak Forest.

She is survived by her husband Eugene, a former executive of Midlothian State Bank; sons, Steven (Candy), Kenneth and Kevin and six grandchildren.

Irene K. Buksa

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Irene K. Buksa, 90, of Crestwood formerly of Oak Lawn. She was the wife of the late John.

She is survived by daughters, Diane (Crestwood Mayor Chester) Stranczek and Judy (Ted) Stranczek; sons, Denis (Judy), John (Sandra) and David (Doreen) Buksa; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters Wanda Kason and Beth (Leonard) Woods and a brother Edward (Mary Lou) Kason.

Robert Matthew Joyce

Services were held Sunday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert Matthew Joyce, 23, of Midlothian. He was a sales clerk for the White Hen.

He is survived by a son, Joseph Bradley; parents, Christine and Joseph Ulatowski and a sister Melissa Woolf.

Loreta A. Lukareski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at SS. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, for Loretta A. Lukareski, 82, wife of the late Casimir.

She is survived by her children Julius (Patricia) and Leona (Dola) Compton; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mary Lou Derkin

Services were held Saturday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Mary Lou C. Derkin, wife of the late Donald. She was a retired Illinois Bell Telephone Company employee with 27 years of service.

She is survived by her children Donna (James) Vilcek and Dale Ann (Joseph) Kwasney; four grandchildren and brothers William and Jack (Peg) Hammann.

Norbert W. Zawacki

Mass was said Saturday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Norbert W. Zawacki, an Army veteran and husband of the late Angeline.

He is survived by his children JoEllyn (Ed) Szymanski and Jeralyn (Brian) Bieniek; six grandchildren and a brother Robert (Judy).

Bernadette E. Brady

Mass was said Saturday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bernadette E. Brady, 78, wife of the late Donald Edward Brady. Mrs. Brady was a Chicago Public School teacher for 20 years and the recipient of the Aquin Guild Distinguished Service Award for Catholic teachers. She was a Eucharistic minister and lector for St. Barnabas Church, volunteer Christ the King School Great Books Discussion Group Leader and also Su Casa Catholic Workers Center. She was president and co-founder of the Brady Office Machine Security.

She is survived by children Joseph, Kathy Kloc (Alex) Fleming, Patrick (Janice) and Brian; and four grandchildren.

Charles F. Campo

Mass was said Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Charles T. Campo, a World War II Army veteran and retired employee of Arcus Ticket Company.

He is survived by his wife Antoinette "Toni"; his children Jean (Wayne) Leaf and Judy Mannott; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a brother Guy (Esther).

Philip Kim

A memorial mass will be said Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 10 a.m. at St. Christopher Church, 14641 Keeler Ave., Midlothian, for Philip Kim, 79, formerly of Midlothian who died following a battle with cancer in Apache Junction, AZ. He was preceded in death by his first wife Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Julia Railey and Phyllis Sullivan; son, Jerome; four grandchildren and two sisters, Agnes Warren and Clara Flaishaker.

In lieu of flowers the family requested contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Catherine D. Sullivan

Mass was said Saturday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Catherine D. "Kay" Sullivan, 96, wife of the late Joseph. Known as "Aunt Kay," Mrs. Sullivan was a lifelong resident of the Beverly neighborhood where she was an active member of Christ the King Parish for many years with the Women's Altar Guild, parish council, High Club, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

She is survived by her children Patrick J., M.D. (Nancy), Mary Kay (Edward T.) Joyce, and Connie Oswald; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Daniel S. Slechta

Mass was said Saturday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Daniel S. Slechta, 46, a University of Illinois Alumni.

He is survived by his mother Adrienne Slechta; and brothers Steven, David (Denise), Thomas, Michael (Nicole) and Patrick.

Jerry L. Estella

Services were held Sunday at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, for Jerry L. Estella, 64.

He is survived by his wife Sonia; his children Fred (Sue), Jerri, Michael (Shelly), Diane (Bill) Dykstra and Debby (Larry) Camerano; five grandchildren and a brother Fred (Thelma).

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Kimberly Sue Vander Molen

Services were held Saturday at Blake-Lewis/Becvar Funeral Home, Worth, for Kimberly Sue Vander Molen.

She is survived by her father Marvin H. Vander Molen and a sister Jill Lyn (David) Smith.

Mable Ann Walsh

Mass was said Saturday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mable Ann Walsh. She was a member of the St. Germaine Women's Club.

She is survived by her husband Kevin; her children Kevin (Mary Pat), Barbara (Michael) Fleming, Kathlyn Carberry, Mary Jo (David) Bailey and Carmie (Christopher) O'Leary. 13 grandchildren and a brother Garlin (Wanda) Signaigo.

Dorothy V. Wantiez

Mass was said Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy V. Wantiez, wife of the late John. She was a retired teacher of the Chicago Board of Education.

She is survived by her children Marie (Donald) Chavosky, Roger (Sheila), and Margaret (Robert) Russell; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a sister Yvonne Angar.

Antoinette Young

Services were held Saturday at Hornburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with entombment at St. Mary Mausoleum, for Antoinette Young, wife of the late Douglas.

She is survived by her daughter Karen (Michael) Thauer; two grandchildren and sisters Margaret Sinkus and Irene Samuel.

Josephine M. Fahey

Mass was said Saturday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, for Josephine M. Fahey, 91, wife of the late Thomas CPD.

She is survived by her son Daniel (Cora); five grandchildren and sisters Anne and Mary Ellen O'Meara.

Charles Humikowski

A memorial mass will be said Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 9 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, 14414 McKinely, Posen for Charles G. Humikowski.

He is survived by his wife Julia; his children Carrie (Tim) Fox, Sherry, William, Nicholas Pease and Paul; three grandchildren and brothers Rudy (Marge), Ron, Jim (Irene), and Larry (Barb).

Margaret P. Clough

Services were held Monday at United by Faith Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, with entombment at Concordia Mausoleum, for Margaret P. Clough, wife of the late Douglas.

She is survived by her children Cheryl (John) Burneson and David (Suzanne); and four grandchildren.

Laura Zare

Services were held Friday at Kenny Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Laura Zare.

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On Nov. 20 and 21, approximately 400 community organizations and corporations participated in Brookfield Zoo's annual Community and Corporate Tree Trim. Groups decorated balsam fir trees with ornaments on the zoo's north, south, west and east malls as well as around Roosevelt Fountain in preparation for the 22nd annual Holiday Magic festival.

Members of Oak Lawn's H.O.G. Chapter and their families participated in the 2003 Community Tree Trim.

Makeup 9th Grade Test

Oak Lawn Community High School will be having a makeup 9th grade placement test on Saturday, Jan. 10th for any present 8th grader living in the OLCHS school boundaries. If your student did not take the placement test on Nov. 1st, then your student needs to take the January test. Testing begins at 8:15 a.m. and will be completed at 12:30 p.m. This test determines placement into high school courses.

Students need to bring pencils, calculator and birth certificate with official seal. Please contact Lee Stanley, PPS chairperson, at (708) 741-5625 if you have any questions.

Safety Hints From The Red Cross

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago urges Chicago families to make a 2004 New Year's resolution to be safe. Responding to up to four local disasters daily, the Chicago Red Cross stresses that emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time, and keeping your family safe is a top priority. When disaster strikes unexpectedly, having a safety kit on hand can help save lives.

"The Chicago Red Cross hopes 2004 will be a safe and healthy year for our local community," said William Braden, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. "We urge families to prepare for the possibility of an emergency and to keep lifesaving safety kits in their homes. If the unthinkable happens, having the proper tools can help save lives."

The Red Cross offers a variety of safety kits to fit everyone's needs. The safety kits are available by calling (800) 33-SAFETY.

- Emergency Supplies Starter Kit ($47): Packed in a handy red backpack, this kit contains a Red Cross first aid pocket kit (see below), food bars, water packets, a water storage bag, emergency blankets, ponchos, a body warmer, light stick, flashlight and batteries, whistle, tissue pack, bio-hazard bag and sanitary napkins.
- Large Pillow Kit ($25): Great for home, car or boat, this kit is packaged in a durable pillow covering and contains basic first aid information and necessities, including gauze, towelettes, bandages, burn gel, rescue blanket, cold pack, gloves, tape and scissors.
- Fifteen-Person OSHA Kit ($22): An excellent resource for the home or office, this general-purpose kit is packed with a range of materials needed to respond to most first aid situations, including gloves, padding, towelettes, gauze, antibiotics, bandages, tape, scissors, tweezers, a rescue blanket and a cold pack.
- Small Pillow Kit ($10): Perfect for outdoor activities, this soft-sided pillow contains basic supplies to treat minor injuries, including gauze, towelettes, bandages, burn gel, gloves, tape and scissors.
- Safety Tube ($5): Designed to protect high-rise occupants in an emergency until help arrives, the tube contains a 12-hour water supply, a whistle to call for help, a dust mask to aid in breathing, and a light stick to help rescue workers locate victims in the dark.
- Pocket Kit ($4): This individual first aid kit is designed to be compact and lightweight and is small enough to fit in a glove compartment, purse of backpack. The kit contains towelettes, iodine, antibiotics and bandages.

Completes Training

Marine Corps Pvt. Andrew K. Aguinaga, son of Lynn M. and Nick J. Aguinaga of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Aguinaga and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Aguinaga is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

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Governor Blagojevich Recently Signed Fall Supplemental

State Spending Bill

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently signed a fall supplemental spending bill that includes $169 million in new federal dollars earmarked to improve the State's homeland security and provide life-saving prescription drugs to uninsured and underinsured persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The legislation is necessary to allow the state to spend new federal funds that became available after the fiscal year 2004 budget was passed in May. No increased General Revenue Fund expenditures are included in the bill.

Dollar amounts and projects to be funded include:

- $113 million to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for homeland security grants for bio-terrorism preparedness, crisis response, and fire and law enforcement mutual aid. The city of Chicago and Cook County will receive $60 million from IEMA for terrorism preparedness and training and about $50 million will be used on a county-by-county strategy for responding to weapons of mass destruction and terrorist attacks.
- $9.3 million to IEMA to build a new state-of-the-art State Emergency Operations Center that will act as a secure location to protect the governor and house 25 state agencies on call during an emergency. The federal funds require a state match of 25 percent, which is provided through a $3.1 million supplemental appropriation to the Illinois Capital Development Board. Under terms of the grant from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, the facility must be built within 18 months.
- $42 million to support homeland security activities at the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois State Police and the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH). IDOT will spend about $12.2 million, including the purchase of special equipment to screen cargo vehicles and implement a bridge security program. The state police will use most of its $14.2 million to purchase biological test equipment and protective gear designed to resist chemical and biological agents, and conduct specialized training. IDPH will earmark its $15 million for grants to local health departments and hospitals for bio-terrorism preparedness and response, creating local distribution plans for drugs available from the national Strategic National Stockpile and laboratory equipment.
- $5.1 million in new federal appropriation for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides more than 70 drugs to about 3,000 clients a month who have a gross income at or below 400 percent of poverty ($35,920 for a family of one). Total ADAP spending is expected to total $34.3 million this fiscal year.

In addition to spending authority for the federal funds, the supplemental bill permits the state to transfer nearly $100 million in bonds to the state's Road Fund and State Construction Account Fund to reimburse these funds for grants and loans made for statewide acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extension and improvement of highways, roads and bridges.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 12 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
JANUARY 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
JANUARY 12 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
JANUARY 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
JANUARY 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
JANUARY 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
JANUARY 13 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
JANUARY 14 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.
JANUARY 15 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
JANUARY 15 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Diane Dates Casey Appointed To GSU Directors Position

Governors State University announced recently that Professor Diane Dates Casey has been appointed as director of the University Library and coordinator of Academic Information Technology.

GSU Provost Paul Keys said, "We simply could not have found a candidate with a better track record for the position."

In addition to her duties at Governors State, Casey is an elected delegate to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Members Council, and she serves as chair for the Policy and Planning Committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), the technology services division of the American Library Assn.

Casey was previously appointed as Governor State's interim director of the University Library and coordinator of Academic Information Technology in July of 2001.

Keys said Casey's interim work resulted in significant upgrades and improvements to the university's library.

Casey has worked in the University Library since 1993, when she was hired as head of the cataloging services department and humanities librarian. Currently, Casey chairs the university's Information Technology Policy Council, which is guiding GSU toward digitized curriculum and smart classroom initiatives.

Casey lives in Oak Lawn with her husband, Dr. James B. Casey, director of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

ISMS Launch Veb-Based Obesity Drive

Now that the holidays have come to a close, it's again time to commit to a healthy lifestyle. With this in mind, the physicians at the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) have made a New Year's resolution to help Illinois patients reach this goal by providing a one-stop educational resource for both patients and physicians.

Throughout the country, the prevalence of obesity has risen at an alarming rate, and Illinois is no exception. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 20 percent of Illinois adults were obese in 2001. That's close to a 10 percent increase since 1991. Even more distressing, a recent study conducted by the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children discovered that 23 percent of public school students age three to seven are obese – more than double the national average.

"ISMS believes education is the best defense against chronic obesity," stated ISMS President William E. Kobler, M.D. "With so many resources available, finding the most relevant information can sometimes be a daunting task. With this in mind, ISMS has developed a way to help patients and physicians more easily access obesity-related information."

ISMS has launched a web-based program loaded with easy-to-access resources to help fight obesity. The Web site addresses such issues as children and obesity, guidelines on portion size, proper nutrition, physical activity and helpful tips for leading a healthy lifestyle. The resources compiled on this page provide vital information to assist physicians in promoting positive eating habits and a commitment to good health.

"Throughout the past year, countless studies have revealed that obesity is rapidly increasing in U.S. communities," stated Dr. Kobler. "This trend leads to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, osteoarthritis and a host of other weight-related health problems. Educating patients is the first step in prevention and management."

For more information about ISMS' Obesity Campaign or to arrange for a presentation by an ISMS physician, visit www.isms.org/professional/obesity.html. For information pertaining to your individual health needs, consult your physician.

Rotary Club Speaker

Paul Varnas, author of *Practical Magic* will be the guest speaker at Oak Lawn Rotary on Monday, Jan. 12.

Paul will discuss the history of alternative medicine, including chiropractic, homeopathy, acupuncture, and naturopathy. Rotary meets at the Hilton Oak Lawn at 12:15 p.m. Cost for non-members is $13.

Varnas was an instructor at National College of Chiropractic in Lombard from 1996 to 1998. He was responsible for developing curriculum and also taught clinical nutrition. He developed and marketed software to analyze nutritional symptoms.

For reservations call Dave Kobak at (708) 361-1177.

Navy Nuclear Grad

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Patrick F. Moses, a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit course at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, South Carolina.

Moses received instruction about nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. Upon completion of the course, Moses was designated a nuclear propulsion plant operator.

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County Building Being Re-Occupied

On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, a phased re-occupancy of the Cook County Administration Building began with floors 30-35 including approximately 150 employees from various departments including Capital Planning and Policy, Facilities Management, the Chief Judge and the State's Attorneys Office. During this first phase, 69 W. Washington will be considered a restricted access building for those with building identification only. President Stroger, who has an office on the 35th floor, was the first to re-occupy the building.

"Since the tragic fire of Oct. 17th, I have stated my unwavering commitment to equipping 69 W. Washington with additional life safety systems to provide enhanced protection for our employees and citizens. At the same time, we are committed to resuming government services at the building," said Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr.

In addition to equipping the building with sprinklers, all stairwell doors will remain unlocked until the new automatic release doors are completely installed. Employees returning to the building will be retrained on evacuation procedures in light of these changes. Additional security will patrol stairwells, and elevator access will be limited to those floors being re-occupied.

"The patience and professionalism exhibited by our employees over the past two months has been critical in enabling County government to provide uninterrupted services to our residents. I am immensely grateful to them for their efforts under these very difficult circumstances," said Stroger.

Worth Township Appeals Seminar

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Worth Township residents. The seminar will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15th at the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the seminar will begin at 6:30. The seminar is sponsored by Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton. Among other things, the seminar will inform homeowners how to determine whether they are over-assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out the appeal application. For more information about the seminar, call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome," said Murphy. "One goal of our seminars is to convince people otherwise. If you believe you may be over-assessed, you should appeal. There is no fee to apply for relief at the Board of Review. Our seminars had a positive effect for the 2002 appeal season because the average tax savings for homeowners who filed successful appeals was over $330. We also found that the number of successful appeals for the 2002 assessment year filed by individuals was 57%. Clearly, these traveling tax appeal seminars of ours have been a success," Murphy concluded.

Cook County is the second largest county in the country with over 1.6 million parcels of property to be assessed each year. Property owners may appeal their assessments to the Assessor, the Board of Review and the State Property Tax Appeal Board, in that order. Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

Install And Maintain Working Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms can save your life, your family and your home, but only if you maintain them properly and install them in the right places.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) advise homeowners and renters to install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of their home. Reports from the National Fire Protection Association show that more than 368,000 home fires occurred in the United States in 2000, resulting in 16,975 injuries and $5.5 billion in property damage "Having working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home dramatically increases your chances of survival should a fire occur. By providing an early warning in the event of a fire and practicing a well-developed home fire escape plan, smoke alarms allow you and your family sufficient time to reach safety," said John Drengenberg manager of Consumer Affairs for UL. "Your risk of dying in a home fire is literally cut in half by making sure your smoke alarm is installed and maintained properly."

Drengenberg also reminds parents that recent field studies and available research on human sleep patterns suggested that some children and elderly may not wake up to the sound of smoke alarms. Because of this new information, UL suggests increased awareness when developing a home fire escape plan and take steps to aid in their escape. For more information on smoke alarms and other product safety tips, visit UL's Web site at www.ul.com/consumers.

Jacob Tops List Of Popular Names

After reigning as the boys' most popular name in Illinois for more than three decades, Michael had been displaced in 2000 and 2001 by Jacob as the favorite boys' name. But in 2002, Michael is once again in its familiar spot amongst names most frequently selected by Illinois parents, according to an annual review of vital statistics collected by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health.

In 2002, there were 1,439 newborn boys named Michael and 1,405 Jacobs. Nationally, Jacob still ranks No. 1 with Michael in second place, according to statistics compiled by the Social Security Administration.

The other boys' names in the Illinois top 10 remain the same with only a couple changes in the ranking positions. Behind Michael and Jacob are Matthew, Daniel, Joshua, Nicholas, Anthony, Joseph, Alexander and Andrew.

For girls, Emily is still the most popular choice by Illinois parents, as is the case nationally. Emily has been the favorite name since 1997.

While there was stability at the top spot, following Emily were a number of changes. Making the biggest surge in popularity was Emma, which moved from 12th in the list of most selected names in 2001 to second in 2002. Also moving up the list were Madison, which rose from fifth in 2001 to third in 2002, and Olivia, which jumped from 10th to fourth in 2002. Other girls' names in the top 10 were Grace, Hannah, Abigail, Ashley, Samantha and Alexis.

The most popular names are part of the Department's annual compilation of vital statistics. More than a half million vital record events are logged each year as mandated by state statutes and federal uniform data collection requirements, including 180,555 births.

Other birth vital statistics recorded were the largest baby (14 pounds, 11½ ounces), the day most births occurred (July 2nd, 652), the day with the fewest births (Dec. 25th, 288), the day with the most births (July, 16,611), the month with the fewest births (February, 13,746), the oldest mother (53) and the oldest father (87). The median age of parents at the time of birth were: father, 30.9 years, and mother, 28.1 years.

A record 400 guests attended St. Francis Hospital & Health Care Center's 13th annual dinner-dance gala in November at the Field Museum in Chicago. In all the hospital raised $85,000, the most ever raised at this annual event.

"The funds raised at the gala will go towards maintaining the state-of-the-art health care offered at St. Francis, including our nationally recognized open-heart surgery program," said Colleen L. Kannaday, president of St. Francis.

(St. Francis recently was named a 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospital for the third year in a row by Evanston-based Solucient.)

The dinner-dance gala paid special tribute to the late Joseph Aurelio Jr., a long-time supporter of St. Francis and a founding member of the St. Francis Health Care Foundation Board of Directors. More than 50 of his friends and family members attended to commemorate his extraordinary life and generosity.

"Joe was a dear friend to St. Francis, and we are honored to recognize him in this very special way," Kannaday added.

A crystal keepsake, inscribed with the words, "A Tribute to the Charitable and Loving Life of Joseph Aurelio, Jr." was presented to Aurelio's four children, (pictured from left) JoeAurelio, Amy Kaminski, Susan Aurelio, and Lori Nagela.

"Joe truly lived a charitable, loving life, and we count ourselves as most fortunate to have called him friend," Kannady added.

Aurelio joined the St. Francis Health Care Foundation Board of Directors in 1990 and was an active supporter of the hospital's golf charity classic. He passed away in 2001.

Kannady also gave special thanks to the 2003 dinner-dance committee. Committee members included Pat Ahmed, Bonnie Christensen, Ginny Erickson, Carol French, Eileen French, Zenny Harry, Shirley Huise, Joiana Kakavas, Carol Kunst, Iracetta Lacey, Hyo Rae Lee, Dr. Ana Mangiano, Angela McClurkin, Denise Slivka, Dr. Melinda Tolentine, and Dr. Barb Wieties-Malm.

Local Grant Awards

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced more than $1.9 million in grants to local units of government, education and conservation organizations through the Conservation 2000 (C2000) Ecosystems Program.

The grants, awarded through 26 Ecosystem Partnerships located in all parts of the state, will be used to help restore more than 4,800 acres of forest, prairie and wetland habitat and acquire interest in more than 230 acres of land for conservation purposes. In addition, the grants will enable more than 13,000 students to participate in educational programs and projects focusing on the benefits of habitat restoration and protection.

"From restoring prairie grasses and stabilizing streambanks to developing educational programs that benefit thousands of students, the projects supported by these grants will have long-term benefits for the wildlife, plants and watershed resources in all parts of Illinois," the governor said. "The C2000 grant program helps local citizens and organizations improve environmental quality and the quality of life in their communities."

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Urge Hospitals To Reform Pricing Policies

The American Hospital Association's announcement recently that it will urge member hospitals to reform their pricing policies is welcome news for the millions of uninsured people in America.

For far too long, the hospital industry has been charging the most to people who can afford it least. Not only are uninsured patients forced to pay the highest rates for hospital care, but they are subject to aggressive collection practices that include garnishing their wages, placing liens on their homes, and driving them into bankruptcy.

Now that these practices have been brought to light, in part because of the research and advocacy of the Hospital Accountability Project, the hospital industry is responding with a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, hospitals are continuing to use the complexities of Medicare regulations to justify their discriminatory pricing policies – even though the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have made it clear that discounts can be offered to the uninsured under existing rules.

But what hospitals aren't saying is that they have always been able to provide needy patients with financial aid, commonly known as "charity care." In fact, most hospitals have an obligation to do so as non-profit, tax-exempt entities. And yet the charity care offered by hospitals rarely amounts to more than 1 or 2 percent of their gross revenues.

As lawmakers continue to examine hospitals' aggressive billing and collection practices, and Congress conducts hearings early next year, they should also take up the question of how much hospitals should be expected to provide in financial aid and begin to propose charity care standards for the industry.

Higher Gas Prices

Peoples Energy (NYSE: PGL) utility customers will experience higher gas charges in January reflecting the continued rise of the price of natural gas in the national market. Prices for January gas deliveries on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) fell at the close of December from their mid-month highs, but still settled at $6.15 per Dekatherm, up 26.5 percent from the $4.86 per Dekatherm December settlement price.

The January gas charge for customers of Peoples Gas is 64.70 cents per therm, which is 13.8 percent higher than the December charge of 56.86 cents per therm and 32.3 percent higher than the January 2003 charge of 48.92 cents per therm. The January 2004 gas charge for customers of North Shore is 61.04 cents per therm, which is 12.2 percent higher than the December charge of 54.41 cents and 23.2 percent higher than the January 2003 charge of 49.53 cents per therm.

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Rights Of Donors And The Recipient

With the advent in modern medicine of the possibilities of heart, kidney and numerous other vital organ transplants, it has become increasingly necessary for state legislatures and the courts, in conjunction with the medical profession, to determine proper and humane procedures which allow for these lifesaving measures to be carried out.

At the same time, there is a concern for safeguarding the interests and rights of both the potential donor and the recipient and their respective families. Illinois adopted the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act in 1969 to address issues which could rise out of these medical procedures. The Act regulates who may execute an anatomical gift, who may become a recipient, purposes for which the gifts are made, the manner of executing such gifts, and the rights and duties of persons involved after the death of the donor.

Persons who may execute an anatomical gift are any adult of sound mind to take effect upon such person's death. The gift may be made to the following persons in order of priority: the spouse, adult sons or daughters, either parent, adult brothers or sisters, and a guardian of the decedent. If any organ donee or recipient opposes the donation, the donor recipient cannot accept the gift.

Organ donations also may be made to any hospital, surgeon or physician, for medical or dental education, research or transplantation, to an accredited medical school for education or research, to a storage bank, or to any specified individual. Organ donations may also be made without specifying a recipient. If an organ donor specifies a particular recipient, who is not available at the time and place of birth, the attending physician may accept the organ donation provided there is no evidence that the donor, prior to death, would not consent to this change. Any physician who becomes a donor recipient under these circumstances may not participate either physically or financially in the procedures for removing or transplanting any organ.

When gifts are made by an individual donor by a will or a written document, a copy of the document may be delivered either to the recipient or other facility that accepts it for safekeeping in order to expedite procedures after death, but such delivery is not necessary to the validity of the gift.

The physician who determines the time of death of a person cannot participate in procedures for removing or transplanting an organ. Upon the death of the donor, the donor recipient may accept or reject the gift, but if it is accepted, the law provides that a decedent donor's body be treated not only according to the terms of the gift but humanely and with due respect to the surviving family.

Once authorized, anatomical gifts can be revoked by the delivery to the prospective donor recipient of a signed statement which has been witnessed and certified. Authorization can also be revoked by a signed card, carried on one's person, or a signed document, kept in one's effects, which was witnessed and certified at a date subsequent to date of the original gift. A third option is to amend the will.

For those organ donors who prefer to carry an organ donor card on their person, there is a space on the reverse side of the Illinois driver's license for the placement of the signatures of the donor and two witnesses, indicating that the individual is carrying an Anatomical Gift Card.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Assn. member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Training Program

This week the roll-out begins of the new web-based ethics training program for the 58,000 employees in offices and agencies under the governor's control. Employees of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office, Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn's office and Executive Inspector General Z. Scott's office will test the new program between now and Jan. 9th. Between Jan. 22nd and the end of May, the remaining employees will be trained. Under the recently-signed ethics package, all state employees are required to undergo ethics training on an annual basis.

"To truly change the culture in state government, we need to ensure that everyone involved – from the elected officials down to the mail-room clerks – understands what the rules are and how they apply to our work as employees of the public," said Blagojevich.

The 60-minute web-based program, developed by California-based LRN the Legal Knowledge Company, puts employees through several scenarios that test their responses to realistic workplace situations. The training covers key provisions of the new ethics laws, including the gift ban act, political activities, fundraising, bribery and official misconduct.

The training program is followed by a 10-question quiz. Employees must get at least eight correct answers to pass. Those who answer more than two questions incorrectly must retake the training and quiz.

McQueen Is Sentenced

Kenneth McQueen, 46, of Orland Park was sentenced Tuesday, Jan. 6th, to 11 years in federal prison for fraud. He reportedly cheated 96 victims out of $5 million by convincing them to invest money into his dividend reinvestment fund.

Reports show his victims included family members, friends and fellow parishioners from the church he attended. He allegedly used their money to purchase a big house, vacations and cars. McQueen was running this scam from 1996 until he was arrested in February, said officials.

McQueen was ordered to repay $5.2 million to his victims. Federal authorities are liquidating his remaining assets for restitution. He was sentenced to 135 months in prison.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor,

We've seen it all before. Towns, Counties, and even States, like Nevada. They couldn't make it $. Morally $ that is! So---------Lets bring in gambling.

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Ask yourself. Do we really need or even want another Las Vegas in Illinois?

Let's Hope Not!
Larry Hartigan
Palos Heights, IL

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This is a bittersweet time for the members of our Southwest Messenger family. We, as well as our readers, mourn the loss of our former publisher and mentor Walter H. Lysen. Our only satisfaction comes in the knowledge that he is now free of the bonds of mortality and suffering. His spirit will always be with us.

Having worked with Walter for the past twenty-nine years, I enjoyed hundreds of opportunities to discuss the background and philosophy of the All-Points Southwest column. Walter reminded me that his older brother Elmer Lysen penned this space nearly seventy years ago, using it as a beacon for political and professional points of view through the growing Southwest suburbs. Upon Elmer's death some twenty-eight years ago, Walter picked up the added responsibility of the column, in addition to his owner/publisher duties. He loved the contacts with both public officials and community businessmen and continued to expand the sphere of All-Points influence, reaching throughout the great state of Illinois and to the nation's capital. Quite a remarkable achievement by any standard.

We will not say good-bye to Walter H. Lysen, but rather safe-home...until we all meet again.

As a frequent contributor the last few years to All-Points Southwest, it is with a profound sense of responsibility that I recognize the heritage of this column. I will do my best to continue its legacy of providing pertinent local and countywide highlights to our readers.

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Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich has announced updated figures that show Illinois taxpayers paid $532 million in late, accelerated and new tax debts during the recently completed Illinois Tax Amnesty program, making it the most successful program of its kind in the country.

Preliminary figures estimated the state had taken in $504 million from 70,000 taxpayers during the Oct. 1 to Nov. 7 amnesty period, but Illinois Department of Revenue has reported an additional $28 million from another 11,000 taxpayers. The previous record for money collected through a tax amnesty program had been held by the state of New York, which took in $520 million earlier this year.

"Citizens with tax debts hanging over their heads flocked to tax amnesty," the Governor said. "We gave taxpayers the chance to clear these debts and they responded. Besides clearing up some old debts due to the state, the money will help us deal with a historic budget deficit."

Most of the tax amnesty participation came from individuals, who accounted for 90 percent of payments and five percent of dollars collected, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue. The average individual income tax payment was $400.

Under tax amnesty, Illinois taxpayers who paid back taxes between Oct. 1 and Nov. 17 did not have to pay penalty and interest charges. For those who chose not to use amnesty, penalties and interest doubled beginning Nov. 18.

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According to State Comptroller Daniel Hynes state income and sales tax receipts continued to stagnate or decline in the second half of 2003, indicating that despite mixed signals of an economic upturn nationally, no such recovery has yet hit Illinois.

"We're still waiting," said Hynes. "Unfortunately, the major revenue sources most clearly tied to the economy are performing in a way that continues to give us cause for concern."

Through the first six months of fiscal year 2004, $287 million in corporate, individual and sales tax receipts have been deposited into the General Fund from a tax amnesty program implemented in the last quarter by the state. But when those sources are excluded, individual income tax receipts fell by $156 million, corporate taxes declined by $24 million and sales taxes grew by only $22 million or 0.7 percent over comparable FY03 figures.

On the spending side, absent an immediate economic recovery, cash flow pressures in the second half of the fiscal year will be severe because of the need to repay $1.522 billion in short-term borrowing implemented last year, Hynes said. Currently, only $325 million has been reserved to repay that loan, leaving $1.197 billion to be repaid in the next six months. As a consequence, a cash flow backlog that is currently at $1.2 billion is expected to surpass $2 billion in the coming months.

Hynes emphasized that until the economy begins to show significant signs of recovery, budget problems will persist. "It's all about jobs, about getting people back to work," said Hynes. "When the economy is healthy, revenues go up."

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Locally, Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Worth Township residents on Thursday, Jan. 15th at the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie. Registration at 6 p.m. and seminar at 6:30 p.m. Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

The seminar is sponsored by Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton. Among other things, the seminar will inform homeowners how to determine whether they are over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out the appeal application. For more information about the seminar call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

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Kevin Joyce, State Representative of the 35th District, will kick off his re-election campaign on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 115 Bourbon Street. This event, organized by local supporters Friends of Kevin Joyce, will be from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact (773) 298-0035.

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The political action arm of the Club for Growth announced that it has endorsed Republican Jack Ryan for the United States Senate in Illinois.

"Jack Ryan is a pro-growth Republican committed to policies that will create more jobs and more economic opportunities in Illinois and around the nation," said Stephen Moore, president of the Club for Growth. "We are impressed with Jack Ryan's commitment to real choice-based education reform, inspired by his experience teaching minority children in an inner-city school. He is also successful in business and understands tax, regulatory and legal policies that will help small businesses grow and prosper."

The Club for Growth was founded in 1999 to elect pro-economic growth, fiscal conservatives.

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas congratulates property tax refund recipient Leroy Franklin at her office in the County Building. The tax refunds result from late filing for homeowner, senior, senior freeze exemptions. The presentation to Franklin and other property tax refund recipients was part of TOPS – Treasurer's Outreach Program and Services.

Host Free Broadcast

Janet H. O'Brien, the Palos Park Edward Jones investment representative, will host the free broadcast program, "Outlook 2004: A Turning Point for America?" featuring political adviser David Gergen at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 8101 W. 123rd St. in Palos Park.

"In the past year, the United States has experienced war, recession and a lingering bear market," said O'Brien. "But today, the economy and market are showing signs of improvement. Could this be a turning point for America?"

The broadcast features a panel of financial experts and special guest David Gergen, former adviser to both Democratic and Republican presidents. The panel will explore the state of the nation, economy and financial markets in 2004.

During this one-hour televised event, the panel will discuss:

- The aftermath of 2003
- The upcoming presidential election and its effect on the economy
- Strategies for one's portfolio in 2004

This interactive event is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the Jan. 13th program, call O'Brien at (708) 923-6678. If unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

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Directed Study Classes

Moraine Valley Community College offers a wide variety of directed study classes in the spring 2004 semester. Directed study classes are credit classes set up by instructors to provide the student with an opportunity to analyze course material independently and to complete predetermined course objectives.

Directed study classes offered in the spring include College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; Composition II; Criminology; Principles of Macro-Economies; History of Asia; History of Latin America; History of the Middle East; Western Humanities I: Foundations; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Human Relations in Organizations; Social Psychology; Adult Psychology; General Sociology; Introduction to Social Work; and Theater Appreciation.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Amber Alert Program Statistics

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich released figures indicating that upgrades made to Illinois' Amber Alert program during 2003 have made a dramatic difference in the system's ability to help law enforcement quickly locate and recover missing children.

The Illinois State Police statistics indicate that the Amber Alert program was activated 15 times in Illinois in 2003. This total compares to three activations in 2002. All 15 alerts this year were resolved and the Amber Alert program is credited for recovering six of the abducted children.

"We must do everything we can to help our law enforcement officials respond quickly when a child disappears. We did that in 2003 by coordinating with the National Weather Service and our state's broadcasters. We were able to take a good program and make it even better," Blagojevich said.

Last spring, Blagojevich announced changes in the state's AMBER Alert program, which allowed law enforcement to notify the media about a child abduction much faster than before. The original system required police to notify the news media via blast-fax. Under the improved plan, law enforcement coordinates with the National Weather Service (NWS) to use its Emergency Alerts System (EAS) – the system used to send alerts the media when hazardous weather is approaching – to notify media outlets about child abductions. As a result, the Amber Alert is immediately transmitted to the news media, drastically reducing the response time.

Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent said, "The improvements to Illinois' child-abduction alert system are making a difference. The partnership with Illinois law enforcement, Illinois broadcasters, National Weather Service and others has made our communities more responsive and aware of children in dangerous situations."

Parents should still follow these tips to help their children stay safe:

- Children should know their full name, home phone number and how to use the telephone.
- Choose babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends and neighbors. Once you have chosen a caregiver, drop in unexpectedly to see how your children are doing. Ask your children about their experience with the caregiver, and listen carefully to their responses.
- Interact regularly with your neighbors. Tell your children whose homes they are allowed to visit.
- Don't drop your children off alone at malls, movie theaters, video arcades, or parks.
- Teach your children that adults should not approach children for help or directions. Tell your children that if they are approached by an adult, they should stay alert because this may be a trick.
- Never leave children unattended in an automobile. Children should never hitchhike or approach a car when they don't know and trust the driver.
- Children should never go anywhere with anyone without getting your permission first.

Blagojevich reminded the public that if they have a tip on the whereabouts of a child, adult or vehicle that is the subject of an Amber Alert, they should immediately call 9-1-1 or the telephone number given in the Amber Alert and provide authorities with as much information as possible.

Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the names of this year's students honored as Illinois State Scholars. The Commission is pleased to announce that 62 students from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School are being recognized as Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement.

"These students should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. The Commission congratulates them and wishes them the best in their future endeavors," proclaimed Larry Matejka, ISAC's executive director.

Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the state's 136,198 high school graduating seniors have been named State Scholars. Rankings are based on a combination of ACT and/or SAT 1 test score results and GPA at the end of junior year of high school unless the students achieved a score at or about the 95th percentile for Illinois students on one of the standardized tests. While the program does not provide a monetary award, the designation as a State Scholar can be listed on applications for college admission and scholarships.

The previous list of names inadvertently omitted Anna E. Statham of Beverly and Allison A. Todd of Orland Park.

Re-Elect Michael Smith

Michael K. Smith was re-elected president of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC).

Smith, mayor of the Village of New Lenox, was first elected to the Commission in 1999 by the Assembly of Suburban Mayors and Village Presidents to represent Will County municipalities. He previously served as Secretary and Chair of the Legislative Committee at NIPC.

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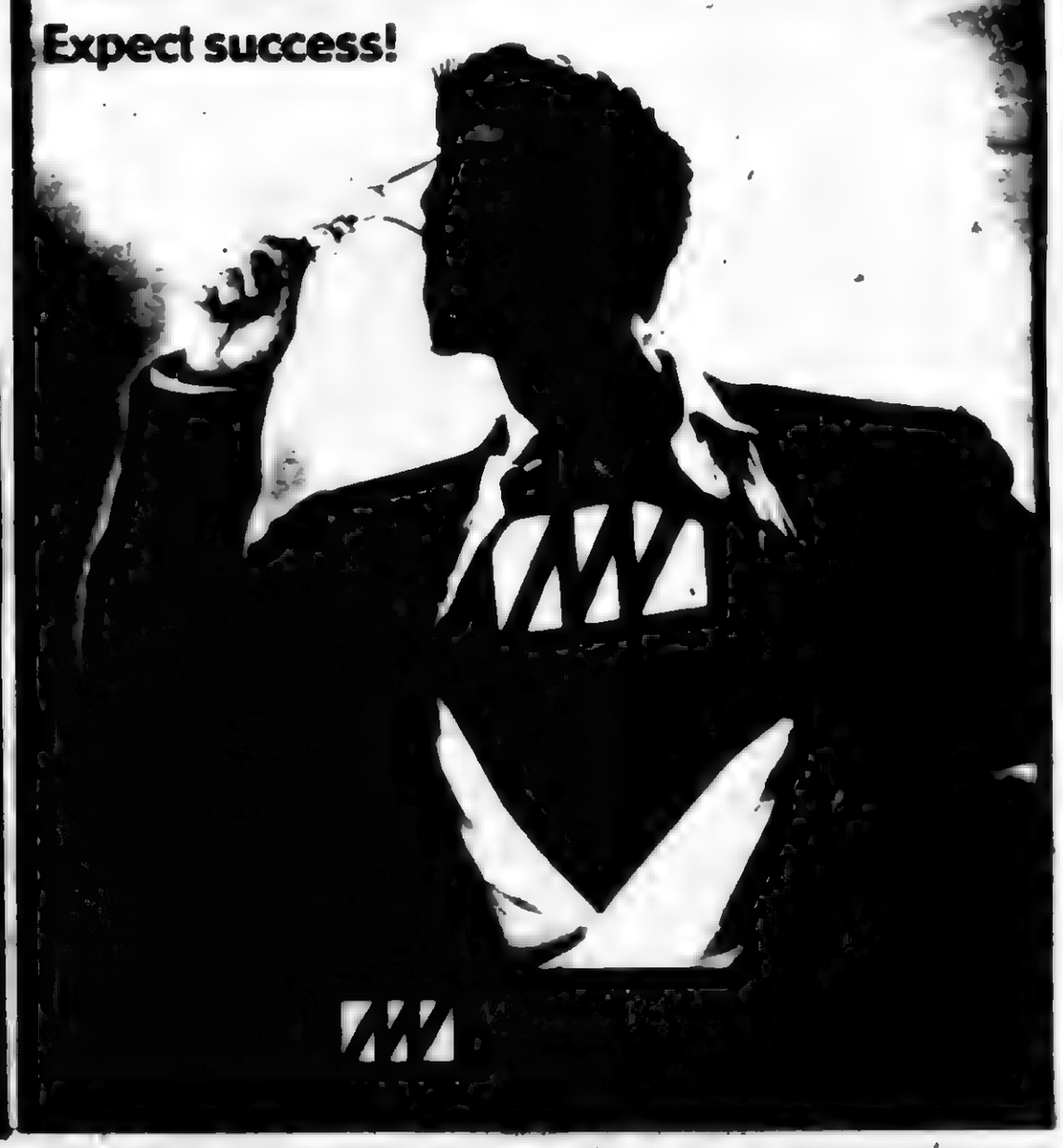

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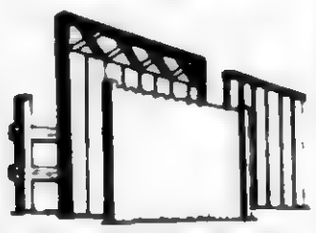

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Illinois AFL-CIO President Margaret Blackshere is expected to announce the outcome of the State Federation's Political Endorsement Session today, Thursday, Jan. 8th, directly following the vote.

Delegates from Illinois AFL-CIO international affiliated unions as well as representatives from 25 Central Labor Councils, 21 Building Trades Councils and 19 Political Education Committees (COPE) are gathered at the Hyatt O'Hare to discuss each candidate's voting record and responses to Labor's questionnaire. Delegates will recommend candidates to the State Federation's Executive Board for the final decision.

State candidates, including those for the Illinois House of Representatives, Illinois Senate and U.S. Congress, will be included. Candidates must receive a two-thirds majority vote to be endorsed by the Illinois AFL-CIO. Each international affiliated union casts a weighted vote based on membership. Each Labor Council, Building Trades Council, State Organization and Education Committee is allowed one vote.

State federations of the AFL-CIO do not endorse for U.S. President.

Road Service Calls

AAA Chicago's Emergency Roadside Assistance crews have been especially busy as a result of the first extremely cold weather conditions of the year. On Jan. 5, the customer care advocates in the Aurora Call Center answered nearly 3,000 calls from motorists needing assistance in Illinois and Northwest Indiana.

Currently, AAA Chicago has more than 300 towing service providers under contract, and placed more than 1,000 vehicles on the road to assist members.

"Normally during such freezing cold temperatures, the highest percentage of calls are for 'won't starts' and there is also an increase in 'flat tire' calls," said David Bufka, senior vice president of member and automotive services.

On average, AAA Chicago fields more than 33,000 emergency road service calls a month. In 2003, the club responded to more than 383,000 ERS calls.

The club reminds motorists that car batteries four or five years old should be replaced or load tested to make sure they could handle these extreme cold temperatures. As the temperature drops, so does your battery's starting power. At 32 degrees, a car's battery loses 35 percent of its power. At zero degrees, a car's battery is 60 percent weaker. Also, as a battery ages, it loses the 'cranking power' it had when it was new.

Illinois Is First To Fall Last To Recover

Illinois has historically been one of the first states to fall into economic recession and one of the last to recover. While reports of an imminent national economic recovery begin to appear, state revenues driven by the economy are not growing. Total individual and corporate income taxes are down while sales taxes are up only modestly.

Through the first half of fiscal year 2004, revenues are up $1.269 billion and spending has increased $1.147 billion. This is reflected in the small improvement in the cash balance adjusted to reflect unpaid bills.

Base revenues (excluding borrowing) increased $1.979 billion or 17.7% and can be attributed to three factors. First, the state issued $10 billion in pension General Obligation Bonds last year with $1.860 billion allocated to the General Funds. So far this year, $965 million has been transferred from the Pension Contribution Fund. Second, the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 allocated a grant of $422 million to the state and temporarily increased Medicaid reimbursement rates from 50% to 53%. As a result, federal revenues have increased $909 million or 46.3%. Third, the state implemented a tax amnesty program. Through the first six months of fiscal year 2004, this program has deposited $507 million from various sources with $287 million going to the General Funds.

On the expenditure side, growth of $668 million in Medicaid grant spending is due in part to the increased availability of federal funds. In May last year, the state borrowed $1.5 billion in short-term loans and to date $230 million has been transferred to begin paying back the loan. State Board of Education grants are up $111 million primarily for general state aid to the schools.

Even with this revenue and expenditure activity the state still maintains a significant backlog of unpaid bills. As of Dec. 31st, 2003, the existing backlog totaled $1.236 billion compared to $1.430 billion last year.

BASE REVENUES

Total base revenues in the General Funds (excluding short-term borrowing and the transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund) totaled $13.096 billion through the first half of fiscal year 2004, an increase of $1.969 billion or 17.7%. State sources increased $1.060 billion (11.6%) while federal sources were up $909 million (46.3%).

Federal sources are up through the second quarter due to the acceleration of Medicaid payments following $422 million in federal grants and increased Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The increase in state sources is the result of a $908 million increase in transfers in and a $152 million increase in cash receipts. The growth in transfers in stems from the transfer of $965 million from the Pension Contribution Fund.

Corporate income tax cash receipts increased $125 million through the first half of fiscal year 2004 followed by sales taxes (up $117 million), riverboat taxes ($70 million), public utility taxes (up $47 million) and insurance taxes (up $24 million).

Cash receipts increased as $287 million from the tax amnesty program was deposited into the General Funds. While there were amnesty receipts from various sources, the primary components were $149 million in corporate income taxes, $95 million in sales taxes, $34 million in individual income taxes, and $9 million in public utility taxes.

EXPENDITURES

Through December, General Fund expenditures totaled $13.293 billion, $1.147 billion or 9.4% above last year. Total General Funds appropriations are up $1.240 billion from last year and 50.6% of current year appropriations have been spent in the first half of fiscal year 2004. Awards and grants spending is up $717 million or 8.7% through the first six months while operations spending is down $48 million or 1.4%.

Regular state operations expenditures increased by $14 million or 0.6% and higher education operations decreased by $62 million or 6.2% in the first six months of fiscal year 2004. However, the increase in regular state operations is somewhat misleading as $80 million in state employees health insurance was vouchered at the end of December compared to January in the last fiscal year. Absent this action and with spending comparable to last year, regular state operations would have declined by $66 million or 2.6%.

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

On the revenue side of the ledger, uncertainty remains in the second half of fiscal year 2004. Even though there are some mixed indications of an economic recovery nationally, no recovery has been realized yet at the state level for the major revenue sources tied to the economy. Also, the sale of certain state assets such as the Thompson Center in Chicago and the reselling of the Emerald Casino riverboat license were projected to bring in $583 million for the year, however, no money has been realized from these transactions to date. Additionally, $125 million that was to have been transferred from the Environmental Trust Fund is held up in litigation and it is still unknown whether or not all monies expected from administrative charge-backs and fee increases will be realized.

On the spending side, the pace of spending from current year appropriations is sure to slow as the largest component of spending (Medicaid) has exhausted nearly two-thirds of its spending authority through only half the year. Although the pace of spending from appropriations is certain to decelerate, the transfer of General Revenue Fund dollars will increase as set-asides to repay the $1.5 billion in short-term borrowing from last year must be implemented. Currently, only $325 million of the $1.522 billion repayment has been reserved leaving $1.197 billion to be repaid in the last half of fiscal year 2004.

Kiwanis Speaker

Jeanne Marie Reynolds, attorney with Reynolds & Reynolds, LTD, will address the Southwest Chicago Kiwanis on Tuesday, Jan. 13th following a 6:30 p.m. dinner in Corrigan's Pub & Restaurant, 3010 W. 111th St.

Martha Hamende, program coordinator, announced that Jeanne will discuss probate, domestic relations, foreclosures and any other questions the group may have.

Reynolds is a partner with the firm and acts as outside general counsel by providing legal services in all aspects of litigation and business transactions. Since 1990 she has been the Chair Qualified Arbitrator in the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program. She is a member of the Chicago Bar Assn.; Commercial Litigation Committee, where she serves as secretary; Illinois Bar Assn.; American Bar Assn.; Women's Bar Assn. of Illinois, where she is the director for 2003-04; North Suburban Bar Assn., also director 2003-04; and Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Chicago.

Increase Parking Rates

The city of Chicago recently proposed an increase in the parking rates at Millennium Park garage.

"Millennium Park will be Chicago's newest world-class destination for families, tourists and convention-goers," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "It will guarantee new revenues in Chicago for decades to come – conservative estimates say it could generate $100 million to $150 million of new tourist revenues each year."

Currently, the garage charges parkers $10 per day including taxes. Under the proposed ordinance, daily rates will cost $12 per day including taxes and monthly rates will go from $200 per to $210.

Since the garage opened in February 2001, usage has steadily increased. Through September 2003 there's been a total of 2,538 monthly parkers at Millennium Park garage and more than 459,000 transient parkers.

Free Meeting

Lifelink's international adoption program is hosting a free information meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at its regional office at 331 S. York Road, in Bensenville. For more information, call (630) 521-8281.

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AGE-RELATED VISION LOSS

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of vision loss in people over age 55, involves the breakdown of cells in the macula, the small area of the retina that gives us sharp eyesight and central vision. "Dry" AMD, which accounts for 90% of cases, is identified by the presence of "drusen." These are small, whitish-yellow deposits that accumulate in the retina and break down the light-sensing cells of the macula. Early symptoms include distorted outlines and blurry or blank spots in the center of the visual field. "Wet" AMD, the more damaging form is characterized by an overgrowth of blood vessels in the macula. Most wet AMD, which usually progresses to blindness, occurs in those who already have dry AMD.

As our population ages, vision loss from AMD is likely to become a significant health care issue. As a general guideline, a comprehensive vision and eye health exam is recommended once every two years if your eyes are completely healthy. Your eye MD will indicate to you how often you need to be seen. At LIANG RETINA CARE, we're currently accepting new patients and welcome you to call us to schedule an appointment.

P.S. Treating dry AMD is largely limited to watchful waiting and close monitoring of drusen, while wet AMD treatments include laser procedures.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar Night America Viewing Party

The Chicago Academy for the Arts has been chosen by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to host an Oscar Night America viewing party in Chicago.

As the only organization in Chicago to be officially sanctioned to host an Oscar Night America, Chicago Academy for the Arts will orchestrate a fundraising event to take place on Feb. 29th, the night of the 76th Academy Awards, and has been licensed to use the Academy's famous Oscar™ trademark to brand its event.

The Academy will provide Chicago Academy for the Arts with the same printed Academy Award show programs as those handed out at the ceremonies in Los Angeles. The Academy also will provide official commemorative posters and will create public service announcements for local airing broadcasters.

Oscar Night America was created by the Academy in 1994 to allow fundraising organizations across the country to benefit from an exclusive association with the Academy Awards on Oscar Night.

"Oscar Night has always been a night for friends and families to gather to root and cheer for their favorite films and stars," said Ric Robertson, executive director of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "This nationwide network of fundraising parties is a natural extension of that shared experience with the additional benefit of garnering attention for some very important causes like Chicago Academy for the Arts."

The Academy provides official Oscar Night America parties with the same printed Academy Awards show programs as those handed out at the ceremonies in Los Angeles and permits the party organizers to use the image of the Academy's copyrighted Oscar statuette on invitations and other materials. The Academy also donates official commemorative posters and creates public service announcements for local broadcast.

Most of the parties are black-tie affairs, though some are less formal, with varied and distinctive touches. Some events, for example, ask party goers to dress up as famous couples, and some feature limousine arrivals, walks down red carpets, celebrities, photographers or "paparazzi" and press interviews with arriving guests.

Only one charity party in a given city may participate in Oscar Night America. Events are completely produced by local non-profit organizations, with the active participation of the local ABC-TV affiliate station. Charities presenting parties this year are the Arthritis Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, City of Hope, Family and Children's Counseling Centers, American Red Cross, Special Olympics Texas, Utah Aids Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, Minnesota AIDS Project, Capitol City AIDS Fund, Volunteers of America, Variety Club, The Ellie Fund, AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Take Charge Cure for Parkinson's, Child and Family Resources, California Film Institute, Miami Beach Film Society, Heartland Film Festival and other local arts foundations and film festivals.

Concept Marketing Development of Camarillo, California, will assist the Academy in coordination of the program for the 11th consecutive year.

Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2003 will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 29 at the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland® and televised live by the ABC Television Network at 5 p.m. PST, beginning with a half-hour arrival segment.

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School Of Ballet Will Hold Auditions

On Sunday, Jan. 18th, The School of Ballet Chicago will hold auditions for the 2004 Summer Course and Advanced Intensive Program at the School of Ballet Chicago. Eligible students from ages 11 years and up are invited to audition.

Ballet Chicago, home of The School of Ballet Chicago and The Ballet Chicago Studio Company enjoys a reputation as one of the most highly respected training programs in the country. Since its formation in 1995, The School of Ballet Chicago has offered exceptional classical ballet training in the Balanchine tradition to talented dancers worldwide.

The School of Ballet Chicago's 2004 Summer Course will take place from June 28th to July 30th. Dates for the Advanced Intensive Program are Aug. 2-13

Registration for the audition will take place at the School of Ballet Chicago, 218 S. Wabash, 3rd Floor from 12 to 1 p.m. with the audition following from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (11-14 yrs.) and 2:30 to 4 p.m. (15 yrs. and up). The School of Ballet Chicago can be reached at (312) 251-8838.

For further information, contact Ballet Chicago at (312) 251-8838.

EPCHS Jazz Ensemble Will Be At Hackney's

The Evergreen Park Community High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at Hackney's Restaurant and Night Club on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

This annual event always brings out parents, teachers, alumni and friends for an enjoyable evening of good food, good music and all around good time.

St. Clare de Montefabis School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971 [illegible]

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St. Agnes School class of 1954 is planning a 2004 reunion. Contact Barbara Lupien at (708) 747-9194.

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Lindblom High School class of January 1954 seeks alumni. Call (708) 687-6179.

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Wentworth High School class of 1955 seeks alumni. Call (630) 789-6803.

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Most Holy Redeemer Grammar School class of 1954 will meet next year. Call (847) 827-5688.

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Hometown Elementary School class of 1980 seeks alumni. Call (408) 288-4458.

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St. Benedict School – looking for all alumni. Call (708) 371-5519.

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Our Lady of the Ridge School, Chicago Ridge, is seeking alumni for its 50th anniversary on Feb. 21st, 2004 at Glendora House. Call (708) 802-1990 or e-mail www.ourladyoftheridge.com.

Chicago Theater History

The Chicago Public Library presents a new exhibition celebrating and chronicling the history of Chicago theater entitled *Theater That Works: A Chicago Story*. This free exhibition will be open from Jan. 31st, 2004 through February 2005 in the Special Collections Exhibit Hall on the 9th floor of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

No city in the country has theater history like Chicago, the birthplace of such smash productions as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Grease* and *Balm in Gilead*; and stars such as actors Joan Allen and Joe Mantegna and acclaimed playwright David Mamet. It has also seen its share of tragedy including the Iroquois Theater fire, Chicago's most deadly fire.

This exhibition, the largest ever assembled in our city, will display the colorful history of Chicago's internationally known actors, directors and productions. These genuine treasures document just how much has happened and how rich Chicago theater has been over the years. From a small troupe of traveling actors in 1837 to a large resident community unrivaled in its diversity and energy in 2003, theater in Chicago has given this city an amazing legacy of rewarding and renowned achievements.

SXU Artwork Exhibit

Seven McAuley students and two McAuley alumnae displayed artwork at Saint Xavier University's exhibition titled "War, A World Wide Web," Dec. 1 through 12.

The exhibition contained two-dimensional artwork created by student artists from area high schools and Saint Xavier University. McAuley students that participated and titles of their work are: Kristen Cummings (junior) "Black and Blue," Lauren DeLa Torre (senior) "Hate," Kathryn Gallik (junior) "Life Outside The Peace," Erin Gorman (junior) "The Tears America Cries," Laura Rogers (junior) "War of Money," Kate Sirtani (senior) "The Game of War," and Kathy Wollner (senior) "Untitled."

McAuley alumnae whose work was displayed are Seanna Higgins ('03) "Sept. 11th," and Annie Mui ('03) "Let There Be Peace."

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Reopen Sheridan Correction Center

At a time when the state has reached the highest recidivism rate in history of 50 percent, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced the reopening of Sheridan Correctional Center as the largest fully-dedicated state drug prison and community crime reduction program in the nation. National, state and local experts involved in the planning process of the facility have already begun touting the program as showing great promise to reach its goal of becoming a national model for reducing crime.

In addition to aggressively working to address crime and recidivism throughout all state communities, the reopening of Sheridan Correctional Center will restore more than 400 jobs in the surrounding region of LaSalle County.

"For too long, our state has led the nation in drug crime. Today, we begin our efforts to lead the nation for drug crime prevention," said Blagojevich. "The Sheridan project is about public safety. Illinois faces the highest recidivism rate in state history. Statistics show that more than half of the nearly 34,000 parolees on the street today will be reincarcerated within only three years after their release from prison. We know that drug use is a significant contributing factor in recidivism, and we owe it to our communities to take on this challenge."

Sheridan, a 1,300 capacity facility, will target medium-security level offenders in need of drug treatment, and that are projected to serve six to 24 months after good conduct credit is accounted. On Jan. 2, Sheridan received its first 50 inmates, and 200 inmates per month will be sent to the facility until it reaches full capacity.

Approximately 600-800 inmates are projected to complete their sentences and be released annually from the program back into their communities. Each of those inmates will undergo the most intensive community reentry and supervision program in state history. Led by an assigned parole agent, a reentry team will work together with communities to move offenders away from crime and toward a crime-free, drug-free lifestyle and honest jobs.

Gift Cards May Charge Dormancy Fee

If you are one of millions of people who received gift cards this holiday season, there are a few details you need to be aware of. Stating consumers need to get what they paid for, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka recently announced legislation that protects consumers from the new trend in holiday gift cards that charge dormancy fees and service charges.

"While gift cards offer a great convenience for people looking for a perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for person, consumers need to be protected from the fees and charges that may be associated with these cards," said Topinka.

In 2001, Topinka was successful in passing consumer protection legislation resulting in the removal of expiration dates from gift certificates and gift cards. Since that time, the use of stored value gift cards has created a new problem that many consumers are unaware of. "Many of these stored value gift cards, while technically not expiring, contain service charges, account maintenance fees, cash-out fees, replacement card fees and activation and reactivation charges that reduce the value of the card under certain circumstances," said Topinka.

For example, you might not use the card for 6 months or 12 months and then the company starts deducting service fees or charging you to reactivate the card to use the remaining balance. Some cards begin to lose as much as $4 a month after a certain time period and many times that is retroactive to the date the card was purchased. But of course, there are some cards which will retain their value forever.

Topinka proposed, legislation for the spring legislative session to protect Illinois consumers from these fees. "I am seeking to amend the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, which is administered by my office, to provide that retailers that charge these fees will no longer be exempt from reporting unused portions of the gift cards to the State as unclaimed property," said Topinka. "The legislation would give retailers two choices. They can remove all charges and fees and continue to honor all gift certificates and gift cards forever, or they will be required to remit all unused gift certificates and gift cards to the State Treasurer so that we can return the money to the owners of the certificates or cards."

Working with Consumers Union, the Treasurer's office believes we have found a way to protect consumers while overcoming certain legal obstacles such as federal preemption issues. "The Consumers Union is a recognized national leader in consumer protection and we welcome their support of this legislation," said Topinka.

Until this new legislation goes into effect, Topinka encourages anyone who received a gift card over the holidays to recognize that all gift certificates and gift cards are not created equal.

"Consumers need to look at the fine print and ask questions," said Topinka. "Everyone needs to review the details and conditions of the gift cards they received. Also, if you purchased a gift certificate with these restrictions, make sure you tell the recipient about them."

Eastern Paralyzed Vets Group Change Name

The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, a national veterans service and disability rights organization, announced that it begins the process of changing its name and broadening its membership eligibility. The Jackson Heights, Queens-based group will be known as the United Spinal Association, and it will begin to offer membership and service to anyone with a disability or disease of the spinal cord.

In announcing these important advances, United Spinal's Executive Director, Gerard M. Kelly, emphasized the group's continuing commitment to help veterans with spinal cord disabilities, stating, "within the past two weeks we have acquired the Wounded Warrior Project, which provides direct assistance to newly-injured veterans of the conflict in Iraq and their family members. Serving military veterans with disabilities will always be the foundation of our work."

"At the same time," continued Kelly, "historically we have recognized that the majority of our members use a wheelchair on a daily basis to get around. Consequently, we have placed significant resources over the years into such areas as better medical treatment and a potential cure for spinal cord injury and disease, and improved accessibility to public buildings, transportation, and housing. These efforts benefit anyone with a spinal cord disability, so opening our membership to non-veterans is a natural next step."

The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association was founded in the New York City area in 1947 by veterans with spinal cord injuries who were returning home from World War II. United Spinal is dedicated to enhancing the lives of veterans and all Americans with spinal cord injuries (SC) or diseases by ensuring quality health care, promoting research, and advocating for civil rights and independence.

For more information, visit www.unitedspinal.org.

Dealing With Winter Road Emergencies

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Motorists should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies.

If your vehicle becomes stuck and you are stranded, don't panic. By remaining calm, a stranded motorist can think more clearly about how to respond to the situation.

AAA Chicago recommends the following safety tips for long-distance winter trips:

Watch weather reports prior to any long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by an AAA Approved Auto Repair facility. There are thousands of AAA approved shops and you can find them on the Internet at www.aaa.com or by calling (866) 968-7222.

Keep at least a half tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times. Pack an emergency kit for your car that includes a cellular telephone, blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.

If you become snowbound, stay with your vehicle. It provides excellent temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It is easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.

Don't overexert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress.

At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

Make sure the exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running. For fresh air, open a window slightly on the side away from the wind and be sure snow or frost does not block ventilation.

Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps. If possible, run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Vehicle Maintenance

You depend on your car. But can your car depend on you? Regular maintenance checks and simple service can prevent trouble down the road, and save you time and money. **How to Find Your Way Under the Hood & Around the Car** from the Motorist Assurance Program and the Car Care Council gives you instructions for 14 preventative maintenance services you can perform on your car for little or no cost. This publication costs $1. For your copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 308L. Have your credit card handy. Or send your name and address and a check or money order for $1 to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 308L, Pueblo, CO 81009. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Do to the death of her father, Messenger Publisher Walter H. Lysen, Ms. Lysen's column will not appear this week.

MVCC Short-Term Classes Begin

Look into taking short-term classes at Moraine Valley Community College.

A variety of short-term classes encompassing a wide range of subjects start throughout the spring semester at Moraine Valley. Short-term classes are usually eight weeks long, but classes can vary in length from two to 12 weeks. The majority of short-term classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Additional short-term classes also begin every week throughout the semester. Full 17-week credit courses for the spring 2004 semester begin the week of Jan. 20th.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110, TT/TDD (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's Web site, www.morainevalley.edu, or by touch-tone phone at (708) 974-5400.

Safety Of School Kids Being Transported

People living in rural areas, small towns, suburbs and even city residents are accustomed to seeing the old yellow school bus, but not everyone may be familiar with the special body of laws designed for the safety of school children being transported.

Upon approaching a school bus stopped for the purpose of loading or discharging pupils, a motorist traveling in either direction must stop and remain stopped until the bus signals are no longer activated. Failure to observe these rules can result in a conviction which carries a penalty of 30 days' suspension of the offending motorist's driver's license for the first offense, and greater penalties for repeat offenders.

School buses must be affixed with special visual equipment and other safety devices. In addition to the STOP arm on the driver's side of the bus, all school buses must be equipped with an 8-lamp flashing signal, permitting a red light to be used while the school bus is stopped, and an amber (or caution) light to be used just prior to and after stopping. The law states that these visual warnings can be used only when loading or discharging pupils.

Other safety devices required to be carried on school buses are fire extinguishers and first aid kits. Buses that carry 17 or more passengers and that were manufactured after July 31st, 1976, must have laminated safety glass.

The law also makes special provisions relating to speed zones in the vicinity of school buildings. The rules require that when official signs are posted, no motorist shall drive in excess of 20 miles per hour during school days when school children are present.

To distinguish official school buses from other types of buses, the law provides that no vehicle other than one registered as a school bus can be painted the national school bus color, chrome yellow, nor can any other vehicle be identified with the words "school bus." When yellow school buses are used for transporting passengers on other than official school business, the "school bus" sign must be covered.

Applaud Successful Snow Removal Efforts

Cook County Board President John Stroger recently applauded the County's Highway Dept. for their successful snow removal efforts during the first major storm of the winter season.

On Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m., 34 trucks equipped for salt spreading and snow plowing, in addition to three graders, were dispatched and plowed until approximately midnight. More than 1,568 tons of salt were used during this phase.

After midnight, replacement drivers continued to plow and apply salt, enabling the County to clear all roads and have them open and in good condition prior to Monday morning's rush hour. An additional 1,004 tons of salt were used during the overnight portion of the snow removal effort.

The Cook County Highway Dept. maintains a 577-mile modern transportation network, including 126 bridges. County highways traverse parts of the city of Chicago and all 30 suburban townships.

False Weight Loss Claims Warning

With many consumers vowing to shed extra pounds in the New Year, Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged Illinoisans aiming to lose weight in 2004 to protect themselves from fraudulent claims that could result in a lighter wallet but not a smaller waistline.

Madigan noted that increasing exercise and fitness are terrific goals for the new year. However, consumers must know that some retailers pushing diet products are no doubt aware of their clients' susceptibility and may even have a history of making false claims. Advertisements for weight loss products are often riddled with deceptive claims and health club contracts can tie exercisers down to limitations they weren't prepared for.

Fraudulent health and fitness businesses prey on the insecurities and health concerns of a large part of the American population. The American Obesity Association (AOA) most recent statistics revealed that 127 million adults in the United States are overweight, 60 million are obese and nine million are severely obese. According to the AOA, 20.5 percent of the obese adults in the United States in 2001 were residents of Illinois. And for the second year in a row, Men's Fitness magazine ranked Chicago the second most overweight U.S. city in 2003, based on relevant environmental factors.

Madigan said the Illinois Physical Fitness Services Act protects consumers from being caught in a gym-membership scam. The Act requires that the health club or gym give a written contract or membership agreement to the consumer and disclose in writing all costs and payment obligations.

Under the new law, Madigan said, Illinois consumers also have the right to cancel a membership and receive a full refund within three business days following the date the contract is signed. Additionally, if a consumer moves farther than 25 miles from the gym and the owners do not provide a substitute gym with comparable facilities in the new area, the consumer has the right to cancel the membership and receive a prorated refund.

For more information on gym membership traps or fraudulent diet advertisements, contact the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-386-5438 and 1-800-964-3013 (TTY) in Chicago or 1-800-243-0618.

Driving In Winter Weather Conditions

Driving during severe winter weather conditions can be demanding. The way you handle your vehicle in those conditions could be the difference between a safe trip and serious trouble.

Not all cars are alike. To become familiar with your vehicle's winter weather operating characteristics, AAA-Chicago Motor Club recommends motorists practice slow-speed maneuvers on an empty snow or ice-covered parking lot. The Club also suggests reading your owner's manual for information on equipment and handling characteristics.

The following are things to consider while driving in winter weather conditions:

Front, rear, four or all-wheel drive

Become familiar with what wheels are given power in your vehicle. Front-wheel-drive vehicles generally handle better than rear-wheel-drive vehicles on slippery roads because the weight of the engine is on the drive wheels. The lack of weight on the back end of rear-wheel-drive cars often causes them to slide side-to-side during turns on icy roads.

Many vehicles today are equipped with four, or all-wheel drive, which helps when driving through difficult conditions. However, drivers of four-wheel drive vehicles should avoid becoming over confident. Four-wheel-drive does not make the car brake any better and has little advantage on icy roadways.

Braking

A vehicle's braking system plays a critical role in winter weather operations. Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) provide significant handling advantages on slick roads, but are only effective if properly used. When stopping a vehicle with ABS in slippery conditions, motorists should apply steady pressure to the brake pedal. The ABS automatically pumps the brakes to keep the wheels from locking up, which prevents skids and loss of control. Do not let your foot off the brakes if you hear or feel them chatter. That means the ABS system is working properly and you should continue to steer the car normally.

If you don't have ABS, gently pump the brakes during slippery conditions to avoid locking the wheels and losing control. Also avoid any sudden stops.

Recognize Danger Zones

Intersections – Slow down before reaching an intersection. Scan left and right for cars and pedestrians. If you are having trouble stopping, they most likely are, too. After a stop, press the accelerator slowly to get moving again. If you have a manual transmission, try starting in second gear to avoid wheel spin.

Hills – When approaching an icy hill pick a path that will allow you the most traction. Head for unpacked snow or powder where you'll get a better grip.

Build your speed gradually before you reach the hill and if you have switch-on-the-fly four-wheel drive, shift before you reach the hill.

Curves – Reduce your speed before you enter an icy curve. Any sudden acceleration or deceleration while turning could send you into a skid. Controlled speed, smooth steering and braking will help prevent skidding on an icy turn. If your wheels lose grip, gradually release the pressure from the pedal you're using and smoothly steer in the direction you want the car to go.

Getting unstuck

The simplest thing to remember when extricating your vehicle from snow and ice is to use finesse rather than power. Hard acceleration is likely to worsen the situation by causing the tires to dig the car deeper into the snow.

AAA Chicago recommends clearing the snow away from the wheels first. To improve traction, spread sand, cat litter or some kind of abrasive material around the tires providing power. Then, shift the car into low gear (or second gear in a manual transmission) and slowly apply pressure to the accelerator.

If that doesn't work, try rocking the car back and forth by easing forward and then releasing the accelerator.

If you are unable to free your vehicle, carefully assess the weather conditions before abandoning your vehicle. In extreme cold or heavy snow, stay with your vehicle and wait until you can be rescued.

Winter In The Wigwam

"Winter in the Wigwam," a Sunday Family Fun program especially designed for families with children eight years and younger in age, will be on Sunday, Jan. 11th at 2 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville. A fee of $2 per person or $5 per family is required for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

Listen to Native American stories inside a cozy wigwam (a Native American home), make some craft items to take home, and enjoy a refreshing walk through the winter woodlands during this all-age, family program. Dress for the weather.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Moraine Valley's Massage Therapy Spring Program

Moraine Valley Community College will offer a certificate program in massage therapy starting this spring. The program will prepare students for careers in the growing massage therapy field, which is expanding in several venues, including medical and sports settings, at health and fitness centers, and in spas.

"There is an emphasis on proactive wellness today, and massage therapy has become a common element. People of all ages are seeking the therapeutic benefits of massage to help them relax, reduce stress, and relieve aches and pains. The public's demand is driving the growth of the industry," said Sharon Kennedy, dean of Career Programs at Moraine Valley.

Moraine Valley's massage therapy program, which will require 31 credit hours, consists of six new courses: Introduction to Massage Therapy; Basic Swedish Massage; Sports Massage; Massage Modalities; Business, Ethics and Documentation; and Massage Lab Practicum.

Massage therapy is both an art and science of healing. It has its roots in both Western and Eastern folk medicine, with the first written records dating back more than 4,000 years to China.

The massage explosion can be partly attributed to the growing population of aging baby boomers, and partly to an increased awareness of the effects of stress. More working-class professionals are using massage therapy, something previously used only to serve wealthy professionals and elite athletes.

For more information, call Career Programs at (708) 974-5708.

Log On To Drunk Driving In America

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was recently quoted in an AP story as saying that "since the early 1990s we haven't made any progress" regarding effectively reducing drunk driving in the United States.

There were approximately 17,000 alcohol-related fatalities in each of the last three years, according to the NHTSA. With roughly 14 million people in the country currently addicted to alcohol and millions more displaying symptoms of abuse, the number of casualties is unfortunately not surprising.

The same AP story said Runge was pushing for funding for states to develop more drunk driving courts with special prosecutors and judges. There are currently a few of such courts in the United States. The intent to focus on one singular issue seems to have been successful, much like the idea of drug courts and their surge in popularity and effectiveness.

One key to the success of such programs in the court system is effective rehabilitation for the addicts. This is an essential component, whether the individual is sentenced to outpatient or residential treatment.

For more information on drunk driving in America, log on to www.nhtsa.dot.gov. For more information about the Narconon program, facts about drug and alcohol addiction, a free assessment and referral or to get help for a loved one in need, call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1(800) 468-6933.

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported by the Oak Lawn Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt and only a court of law can make that determination.

On Dec. 24th, Stormie Ashley, 33, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Dominick's security concealing merchandise valued at $185.21 in her coat. When Ashley approached the check-outs, she observed the store manager at the front of the store and rather than exit the store she fled back into the store and was observed by the manager, who had followed her, removing the items and dumping them to the floor.

On Dec. 29th, Kurt Bardelli, 18, of Chicago was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property after running into the street near 95th and Nashville in front of a car that was able to stop before hitting him. Bardelli then jumped onto the hood of the car and broke the windshield.

On Dec. 29th, Robert Sondelski, 39, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Dominick's security concealing meat and seafood valued at $173.98, then exiting the store without paying. Sondelski told police that he wanted the items for a New Year's Eve party he was planning.

On Dec. 29th, Robert Alverado, 23, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Marshall's security concealing 10 bottles of cologne valued at $156.88, then exiting the store without paying.

On Dec. 30th, Luke Navickas, 22, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis after police responded to a report of a suspicious person in a parking lot in the 6100 block of 95th St. While questioning Navickas, who matched the description given, police learned he had a "one hitter" in his coat pocket and a bag containing a leafy substance that field-tested positive for cannabis.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Address				
8774 S Duffy	Hometown	$106,500	Camenno Joseph A	Keating William J,Keating Shannon
882 S Kostner	Hometown	$108,000	Vogt Van A,Vogt Joyce L	Klopp William
8830 S Corcoron	Hometown	$95,000	Graben Evelyn D	Baron Margaret Indt,Doherty Rita A Decd
10716 S Long Ave	Oak Lawn	$397,300.00	Abdelrahman Daher	Marian Steven L,Marjan Janine
9808 S Tulley	Oak Lawn	$179,000.00	Ferguson Hilda,Ferguson Philip	Brown Suzanne S
10100-10110 S Pulaski Rd	Oak Lawn	$74,500.00	Zawislak Edward	Western Springs Natl B&T Tr
9720 S Karlov #3204	Oak Lawn	$95,000.00	Church Scott V	Pheris Kevin M
9820 S Pulaski Rd #3032	Oak Lawn	$72,000.00	Yerkes Sally A	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr
6634 W 95th St 3A	Oak Lawn	$98,500.00	Mrock Kimberly,Mrock Karen	Barakat Walid A,Barakat Rasha
9840 S Pulaski Rd #312	Oak Lawn	$92,500.00	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr	Marquette Bk Tr Helen A Cummings
10425 S Kolin	Oak Lawn	$215,000.00	Smith Jeffrey R,Smith Amy C	Kintner John D,Kintner Bonnie M
10813 S Lamon	Oak Lawn	$284,000.00	Stangel George V Tr,Stangel Margaret C	Founders Bk Tr
10716 S Keating #1S	Oak Lawn	$116,000.00	Lauzon Rita J,Henry Mary L Henry	Claussen Brad L
6329 W 88th St	Oak Lawn	$195,000.00	Skowyra Tomasz,Skowyra Stefanie	Gengul-Henley Monica R Tr,Morrissette Mary
4718 W 108th Pl	Oak Lawn	$122,500.00	Catardo Lucille	Eckenstein John J
9213 S 51St Ave	Oak Lawn	$122,000.00	Wasiel Thomas	Webber Philip A
10441 Circle Dr 37C	Oak Lawn	$132,000.00	Mclane Ann C	First Midwest Bk Tr
10416 S Mansfield 205	Oak Lawn	$121,500.00	Pazdek Jolanta	Wong Alfonso Y,Keh-Wong Elsa S
5827 W 88th St	Oak Lawn	$218,000.00	Diaz Salvador,Diaz Guadalupe	Matusek Frank M,Matusek Shirley A
10109 S Cicero Ave Unit 306	Oak Lawn	$106,000.00	Kubala Danuta,Kubala Marek	Fifth Third Bk Tr
10428 S Pulaski Rd #2030	Oak Lawn	$120,000.00	Gorman Thomas M,	Standard B&T Co Tr
10625 S Long Ave	Oak Lawn	$236,000.00	Marva Steven,Marva Nancy	Bourke Richard P,Bourke Elizabeth A
10800 S Kostner	Oak Lawn	$201,000	Pulido Ofelia	Gaik Stella,Gaik Richard W
5410 W 88th St	Oak Lawn	$125,000	Lonosky Peter M	Kirpac Frederick T,Kirpac Lillian C
8933 S Parkside Ave	Oak Lawn	$315,000	Yu Manuel,Yu Rachelle	Gilman Custom Homes Inc
10317 S Karlov	Oak Lawn	$230,000	Slovey Russell,Slovey Lindsay	Northern Trust Co,Gargin Marion V Decd
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[illegible] Richards High School Honor Roll Students

Richards High School has announced the Oak Lawn students who have been named to the first quarter honor roll for the 2003-04 school year.

Freshman Honors were awarded to Nada Affaneh, Alexandrias Alamam, Ashley Alsaeik, Amy Barrett, Destiny Bishop, Adam Borski, Timothy Burns, Stephanie Busch, Jose Castro, Matthew Clancy, Nicole Connelly, James Cummings, Donna Daniels, Brian Dennis, Joseph Bogerman, Brittany Friend, Gregory Fusco, Aleksandra Gacek, Michaela Gilboy, Timothy Gilboy, Taylor Haynes, Vanessa Heitman, Nicholas Izaguirre, Linh Le, Jonathan Radecki, Scott Rendell, Elvis Rubio, Daniel Sims, Kayley Sollis, Heather Soto, John Swick, Melissa Tapia and Eder Zavala.

Freshman High Honors went to Egle Bockinskaite, Ryan Dace, Jennifer DiCosola, Erin Degan, Rebecca Duran, Natalija Dzipkovic, Jennifer Galvan, Jessica Greene, Mohamed Hegazy, Marisa Isaacs, Vykintas Jucius,Christina Karinen, Mikey Lubinski, Mateusz Machaj, Mohammed Manna, Alexandra Moreno. Michael Mullen, Edgaras Noreika, Dean Perrin, Mante Petraviciute, Michael Pisane, Justyna Ryzewska, Joseph Sinople, Nalisa Suksombuti, Ashley Szykowny, Katelyn Uba and Alberto Vargas.

Freshman Honors with Distinction were awarded to Nicole Barrett, Amanda Bennett, Kathleen Biernaciak, Lina Bourjas, Emily Brankin, Sarah Brett, Abigail Brooks, Josephine Caplinger, Jennifer Collins, Rachel Corwin, Jonathan Dove, Katherine Druktenis, Matthew Erickson, Daniel Flood, Colleen Francis, Eugenia Gavrilos, Liz Gonzalez, Elizabeth Hudson, Jamie Jesk, Ashraf Judeh, Jaclyn Kaczmarek, Nickolas Koulugeorge, Kevin Lee, Nicole Lesh, Gabriela Maka, Stacy March, Ryan McMillan, Kathryn Miller, Timothy Morrissey, Matthew Mudon, Adam Newman, Bryan Roberts, Kyle Ryan, Kaycee Sakal, Mentor Shala, Ashley Sorensen, Daniel Spedale, Brendan Styler, Thomas Swaim, Thor Tabladillo, Sonam Tanna, Ashley Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Jennifer Thiel, Matthew Weibel, Alynn White, Jeffery Wycislak, Sarah Zahlmann.

Sophomore Honors were received by Daniel Anzilotti, Nena Awad, Jessica Castillo, Tina Cottrell, Jonathan Crot, Justina Donecaite, Kathleen Francis, Emily Herbold, Kathy Krol, Justin Kuban, Stephanie Laschober, Martin Madden, Vanessa Melendez, Nicholas Nollinger, Vanessa Noonan, Benjamin Ramos, Joseph Sullivan, Margaret Wright, William Ziemba.

Sophomore High Honors were awarded to Jennifer Brennan, Eric Brady, Trisha Bulow, Allison Cano, John DiGuido, Jacob Fritz, Matthew Gandy, Katherine Geraghty, William Giannakos, Daniel Heimerdinger, Aaron Keenan, Greg Kruse, Rosario Ledesma, Anthony Malone, Cyril Mina, Nicole Radecki, Sara Roon, Issa Sayegh, Roseanne T. Segovia, Eric Strohm, Anna Stewart-Kuehn, Deirdre Vargas, Laura Weeny, Robbyn Yuen and Boyar Zekiri.

Sophomores earning Honors with Distinction included Nadia Abueid, Fida Abuisneineh, Kristy Barrett, Domas Bartkus, Elise Biggers, Nicoholas Borchers, Victoria Boyle, Inga Businskaite, Barbara Bukowski, Tarek Cattan, Krystina Chickerillo, Alexander Connelly, Gregory Czaplewski, Ross Eckert, Michael Ferris, Kaitlin Fleharty, Michele Fournier, Clifton Hempstead, Daniel Hicks, Ken Honan, Brad Kehoe, Hanna Kolb, Sharon Kus, Caril Ladwig, Joseph Lerner, Benjamine Leslie, Jennifer Maloney, John Martinovich, Mackenzie Mesco, Nora Miller, Kimberly Murray, Lisa Musser, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Nowak, Nicholas Opas, Melanie Roon, Melissa Roon, Jennifer Saathoff, Elizabeth Sereiko, Jessica Sim, Carolyn Siska, Monica Solus, Daniel Szafoni, Luke Thompson, Laura Wiechec and Alison Wild.

Juniors with Honors are Ala'a Abuisneineh, Bryan Bell, Scott Burklund, Kristin Byland, Simitrio Canelo, Kelsey Clifford, John Coghlan, Sean Conroy, Hoa Dang, Janeth Delreal, Chris Dugan, Andrew Gedvilas, Kimberly Hanacek, Michele Heimerdinger, Rachael Hoak, Benjamin Huenecke, Ruta Jarmontaviciute, Lauren Kaczmarek, Kyle Klimek, Jennifer Kuczero, Miguel Luis, Breanne Lumpkins, David May, Amanda Nelson, Lauren Rampick, Kristal Rittenberry, Muhammed Sammur, Angelica Sanchez, Larissa Van Vossen, Christopher Villanova, and Scott Wild.

Juniors who received High Honors are Filiberto Anaya, Brittany Chesna, Chris Connelly, Angela Cottrell, Sarah Dearth, Katharine Enright, Kristin Fetchko, Anna Gorzko, Lauren Kupscuk, Janet Lamas, Terrence Link, Nicolas Martin, Jason Mazur, Robyn McAndrew, Jeffrey Minarik, Kile O'Toole, Jiahao Pan, Eric Perryman, Chris Pomorski, Daniel Rook, Kimberly Rook, Ashley Smith, Mitchell Stanley, Rebecca Stroh, Trisha Tokarz, Nikolaos Tsapaliaris, Kellee Vopelak and Sabina Walkosz.

Juniors earning Honors with Distinction include Sarah Borski, Catherine Blixstrup, Dany Bourjas, Allison Butt, Gerald Chickerillo, Jackie Coyle, Lauren Davies, Dimitrios Dimitras, Shatha Dweik, George Gewirtz, Christine Janiszewski, Rick Kaiser, Stephanie Lewis, Kristy Magdanglé, Katy Pauli, Melissa Rogers, Mark Ruttenberg, Julie Scheibel, Hilary Sifling, Anne Stani, Holly Swaim, Poonam Tanna, Daniel Torres, Kristin Werner, Michael Wojnarowski, and Vyte Zukauskaite.

Seniors receiving Honors included Courtney Brody, Kevin Caliendo, Javier Canelo, Matthew Eklin, Saulius Fabianovich, Shawn Finn, Sheri Gibson, Gabriela Gonzalez, Jonathan Guzzo, Jennifer Karr, Aseel Khabbas, Kristy Laase, Steven Matayka, Lindsey Musselak, Michael Nawrot, Joseph O'Brien, Krupa Patel, Vanessa Perez, Christopher Plovich, Jamie Reidy, Renee Russell, Michaelene Ruzich, Tiffany Smith, Thomas Stuhmiller, Kyle Taylor, Christopher Van Valkenburg, David Van Valkenburg, and Timothy Young.

High Honors were awarded to seniors Amanda Altman, Laura Bernotaite, Sarah Bort, Debra Bulow, John Donatowicz, Bryan Druktenis, Daniel Duffy, Ashley Gliwa, Andrew Gretschmann, Cody Hendex, Adam Jendras, Angelica Johnson, Sarah Kane, Marko Kritich, Carl Krol, Ryan Le, Sherie Lecaj, Monica Leja, Sarah Lerner, Sam Magiaris, Elham Manna, Cora Newman, Andrea Pocius, Robert Radecki, Sarah Silic, Guy Sodin, Rebecca Torres, Jaclyn Townsend and Michael Vulyak.

Seniors who earned Honors with Distinction included Stacy Barrett, Vasiliki Borchers, Noelle Brenza, Patrice Connelly, Thomas Czaplewski, Kelly Deir, Kurt Dietrick, Timothy Ferencak, Cathleen Fitzgibbon, Alan Francis, Angela Gianakos, Husni Hassan, Nicole Heinisch, Stephen Hicks, Abdallah Hishmeh, Gregory Huba, Katherine Hudson, Brittany Isaacs, Lubna Judeh, Tina Kamm, William Keeney, Kathryn Kemper, Patricia Koulogeorge, Delilah Ledesman, Meghan Lehnhardt, Sean Lewis, Sylvia Maka, John Mallon, Steen Michalkow, Elies Modesitt, Amy Murray, Sarah Nickless,Trisha Novosel, Lissette Ortegon, Lindsey Owens, Natlaia Panek, Sarah Paski, Nhung Phan, Kristen Pineda, Sarah Rendell, Sarah Schultz, Lauren Sinclair, Anne Siska, Mark Skala, Amanda Spano, Marianna Sweis, Ruba Tadros, Zuzana Vidlickova, Lauren White, Benjamin Williams, Stefanie Wycislak and Rachel Yuen.

Results Of Attorney Study

So many cases, so little time could be the mantra of today's busy lawyers. More than half (53 percent) of attorneys polled recently said their greatest challenge is managing increased workloads. Finding good people followed, with 22 percent of the response.

The survey was developed by The Affiliates, a leading staffing service specializing in attorneys, paralegals and other highly skilled legal professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm and includes responses from 200 attorneys among the largest law firms and corporations in the United States and Canada.

Attorneys were asked, "Of the following, which would you say is your single greatest challenge as a manager today?" Their responses: Meeting increased workload demand, 53%; Locating and hiring qualified candidates, 22%; Maintaining morale, 9%; Retaining clients/increasing business, 6%; Retaining staff, 3%; and Other/don't know, 7%.

"In recent years, caseloads have risen just as budgets have declined. As a result, law firms that reduced staff or consolidated offices are accomplishing more with fewer resources," said Sharon Hindley-Smith, executive director of The Affiliates. "Similarly, corporate legal departments are handling a greater amount of work internally to reduce spending."

The Affiliates provides law firms and corporate legal departments with project and full-time professionals including attorneys, paralegals, and legal support personnel.

Pvt. Young Graduates

Army Pvt. Justin M. Young has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Young is the grandson of Richard Young of Oak Lawn and a 2003 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

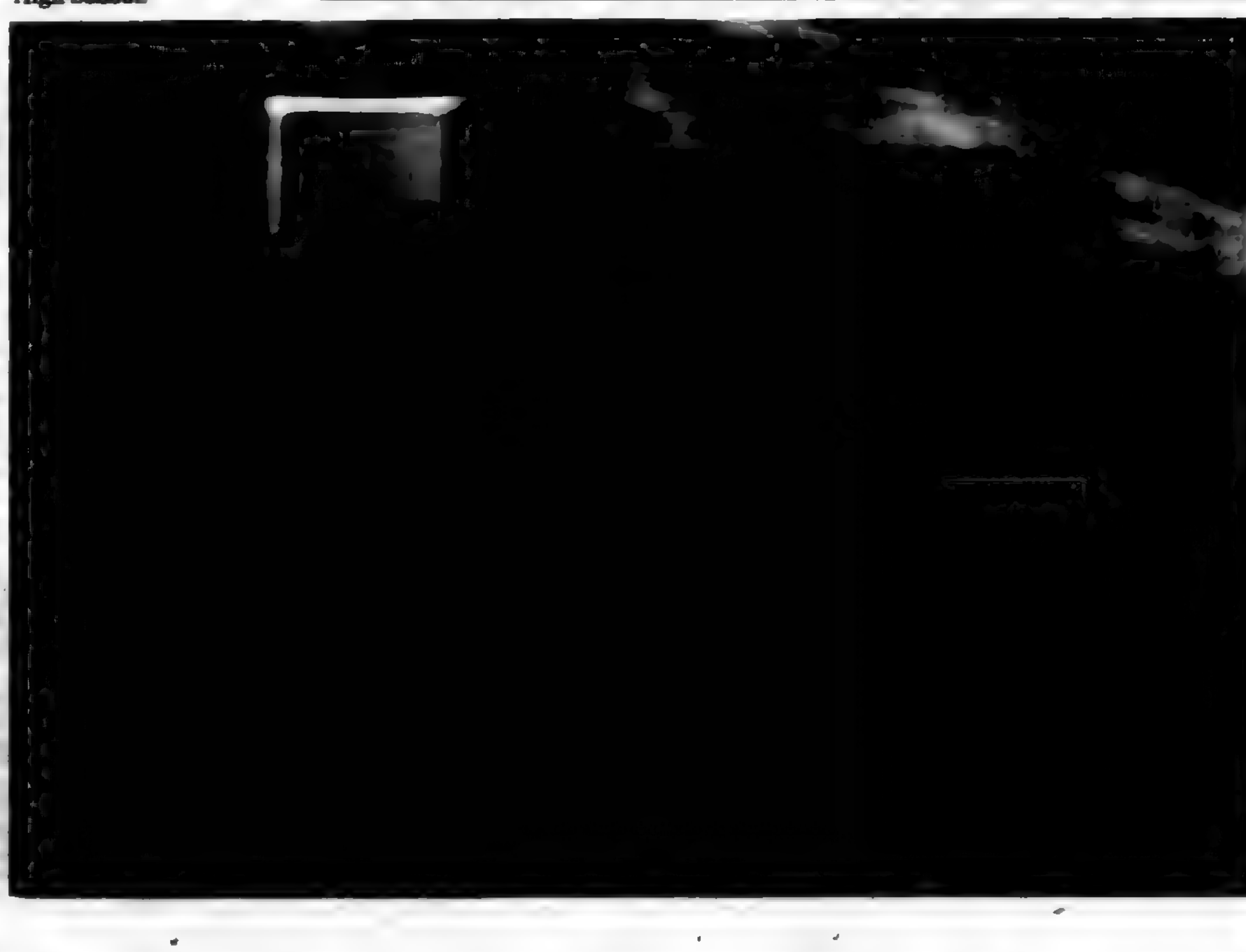
Dave Letterman has the popular "Top Ten List." Recently, as I was shopping at my local grocery store, the "Top Ten Buys" were announced. I have a "Top Ten List" for 2004.

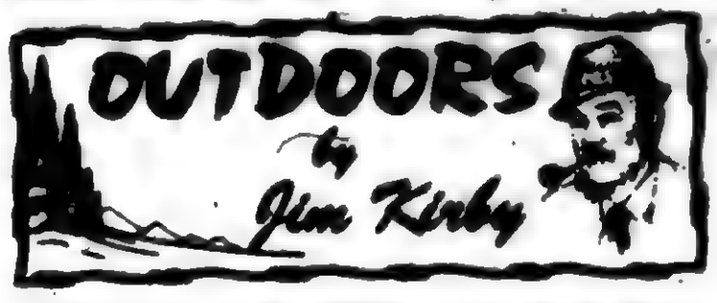
1) Self Respect is a key factor for a meaningful life. It controls our every thought, word and deed; 2) Respect life from the unborn to the elderly. Everyone has the right to life; 3) Respect other people's property. Do not take what is not ours; 4) Assume responsibility for our own actions; 5) Commit to family life and the children; 6) Exercise patience and tolerance toward those who are different. Educate our children and those who are not of our culture so that we might coexist in peace; 7) Honesty promotes honesty. Be honest with ourselves and others; 8) Use words that heal. Offensive language is just that-offensive; 9) Join together to rid this country of drug, alcohol and sexual abuse; 10) Enjoy the fruits of this land and be thankful to God.

President Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) had this to say, "Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good."

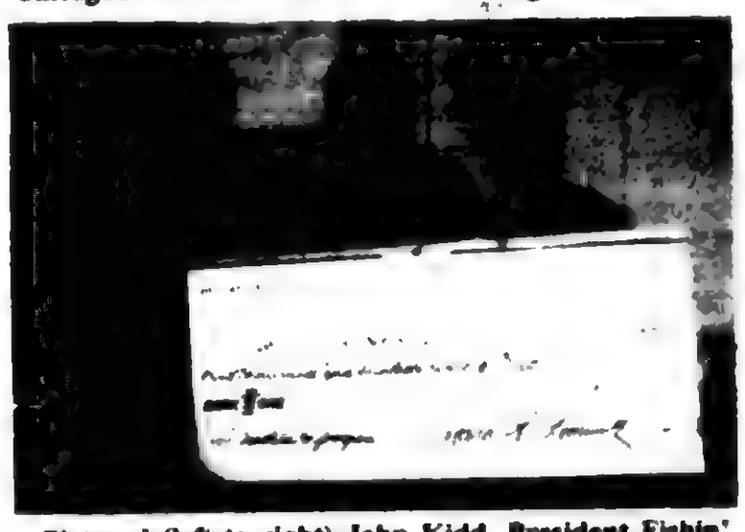
May peace and love fill the hearts of all in the coming year!

Thank you,
s/s Marlene Jasinski
Oak Lawn, IL





INNER CITY KIDS FISHING PROGRAM GETS A BOOST: Crestwood resident and Fishin' Buddies Club member **Bob Hicks**, orchestrated an on-line auction of items donated by local merchants to raise money for the Chicago Park District-Fishin' Buddies Program.



Pictured (left to right) John Kidd, President Fishin' Buddies; Bob Long Jr., Chicago Park District Director of Special Events; and Bob Hicks, chitown-angler.com.

The $1,560 will go to benefit the Inner-City Children's Fishing Programs. For info on Fishin' Buddies and other local fishing clubs, contact Bob Hicks, just a click away at www.chitown-angler.com. Daily comprehensive fishing and hunting reports; fishing and hunting discussion forums; live chatroom; free classified ads forum, and articles and tips by local pro-anglers and guides. "Get a Kid Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs."

■**DEER HUNTING SUCCESS RATES FOR ILLINOIS AND SURROUNDING STATES:** ILLINOIS: Hunters in Illinois harvested a record 103,961 deer this season. That preliminary total compares with 102,823 deer taken during 2002 firearm season, and eclipses the record harvest of 1995.

Pike County led the state with a harvest of 4,043, while Adams County was second with 2,051. Approximately 288,000 firearms permits were issued to deer hunters in Illinois this year.

WISCONSIN: A preliminary total of 304,539 deer were registered in Wisconsin's nine-day gun season. Hunters registered 277,735 in 2002 and 298,266 in 2001.

The licensing bureau reported that 644,818 gun deer licenses had been sold by midnight Nov. 21, the last day to buy a license before the season opener on Nov. 22, a 4% increase over 2002 sales.

MINNESOTA deer hunters harvested a record 253,300 white-tailed deer during the firearm season that concluded Nov. 30. The 2003 firearms deer harvest increased nearly 25% from the 2002 total of 203,600, and is up more than 10% over the previous record firearms harvest of 229,200 in 1992.

Hunters purchased a record number of licenses to take antlerless deer this year, nearly 10,000 more than last year.

MICHIGAN: The early estimate of the 2003 Michigan firearm deer season harvest indicates approximately 277,000 deer were taken, of which 57% were antlered and 43% antlerless.

The 2003 estimate is slightly below the 2002 harvest of 299,000. The state's record harvest occurred in 1998 when an estimated 351,000 deer were taken. An estimated 700,000 hunters took to the field during the November 15-30 hunt. Total license sales were comparable to last year's sales (1,721,507 compared to 1,724,565). *Data compliments of the Great Lakes Basin Report.*

■**NEW ILLINOIS DNR WEB SITE:** With a mission to manage, protect and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources. The agency recently launched its new web site. Explore their web site and learn how you can enjoy the natural wonders of the State of Illinois, purchase a fishing or hunting license, or tour state parks. Enjoy all that outdoor Illinois has to offer! **http://dnr.state.il.us/**

■**AVOID THIN ICE:** Thousands of outdoor enthusiasts enjoy fishing, skating, hiking or just sliding around on frozen ponds, lakes and rivers. And every year, people drown after falling through the ice.

Like driving on snow, we need to re-learn how to have safe fun on ice. Warn your kids about playing on ice without supervision. If you're fishing, drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole should show at least 4" thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.

Beware of various ice strengths and qualities. One area of a pond may be a foot thick while another spot may only be an inch thick. Ice strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honeycombed ice, slush ice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice.

Use these guidelines: *One inch of ice, stay off. *Two to three inches of clear, blue ice will support one adult. *Four inches is needed for safe ice fishing. *Five inches of ice is needed for snowmobiling. *Eight inches of ice is needed to support a car or light truck. *Ten inches of ice is needed to support a medium weight truck.

WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!!!

Open New Year With Two Losses

Despite 36 points in two games for senior Mark Telander, the No. 11 St. Xavier University men's basketball team opened the new year with back-to-back losses at the Spring Hill Classic in Mobile, Ala. over the weekend.

In first-round action on Friday against William Carey College (Miss.), the Cougars gave up a 43-36 halftime lead to fall 82-75. William Carey shot 41 percent (13-for-32) and made 17-of-22 free throws in the second half to secure the win. The Cougars connected on only 2-of-11 three-pointers in the second half and finished with 18 turnovers. Besides Telander's game-high 23 points, senior Raphael Morris contributed 16 points and junior Eric Regan turned in 13 points. Junior Phillip Watson tallied a game-high 10 rebounds in the defeat.

In Saturday's game against host Spring Hill College, the Cougars fell behind in the first half and could not overcome the 37-22 halftime deficit eventually falling, 67-50. Telander led the Cougars with 13 points, while Morris and Regan contributed 12 and 11 points respectively. Regan also finished with a game-high 11 rebounds for his second double-double of the season.

The St. Xavier men's basketball team (11-6 overall) returns home to face Trinity International University on Saturday, Jan. 10th at 3 p.m. at the Shannon Center. The game was originally scheduled for 7 p.m. but has been rescheduled for a 3 p.m. start.

Named To Taylor All-Tournament Team

Sophomores Jacki DiMaggio and Jen Belmonte were named to the 2004 Taylor University Holiday All-Tournament team, but the No. 15 St. Xavier University women's basketball team fell to the host, 94-64, in the championship game on Saturday in Upland, Ind.

DiMaggio scored 11 points in the championship game, while Belmonte contributed six points. The Cougars shot only 36 percent (25-for-70) from the field, including 2-for-13 (15 percent) from three-point range. Taylor outrebounded SXU, 62-33, and made 36 free throws to the Cougars' 12. Senior Jayme Brown also finished the game with 11 points and a team-high seven rebounds for SXU.

In Friday's first-round game against McKendree College, the Cougars were able to pull away at the end to snag the 90-79 victory. SXU had five players score in double figures led by senior Mary Cain with 16 points. Freshman Dani Engleman contributed 15 points to the winning effort, while DiMaggio and Belmonte finished with 13 and 11 points respectively. Belmonte also finished with a game-high six assists.

Remind Snowmobilers To Focus On Safety

As Illinois faces its first blast of winter cold this year, Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold is reminding snowmobile operators to focus on safety when conditions allow for snowmobiling this season.

"When the snow begins to fly, snowmobiling very quickly becomes a popular wintertime activity in Illinois, and we want snowmobilers to keep safety in mind," Brunsvold said. "Know the rules of operation, do not drink and ride, have the proper attitude and respect for others and the environment, and help promote safe and enjoyable snowmobiling."

International Snowmobile Safety Week this year is Jan. 11th to 17th.

During the 2002-03 winter season, there were 24 snowmobile accidents resulting in 20 injuries and four fatalities in Illinois. That compares with 44 accidents resulting in 41 injuries and three fatalities during 2001-02 and 77 accidents resulting in 69 injuries and eight fatalities during the 2000-01 snowmobile season. Alcohol use, operating at excessive speed and poor visibility are factors often cited in snowmobile accidents.

"Most snowmobile accidents are avoidable if sled operators stay on marked trails and stay away from unfamiliar ground, especially at night," said Jeff Hopkins, head of the IDNR Safety Education Section.

The majority of accidents occur as the result of collisions with fixed objects such as trees, fences, stumps, rocks, logs and other objects hidden or obscured by the snow.

Among the basics of snowmobile safety and ethics:

- Make sure the snowmobile is in top mechanical condition.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for snowmobiling.
- Use a full-size helmet, goggles, or face shield to prevent injury from branches and twigs, stones, ice and other debris.
- Know the terrain before beginning the ride.
- Know the weather forecast and ice and snow conditions in the area.
- Always use a "buddy system." Never ride alone or unaccompanied.
- Do not harass or pursue wildlife.
- Avoid areas posted for wildlife and natural area protection.
- Be sure the snowmobile is equipped with a properly operating lighting system.
- Avoid bodies of water if unsure of the thickness of the ice or water currents.
- Respect the property and rights of landowners.
- Obey all federal, state and local rules regulating operation of snowmobiles.

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, in cooperation with snowmobile clubs and other groups, offers free snowmobile safety education courses. The courses are required of young people ages 12-16 who want to operate a snowmobile alone.

For information on safety education classes, contact the IDNR Safety Education Section by calling toll-free 1(800) 832-2599.

Chicago Ridge Park District
Boys Basketball League

4th Grade

Cardinal Bernardin (3) took a close one from Cardinal Bernardin (2) with the score 11 to 10. Joe Cairo led Cardinal Bernardin (3) with 4 points. Caden Canavan of Cardinal Bernardin (2) paced him with 4 points.

The Heat defeated St. Mary Star of the Sea (2) 16 to 13. Zak Kutsulis tallied 6 points for the Heat. St. Mary's Mike Foody paced him with 6 points.

Da Dawgs beat Cardinal Bernardin (1) 13 to 8. Bob Kelly tossed in 6 points for Da Dawgs. Cardinal Bernardin (1) was led by Evan Grober (4 points).

St. Mary Star of the Sea (1) took a close one from Lemont 19 to 17. William McNamara of St. Mary Star of the Sea led the game with 11 points. Jeff Worsech and Joe O'Brien contributed 6 points each for Lemont.

5th Grade

The IL Hoopla were victorious over the Homer All-Stars 24 to 17. Sean Fewkes tossed in 10 points for the Hoopla. Josh Hager led the Homer All-Stars with 8 points.

8th Grade

Lemont defeated the IL Firebirds 44 to 11. Ben Wagner was high-scorer for Lemont with 14 points. Jeremy Kappel put in 10 points for the Firebirds.

SXU Women's Team

It has been said that a win is a win, but Saint Xavier University head women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg would have much rather played the game after the SXU athletic department received word late Tuesday morning that Kendall College would forfeit its game with the Cougars originally scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday. SXU improves its record to 14-5 overall with the forfeit win.

Kendall College was forced to forfeit the game due to a number of players unable to participate because of illness. Although disappointed, Hallberg understood the reasoning.

"This game would have been beneficial to us since we open up our conference schedule next week," said Hallberg. "It is unfortunate to have to forfeit, but I can understand where their coach and program is coming from."

The Saint Xavier women's basketball team opens its Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. against Indiana-South Bend at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

Snow Sculpting Contest

Organizers of the 18th annual Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition were hoping for at least three inches of snow to build the 16 state blocks, the 14 high school blocks, and three international size blocks of snow for the Jan. 14th to 17th event in Rockford's Sinnissippi Park, along Highway 251.

The three-person state and international teams work 3½ days on a two-ton, 6' by 6' by 10' block of snow to create frozen works of art, while the four-person high school teams work 2½ days on a 4' by 4' by 6' block of snow. The sculptors cannot use power tools or props other than the snow to hold up the pieces, nor may they add colorants.

For more information about the annual event competition, call the Rockford Park District at (815) 987-8800.

SXU Game Time Moved To 3 P.M. Saturday, Jan. 10

The Saint Xavier University men's basketball game against Trinity International originally scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Shannon Center in Chicago has been moved ahead to a 3 p.m. start.

The Cougars are currently 11-6 overall on the season and open their conference season in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) on Wednesday, Jan. 14, with a home game against Indiana University-South Bend at 7 p.m.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 12-29-03
Bloomington-Normal
St. Rita 46, Galesburg 42
Normal 58, Mt. Zion 43
Andrew 57, Rock Island 48
Thornwood 41, Lincoln 38
St. Rita 65, Peoria Notre Dame 58
Centralia
Marist 59, Harding Academy
Kankakee
Minooka 57, Kankakee 50
Richards 63, Argo 44
Bremen 50, Bradley 44
Peotone 49, Bishop McNamara 47
Illiana Christian 70, Providence St. Mel 55
Lemont
Small Schools
Chicago Christian 59, Momence 42
Big Schools
Reavis 62, Neuqua Valley 53
Plainfield Central 74, Sandburg 64 (title)
Lincoln-way Round Table
At Lincoln-Way Central
Plainfield South 42, Lindblom 36
Lincoln-Way Central 74, Oak Forest 48
Robeson 68, Lane Tech 65
Hubbard 51, Vocational 47
At Lincoln-Way East
Oak Lawn 48, Tilden 35
La Salle-Peru 54, Gage Park 50
Lincoln-Way East 62, Harper 60 (OT)
T.F. North 63, St. Laurence 61
Proviso West
Schaumburg 83, Fenwick 65
Hillcrest 70, Evanston 61
Semi-Finals
Homewood-Flossmoor 68, Glenbrook N. 31
Julian 53, Von Steuben 52
Rich South
Rich East 38, Hinsdale South 38
Eisenhower 74, Crete-Monee 59
Shepard 57, Marian Catholic 56
Lincoln Park 58, Peoria Woodruff
Leo 68, Hinsdale Central 58
Semi-Finals
Rich Central 68, Bloom 66
Thornton 68, Hales Franciscan 64
York Tournament
Lyons 58, Stagg 48
Semi-Finals
Brother Rice 61, Conant 43
St. Ignatius 44, Downers South 37 (OT)
Tuesday, 12-30-03
At Lemont
Plainfield Central 63, Orr 55, title
Lemont 64, Westmont 50
Neuqua Valley 67, Momence 38
Chicago Christian 47, Reavis 46
Romeoville 47, Walther Lutheran 44
Sandburg 54, Lisle 49
At Lincoln-way
Consolation
T.F. North 54, Hubbard 46, title
Vocational 57, St. Laurence 52, third
Plainfield South 45, Oak Lawn 38
Harper 93, Lane Tech 90
Gage Park 63, Oak Forest 60
Lincoln-Way East 44, Robeson 42
Lincoln-Way Central 66, La Salle-Peru 47
At Pontiac
Consolation
Providence 58, Springfield 52
Lockport 53, East Moline 51
Danville 68, Peoria Manual 60
Pontiac 63, Streator 50
Championship
Bloomington 73, Niles West 55
Warren 75, Simeon 57
West Aurora 78, Joliet 74
Oak Park 59, St. Joseph 56
At Proviso West
Proviso East 62, New Trier 55 (OT)
Schaumburg 65, Hillcrest 61 OT, fifth
Von Steuben 50, Glenbrook North 46, third
Homewood-Flossmoor 70, Julian 66, title
Rich South Big Dipper
Rich Central 53, Thornton 51, title
Hales Franciscan 83, Bloom 79, third
Eisenhower 64, Hinsdale South 47
Peoria Woodruff 73, Marian Catholic 61
Rich South 67, Hinsdale Central 52
Leo 72, Herndon (Va.) 69 (OT)
Shepard 51, Lincoln Park 45
York Tournament
Brother Rice 46, St. Ignatius 43, title
Downers South 45, Conant 40, third
St. Charles East 50, Stagg 43
Wheaton South 59, Holy Cross 45
Lyons 56, Palatine 42
Willowbrook 68, Deerfield 46
Riverside-Brookfield 68, Benet 58
Gordon Tech 57, York 41
Wednesday, 12-31-03
Centralia Tournament
Marist 58, Champaign-Centennial 42
Marist 61, Cahokia 43 (5th)
Pontiac Tournament
Lockport 51, Providence 32
Danville 53, Pontiac 51
Joliet 53, St. Joseph 51
Simeon 83, Bloomington 64
West Aurora 58, Oak Park 42
Lockport 37, Danville 32 (consolation)
Joliet 66, Warren 48 (5th)
Bloomington 64, Oak Park 61 (3rd)
Simeon 57, West Aurora 51 (title)
Friday, 1-2-04
Public School Showcase
At IIT
Crane 61, Hyde Park 58
Farragut 51, Curie 48
Simeon 85, Bogan 61
Morgan Park 54, Von Steuben 53
Consolation
Curie 61, Hyde Park 25
Von Steuben 48, Bogan 46

WRESTLING
Sunday, 12-28-03
At Homewood-Flossmoor
103: Kyle Johnson, Homewood-Flossmoor d. Andrew Krueger, Maine South 3:46; **112** Kevin McMahon, Maine South d. Kevin Salerno, Oak Lawn, 11-5; **119:** Justin Gomez, Andrew, d. Josh Curran, Homewood-Flossmoor 3:42; **125:** Ramone Pearson, Vocational, d. Dan Olszewski, Maine South, 1:15; **130:** Dan Hamilton, Homewood-Flossmoor, d. Mike Yanakos, Andrew 11-0. **135:** Brandon Thompson, Homewood-Flossmoor, d. Jmae Ignarek, Andrew 15-2; **140:** Chris Rzab, Andrew, d. Nick Schittino, Maine South, 3-1; **145:** Mike Lettiere, Andrew, d. Ryan Kolk, Oak Lawn, tech fall; **152:** Nick Fallico, Maine South, d. Chris Rodgers, Homewood-Flossmoor 2:46; **160:** Jimmy Walter, Maine South, d. Darren Craig, Hillcrest, 5-4; **171:** Rick Loera, Maine South, d. Nathan Everhart, Andrew, 8-7; **189:** Anthony Lovero, Maine South, d. Camero Mallard, Hillcrest, 1:43; **215:** Joe Oliver, Maine South, d. Cordell Clemons, Hillcrest, 13-6. **275:** Will Pippen, Rich Central, d. Brian Patasko, Andrew 1:25.
Monday, 12-29-03
At Herrin
Teams: Minooka 103, Gordon Tech 75, Oswego 68, St. Charles East 68, Lincoln-Way Central 55, Palatine 51, Downers Grove North 39.5, Maine East 35, Rock Island 29, Lake Zurich 28.5, Leyden 24, Oak Forest 24, Pekin 17, Tinley Park 14.5, Rockford Boylan 10.

Tuesday, 12-30-03
Glenbard South
Glenbard South 34, Lemont 26
Glenbard South 38, Romeoville 28
Glenbard South 48, T.F. South 15

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 12-29-03
At Benet
West Chicago 54, Providence 26
Benet 49, Naperville North 37
At Bloom
Bradley 59, Eisenhower 49
Rich East 47, Elmwood Park 28
T.F. South 44, Collins 40
Bloom 50, T.F. North 36
Bloomington-Normal
Andrew 47, Marian, Ind. 31
At Hillcrest
Kankakee 38, Seton Academy 31
Shepard 61, Mount Assisi 24
Oak Forest 45, Thornton 42 (2 OT)
Lockport 42, Rich South 36
Stagg 58, Homewood-Flossmoor 46
Morgan Park 52, Hillcrest 45
Semi-Finals
Sandburg 61, Rich Central 37
Marian Catholic 53, Thornwood 51
At Lisle Semi-Finals
Chicago Christian 55, Bishop McNamara 42
Montini 56, Lisle 50
At Luther South
De La Salle 36, Luther South 30
Morgan Park Acad. 69, North Lawndale 39
Evergreen Park 66, Bogan 61
At St. Ignatius
Latin 49, Mother Guerin 43
Northside Prep 49, Thornridge 27
Marist 44, St. Ignatius 38
Tuesday, 12-30-03
At Bloom
Bloom 2, Collins 0, forfeit, third
Rich East 52, Eisenhower 32, fifth
T.F. North 43, Elmwood Park 32, seventh
At Hillcrest
Marian Catholic 59, Sandburg 55, title
Thornwood 42, Rich Central 39, third
Shepard 44, Kankakee 33
Thornton 57, Rich South 44
Lockport 62, Oak Forest 44 (consolation-title)
Stagg 71, Morgan Park 48, fifth
At Lisle
Championship
Chicago Christian 49, Montini 33, title
At Luther South
De La Salle 38, Providence-St. Mel 27
Sweet 16
Mother McAuley 69, Riverside-Brookfield 60
Wednesday, 12-31-03
Luther South Invitational
Walther Lutheran 66, De La Salle 56
Evergreen Park 57, North Lawndale 30
Bogan 61, Fenger 23
Kenwood 39, Providence-St. Mel 29
Friday, 1-2-04
Luther South Invitational
Providence-St. Mel 49, North Lawndale 29
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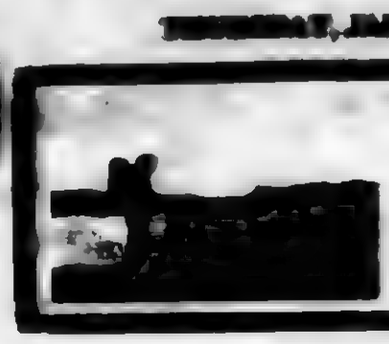

Natural Resources News

It's time to make a reservation to enjoy Bald Eagle Days at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. On Sunday, Jan. 11th, the site interpreter will be presenting informative programs about bald eagles. There will be a short video followed by an observational drive to view the wintering bald eagles. Dress warmly, have a full tank of gas, and bring binoculars! Reservations required.

All programs begin at 8:30 at the Visitor Center. This is just one of several programs being held at the site. Please call in advance for reservations or more information about additional dates at (618) 786-3323.

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On Jan. 17th and 18th, Eagle Days will be held at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Missouri and Illinois entrance. The event is hosted by the IDNR, the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and Trailnet. An educational eagle program is repeated every half-hour, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Viewing scopes on the Bridge permit close-ups of eagles. There is free parking at the Illinois entrance to the bridge and free shuttle service. Bring your binoculars and dress to stay warm. For more information, call (618) 462-1181.

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About 91 miles of the Hennepin Canal trail are open to snowmobiling when certain criteria are met. The trail must be declared "open" by site staff, which will be posted at certain access areas and will be on a 24-hour recording at the site office, telephone (815) 454-2328. To be declared "open" requires at least six inches of frost in the ground and four inches of snow on the ground. The entire trail is open or it is closed; there are no partial openings/closings. When the trail is closed, the entire facility is closed to snowmobile use. The trail on the towpath is the only signed trail. Snowmobilers may ride the ice at their own risk, when the trail is declared open. The water does not always freeze solidly inside the tubes. Riders using the ice should be aware that such things as ice conditions, ice skaters and structures including tubes exist. Please be aware of and respect other people who may be using the Canal for other recreational purposes. Take care when approaching and crossing roads and traversing trail tubes. We enforce all regulations and laws concerning the use and operation of a snowmobile at the Hennepin Canal Parkway.

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The work of Judy Hinkes Zeddies, a printmaker from Chicago, will be exhibited at the Illinois Artisans Shop at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 2-200, in Chicago, throughout the month of January. Zeddies works with the intaglio process to create small-scale, unusual views of interiors that incorporate everyday objects and common settings. The rooms have a distorted perspective with an animated sense of movement. The animated spatial relationships of the objects suggest interpersonal relationships. The interiors are devoid of people so that the viewer can interpret emotional content from the objects and the scene. Zeddies' interiors depict a whimsical but mysterious world with everyday objects that have their own personality.

In the intaglio process an image is created by cutting or etching lines and recessed textures into the surface of a metal plate. The plate is often covered with a ground and etched in an acid solution to develop a variety of lines and tones. It is then printed by inking the lines and recessions, placing a sheet of paper over the table, and running it through an etching press. Zeddies uses this process to develop prints with rich textural and tonal effects. She works primarily in black and white, but sometimes hand-colors her prints to enhance the image.

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The Illinois Artisans Shop will exhibit prints and drawings by Illinois Artisans Program printmakers from Jan. 12th to 23rd in the atrium of the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St. in Chicago, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. A selection of 50 pieces that employ contemporary printmaking and drawing methods will be shown.

A variety of print media will be exhibited, including lithographs, relief prints, etchings, screen prints and monotypes. The Illinois artisans exhibiting work in this exhibit explore traditional printmaking techniques as well as incorporating experimental processes. Many artists use the printmaking process to develop work that experiments with photography, photographic transfers, xerox transfers, textural effects, collage, drawing and painting. The artists in this exhibit use the unlimited potential for experimentation with printmaking techniques to create rich, unusual images. Landscapes, cityscapes, interiors and abstract prints will be displayed.

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Just a reminder that Feb. 20th is the entry deadline for the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Packets of information were mailed by the IDNR this fall to all Illinois schools which contain fifth grade classes. For more information or to receive a packet, call Renee Hildebrandt at (217) 785-8771.

Seek Adult Officiate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One N.A., f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Leslie Douglas, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22972.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14214 S. Grace Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $48,833.88.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 0210447.
207363C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court or the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Margarette A. Wadlington, Defendant. Case No. 02C-2944.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 50037
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on April 2, 2003.

I, Thomas Gardiner, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at Daley Center outside #2402, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3794 West 76th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $124,228.83.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Financial Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest M. Sinks a/k/a Ernest M. Sinks, Sr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8564.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15548 S. LaClaire Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,442.17.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5162.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206182C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Manfre, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11954.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11719 Carolyn Lane, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,902.00.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206174C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony B. Offley a/k/a Anthony Offley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7525 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $137,716.61.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4688.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206177C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela C. Searcy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18479.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3107 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $101,102.66.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-9184.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206779C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jacqueline Willis, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9445.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8756 S. Richmond Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $116,883.64.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5519.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207610C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Woodie G. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 00Ch-13375.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14700 S. Mozart, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $151,938.39.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-00-5595.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207852C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GE Mortgage Services, LLC, f/k/a GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Terry L. Lynch, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10164.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15727 Peggy Ln., Unit #7-7, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,789.07.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5881.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207566C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. SFJV-2002-1, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Julio Estrada, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9706.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15020 S. Ridge Way, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,448.49.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5324.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

208010C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Suto, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9015.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15929 S. Lorel Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $92,629.96.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-1903.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207877C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Richland Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Reginald Bailey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-13762.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 7, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7924 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $145,042.20.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-5785.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207616C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Laskero a/k/a Anthony M. Laskero III a/k/a Anthony M. Laskero, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3620.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15524 S. Lorel Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $199,879.47.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-C442.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207568C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. The Bank of New York, Trust U/A dated 12/1/01 (EQCC Trust 2001-2), Plaintiff, vs. Wafer Carter, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-7130

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 50326
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 1, 2003

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 28, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/k/a: 7747 S. Christiana St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvements on the property consist of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $166,623.59.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph S. Lovrich, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9822.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14400 Homan Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story blue frame and attached two car garage.

The judgment amount was $104,769.60.

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060, Call between the hours of 3pm - 5pm. Please refer to file number PA0304697.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207856C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Douglas G. Bruck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10141.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8331 S. Menard Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,291.45.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-5990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4899.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor Southwest Corner (nearest Corner to Clark and Washington Sts.) Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
207287C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Slomski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-22289.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5470 W. 84th St., Burbank, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,476.60.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
206809C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sharron Carrothers, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-1849.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 54833
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of Daley Center, immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3515 W. 77th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $134,628.75.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
209852C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Waldemar Pavlasek, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6585.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4736 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $71,387.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33586.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Keita C. Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8509.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9401 S. Richmond Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $121,672.33.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4922.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207573C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Karen M. Bailey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3955.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5310 Kimball Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $221,293.46.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-2168.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207578C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Standard Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Kevin T. Olszewski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-2292; Sheriff's No. 030146-001F.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 29, 2004, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Address: 5715 West Edge Lake Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Improvements: 4 unit apt. bldg. Judgment amount: $309,193.86 (as of 11-15-2002).

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate upon confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.

Premises will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: contact Plaintiff's Attorney, JAMES B. CARROLL & ASSOCIATES, 2400 W. 95th Street, #501, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 or call between the hours of 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Plaintiff's Attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set out in this notice of sale. Tel. No. 708-422-3766.

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207225C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jermaine Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9608.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 28, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7722 S. Spaulding, Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,234.71.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207172C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Pullman Bank and Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of John Taylor, deceased, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11970.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly Known As: 11107-11111 S. Emerald, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $328,165.69.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael J. Goldstein, Michael J. Goldstein & Associates, 318 W. Adams St., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 346-0945.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207123C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roger T. Radz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10215.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4568 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60658.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,495.75.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5873.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207526C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wendover Financial Services Corporation, f/k/a Wendover Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lucille B. White, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9603.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1018, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5031 W. 127th St., Alsip, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,085.17.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207840C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a PNC Mortgage Corporation of America, Plaintiff, vs. Richard J. Lamm a/k/a Richard Lamm, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-6823.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 31, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9404 S. Utica Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $99,052.49.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-3104.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207998C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Denis L. Mullins a/k/a Dennis L. Mullins, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-5521.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9222 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $139,328.88.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-3213.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

208016C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Williams a/k/a Yolanda R. Williams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4223.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56096
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 4232 W. 77th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $135,452.47.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this No

211273C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aleris Group Loan Servicing LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9057.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 31, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10500 S. Oak Park Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $30,370.13.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORD 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-3707.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

208012C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony G. Colby, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4474.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56050
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 6807 W. 97th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $109,029.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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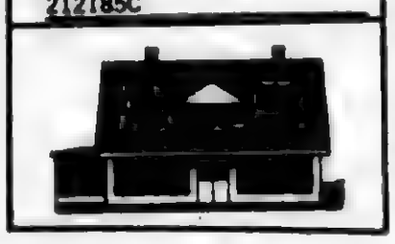

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, NA formerly known as First Union National Bank successor by Merger to American Savings of Florida, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. Stanley M. Tokarczyk, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-8173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/28/03, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 1/22/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/k/a: 11610 S. Leamington, Alsip, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $55,183.93.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-8521D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207577C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Edward W. Lough, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4233.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55865
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 12, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 28, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 14821 Richmond Avenue, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $96,491.44.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

212187C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. David Ewan, Jr. a/k/a David Ewan a/k/a David G.M. Ewan a/k/a David G. Ewan, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-6166.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 24, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14643 S. St. Louis, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

207375C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Christopher M. Piesha, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22584.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14817 S. El Vista Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $143,432.44.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0210907.

208470C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, National Association, f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Heinrich, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2383.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14105 Lavergne Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $90,024.59.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0300380

206449C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Glover, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10226.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3801 W. 140th St., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $37,152.88.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9065D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207190C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Series 2002-HE1, Plaintiff, vs. Jean Tyler a/k/a Jean W. Tyler, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-4476.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56059
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2003.

I, Howard Rubin, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at Richard J. Daley Center, (Southwest Corner), Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 14416 S. Richmond Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $168,666.31.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Capital Providers, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Nancy M. Ithai, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-22546.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 21, 2004, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Address: 8756 S. Meade Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Improvements: Single family residence.

Sale shall be under the following terms: 10% down, balance within 24 hours, cash or certified funds.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.

Premises will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: Dordek, Rosenburg & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 8424 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077. Tel. No. 847-676-9555.

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207467C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Labe Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Camille M. Sulls, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-200.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 4673 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Andrew H. Eres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stahl Cowen, Crowley, LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-0060.

206491C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merril Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, Plaintiff, vs. Linda L. Fletcher, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10096.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 17, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8941 W. 93rd Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Moreau, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-3130.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55556

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3302-3311 W. 147th St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $126,398.12.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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Funeral Services Were Held For Melissa Stromek

Melissa Ann Stromek, 26, of Chicago Ridge was found fatally stabbed on Saturday, Jan. 3rd in her condominium in the 10300 block of Ridgeland Ave., said police officials.

Stromek was discovered about 1:30 p.m. after family members who live in Willow Springs notified the police when they could not contact her, said police. Reportedly, Stromek was found with multiple stab wounds in the neck and various parts of her body. Police estimate the stabbing most likely took place on Jan. 1st.

Police were searching on Sunday for a suspect who they reportedly believe may have fled to Mexico following the stabbing. The police said this information was received with the help of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

It is also believed the suspect took the victim's 2000 four-door, white Ford Focus, drove it to the north side and abandoned it near O'Hare airport. The vehicle was found Sunday on West Bryn Mawr and Cumberland Aves., which is less than a mile from the airport, said Chicago Ridge Police Chief Tim Baldermann.

Anyone having information about Stromek's death or about her vehicle are asked to call Chief Baldermann at (708) 425-7831.

Funeral services were held for Melissa Stromek on Wednesday at the Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Bethania Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Thomas and Judith; her sister, Diane (Michael) Bennett and her grandmother, Edna Garozzo.

Economic Development For Public Officials

Governors State University's Institute for Public Policy and Administration, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Assn., the Will County Governmental League and the Southwest Conference of Mayors will sponsor "Economic Development for Public Officials" on Jan. 27th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the offices of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Assn. (SSMMA), 1904 W. 174th St. in East Hazel Crest. Registration is $50. Register by Jan. 23rd. To register, contact Karen Hoffschmidt at (708) 206-1155. For more information, contact John Swain at (708) 534-4999.

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Lyle W. Mercier

Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9th, from Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4204 W. 147th St., to 10 a.m. mass at St. Christopher Church, 14641 Keeler Ave., Midlothian, for Lyle W. Mercier, 74, an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Mercier was a former resident of Midlothian, a former yard foreman for the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and a member of the American Legion. Visitation will be at the chapel on Thursday, Jan. 8th from 2 to 9 p.m.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne; daughter Kimberley Kogiones; two grandchildren; and a brother Alton (Virginia).

Adeline Potempa

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Adeline Potempa, 87, of Midlothian, wife of the late Roman Sr. Adeline was raised in Crestwood and has been a resident of Midlothian since 1976. She was active in many seniors groups in the area. Adeline has been a member of St. Christopher Parish since it began. She has been involved in various parish organizations and activities throughout the years.

She is survived by her children Roman (Sarah), Stanley, James "Mo" (Sheila), Joseph (Joann) and Mary; 14 grandchildren; and brothers Joseph and Peter (Jean) Slawinski.

Charles F. Kasch

Services were held Wednesday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with interment at Lithuanian National Cemetery, for Charles F. Kasch, 89, of Palos Park. He was the husband of the late Aldona and Bernice. Mr. Kasch had 39 years of service with Oscar Mayer Foods.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Bernice (Don) Hines, and Lucille McEnroe; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Elsie I. Jason

Services were held Monday at the Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Elsie I. Jason, wife of the late John. She was a member of the Olive Chapter O.E.S. 179.

She is survived by her son Anthony (Dorothy); three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sisters Myrtle (Robert) Kendrick and Crystal (John) Surin.

Peter G. Santoro

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, for Peter G. Santoro.

He is survived by his wife Michelle; his children Krystle, Brittney and Ashley; one grandchild; his father Peter; and sisters Deborah (Michael) Kassis, Darlene, Denise (Mike) Garoutte and Dawn.

Gustave W. Master

Services were held Monday at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Gustave W. Master, decorated Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, retired Lieutenant Colonel and husband of the late Margaret. Mr. Master was a past member of Grand Lodge of Georgia A.F. & A.M. Fort Benning 579.

He is survived by his children Louis M. (Susan), Barbara and Margaret H. (William) Soldan; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister Dorcas Pratley and brother Elroy.

Rev. Alcadio R. Garcia

Services were held Monday at the Lighthouse Church of All Nations, Alsip, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Rev. Alcadio R. Garcia.

He is survived by his wife Lucy; his children Alcadio Jr. (Lissette), Rose Mary (Alfred) Arteaga, Wanda E. De Bella, Ida L. (Joseph) Spapperi, Roland (Zoraida), Thomas W. (Gladys), Mary Ann (Ronald) Buczko and Mark A. (Marisol); and 20 grandchildren.

Donald E. Gilliam

Private services and interment were handled by Zimmerman and Sandeman Directors, Oak Lawn, for Donald E. Gilliam, driver for Dominick's finer Foods for five years. He was a member of Teamsters Local 703.

He is survived by his wife Teresa; his children Heather (Trey) Hardesty, and Donald J. (Tammy); and two grandchildren.

Margaret Quinn

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret "Peggy" Quinn.

She is survived by her husband John D.; her children Mary Ellen, John (Mary), Jim (Anne), Margaret Eagan, Noreen (Mike) Murphy and Kathleen; five grandchildren; sister Nora Fitzgerald and brother Jim O'Hara.

Delmar D. Peterson

Services were held Tuesday at the Salem Baptist Church, Orland Park, with private interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, for Delmar D. Peterson, 90, a World War II Navy veteran, of Orland Park formerly of Evergreen Park and husband of the late Mary Rose.

He is survived by his children Mary Beth LaFata, Herbert and David (Veronica); six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a brother Glenn (Letty).

James M. Hartigan

Mass was said Monday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for James M. Hartigan, 68, a veteran. Mr. Hartigan was a member of Father C.C. Boyle Council Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Margaret A.; his children James A. (Linda) and Kevin; two grandchildren; and brothers Patrick and Bernard (Patricia).

Daniel B. Heseltine

Services were held Tuesday at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Daniel B. Heseltine, 88.

He is survived by his wife Maedell; his children Daniel W. (Diana), Deborah (Michael) Butte and Duane B.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother Jack (Irene) and a sister Edna (Jim) Lipe.

Usilla Jean Howden

Services were held Monday at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Oak Forest, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery for Usilla "Jean" Howden, 74, wife of the late Benjamin. She was a member of the Illinois Bell Pioneers and the LCR Altar Guild.

She is survived by her daughter Diane (George) Andrasco; three grandchildren; brother Delbert Gravelle and sisters Leone Miller and Rene Gravelle.

Jack H. Kern

Services were held Monday at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Jack H. Kern, a Navy veteran of World War II and husband of the late June.

He is survived by his children Susan (James) Llorens and Laura Martin; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Melissa Ann Stromek

Services were held Wednesday at Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Melissa Ann Stromek, 26, of Chicago Ridge.

She is survived by her parents Thomas and Judith; a sister Diane (Michael) Bennett; and a grandmother Edna Garozzo.

Anne M. Sucech

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Mary Cemetery, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum for Anne M. Sucech, 87, of Orland Park, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her son James (Jan); two grandchildren and a brother John (Georgette) Tuczkowski.

Stella C. Sims

Services were held Monday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Stella C. Sims.

She is survived by her husband William; her children Sharon and Elaine; sisters Victoria and Lucille (Howard) and brother Charles (Mary) Canas.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Ralph W. Blakemore

Mass was said Monday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ralph W. Blakemore, 82, a U.S. Army veteran of World War Ii and a retired fireman for the city of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta; daughter, Susan Rhein; sons, Michael (Karen) and Thomas (Lynn); sisters, Carol Bell, Shirley Fassler, Mary Agnes Provancal and Patricia Gergitz; and brothers, Tom, Don, Bill and Jim Blakemore.

Stewart R. Roy

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8th at Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4201 W. 147th St., with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Stewart R. "Stew" Roy, 83, a U.S. Navy veteran and a resident of Crestwood for over 20 years. Mr. Roy was a retired dock worker for General Motors. He was a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580, member of A.A., former board member of Rosemoor Sports and Social Club of Momence and an avid bowler. Visitation is Wednesday, Jan. 7th from 2 to 9 p.m.

Josephine T. Kopacz

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Josephine T. Kopacz.

She is survived by a sister Sophie Buczko and a brother Martin (Mary).

Joseph M. Oklapek

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Joseph M. Oklapek, 86, retired CPD and an Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

He is survived by his wife Jean; sisters Mary Tworzydlo and Dolores (Chester) Zorowski and a brother Joseph (Helen) Vartiak.

Michael J. Collins

Mass was said Monday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael J. Collins, 76, a veteran of World War II U.S. Marine Corps and husband of the late Carol Harvel and Mary Finn. Mr. Collins was a retired 25 year employee of Harris Bank, Trust Operations.

He is survived by his children Bernadette, Peggy (Chris) Elser, Mary Kay (Felipe) Razo, Betty Ann (Wendell) Britt, Mike (Sandy), Dan (Sue), Barb, Phil (Karin) and Sheila (Jeff Hudson); stepchildren Kathleen Newman, Richard Newman Jr., Theresa O'Dell and Margaret Nowakowski; 21 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters Sarah Pedersen, Eileen (Vince) Heaton, Sr. Mary Michaela, O.P., Mary (Walter) Arvesen and Pat (Richard) Urchell; and a brother William (Janet).

Mark A. Cronin Jr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mark A. Cronin Jr., 79.

He is survived by his wife Jean Ann; his children Caron (Larry) Green, Nancy Johnson, Mark A. III (Karen), Susan (Daniel) Real, Amy (Robert) Marciniak, and Brian (Barbara); 19 grandchildren; brother Robert and sister Kay McGowan.

Sara E. Santiago

Services will begin at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8th, from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., to St. Germaine Church, 9911 S. Kolin Ave., for 9:30 a.m. mass with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Sara E. Santiago, 13. Visitation will be held Wednesday at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m.

She is survived by her parents Debbie and Louis Santiago Sr.; brother Louis Jr.; and grandparents Richard and Patricia Maziarka and Dolores F. and Paul Weber.

Joseph F. Asplund

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph F. Asplund, retired from the Chicago Police Department. Husband of the late Bridget "Betty."

He is survived by his children Margaret (Raymond) Miller, and Eileen (Jaime) Tapia; and 11 grandchildren.

Josephine G. Blatt

Services were held Wednesday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Josephine G. Blatt, 90, wife of the late Leonard Warzynski and the late Ervin Blatt.

She is survived by her children Sandra (Norman) Braun, Leonard (Sharon) Warzynski and Linda (Gerald) Blatt; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Thomas J. Brennan

Mass was said Monday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas J. Brennan, an Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a general foreman of U.S. Steel South Works and a graduate of Leo High School Class of 1936 and Notre Dame University Class of 1940. Mr. Brennan played left end for the Notre Dame championship football team. He was the husband of the late Marcella, nee Martin.

He is survived by his wife Mary C.; his children Thomas (Bridget) Brennan (former Major League Baseball player for the White Sox and Indians) and Marilyn (Patrick) Ball; extended family, Robert (Geraldine), Gerald (Kay), Patrick and Dennis (Maria) Saletta; and five grandchildren

Beverly Hahn

Services were held Monday at the Hills Funeral Home, Ltd., Palos Hills, with interment at Fairmount-Willow Hills Cemetery, for Beverly Hahn, a retired Chicago Public School teacher.

She is survived by her children Lynn (William) Buckley, Douglas and Robert (Debra); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Francis J. Schmitt

Mass was said Monday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Francis J. Schmitt, top Account Executive for 3M Corporation and Royal Business Systems. He was a graduate of St. Sabina Grade School and Calumet High School. Mr. Schmitt was a former Sport Information Director for St. Xavier University, Coordinator and Coach for Youth Athletic Programs (Ridge-Beverly Baseball, St. John Fisher Basketball, Most Holy Redeemer Basketball, to name a few).

He is survived by his wife Charlene; his children Thomas (Pamela), Gerald (Mary Therese) and John (Jennifer); six grandchildren; sisters Ann "Sis" Detwieler, Elizabeth "Betty" Hickey and Barbara; and a brother Jerry.

Francis V. Drwal

Mass was said Monday at St. Stanislaus Church, Posen, for Frances V. Drwal of Posen, a former elementary, high school and college teacher, translator of Polish and Russian languages and noted folk artist. A graduate of De Paul University in Chicago, she extended her education at the Jagellonian University in Cracow and at the Marie Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland. She taught English as a second language in the U.S. and Poland, and spent many summers in Poland teaching English to students through UNESCO and the Koeciuszko Foundation of New York. Her classes in the District 143.5 Community Education program teaching Polish language for adults, as well as the Children's Polish Folk Dancing classes were enjoyed by many.

She was a Tour Guide and Organizer of countless trips to Poland as well as traditional festivities. She is also credited with arranging the Sister Cities connection between Posen and Poznan, Poland, which includes sharing the town Coat of Arms of Poznan with the Village of Posen.

Ms. Drwal was well known in the Chicagoland and Suburban area schools and libraries for her Folk Art Workshops on "Wycinanki," the art of paper cutting. Her book on Wycinanki Designs is published by Stemmer House Publishers, International Design Library. Her paper cut designs were also recently included in the novel, *Push Not the River* by James Conroyd Martin. Her beautiful miniature Wycinanki Christmas tree ornaments have been displayed at the Smithsonian Institute and at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

She was President of the Southwest Polish Society, a society dedicated to the preservation of Polish culture, for many years and trustee for the Midlothian-Posen Library District. Her most recent project was translation of a book on Pope John Paul II from Polish to English.

A member of St. Stanislaus Church, she was a former president of the Altar and Rosary Society and on the Peace and Justice Committee. In lieu of cards or flowers, donations for breast cancer awareness or research would be appreciated by the family.

Evelyn Magnesales

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 9th at 11 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Evelyn Magnesales, 78, wife of the late Gust. She was an active member of the Chicago Ridge Senior Citizens Club.

She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline (Rick) Magnesales; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; her mother Edna Kossel; sister Elaine (Don) Gibson and a brother Frank Olejnik.

Arthur Sarkisian

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Arthur Sarkisian.

He is survived by his sister Catherine Ardiani.

Margaret R. Callahan

Mass was said Monday at St. Louis deMontfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret R. Callahan, wife of the late Harry.

She is survived by her children Jo Ann (John) Collins and Margaret (Frank) Pazda and two grandchildren.

William Galati

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William Galati, 88, of Alsip, husband of the late Louise.

He is survived by his children Sandra Swaggerty, Beverly (Warren) Tessari and William J. (Diane); and four grandchildren.

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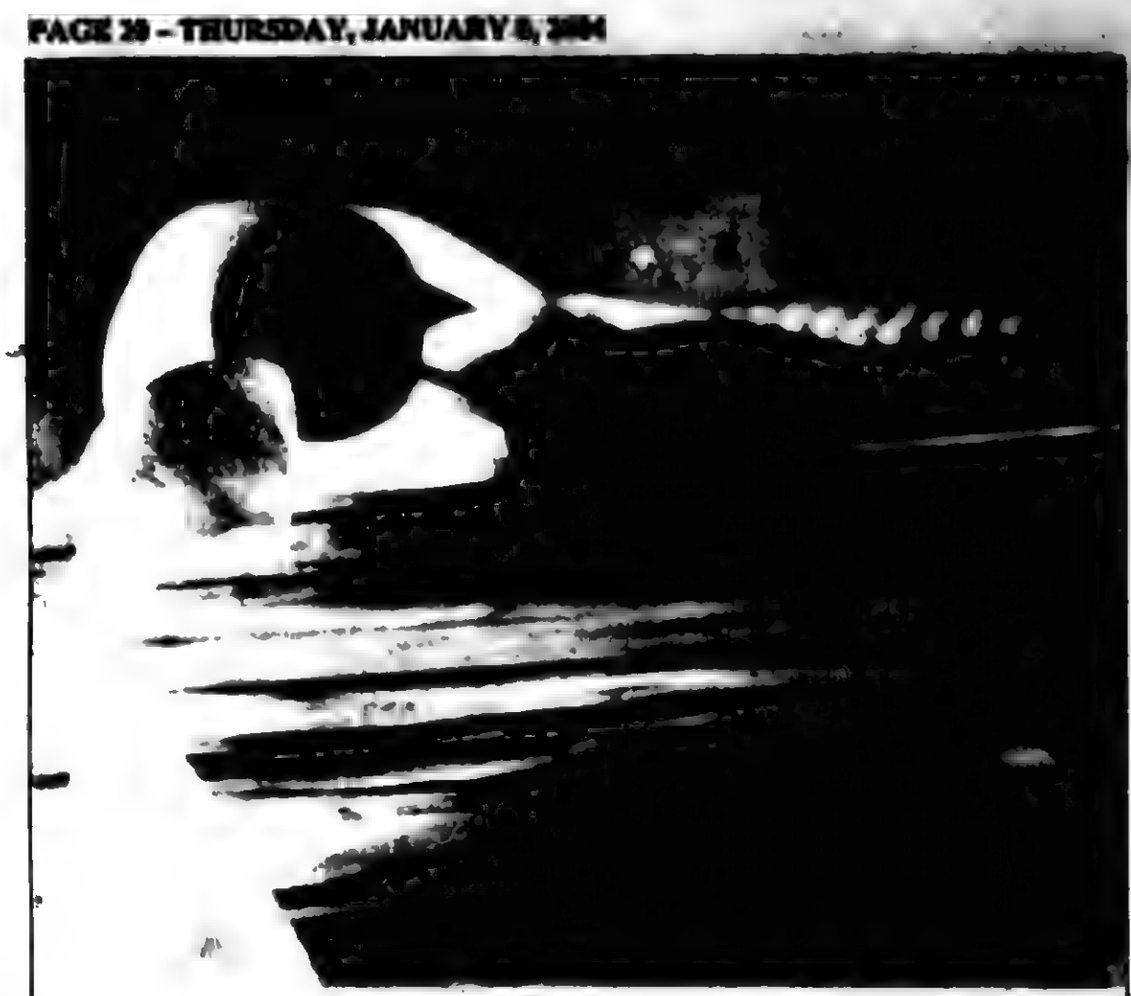

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St. Francis Fitness Center

Are you spending more time worked up than working out?

Then make 2004 your best year yet! Combat stress with exercise at the St. Francis Fitness & Lifestyle Center at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, where experienced exercise physiologists and registered nurses will tailor an exercise program to help you lose weight, feel great or get your health back on track.

And for women, the fitness center now offers a special 30-minute exercise program designed to deliver results quickly and safely! The only one of its kind in the area, the women's package offers two free EKG-monitored exercise sessions to evaluate your heart's health and determine an exercise intensity level that will bring maximum benefits.

Individual and family memberships are available from $32 a month. Stop by for a free tour of the Fitness & Lifestyle Center or call (708) 597-2000, ext. 5615, for details.

The Fitness & Lifestyle Center is located in the St. Francis Pavilion located directly across the street from the main hospital.

Preschool Sign-Up

Elim Preschool, 10835 S. Pulaski Road, will soon be taking new enrollments for the school year beginning in September.

Elim Preschool is now open to three and four year olds. Children must be four years old for the four year old program or three years old for the three year old program by Sept. 1, 2004.

Registration will be Tuesday, Feb. 3rd from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is $45 (non-refundable) plus a birth certificate. Call the Elim Preschool for further details at (773) 239-2396 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Just mention Girl Scout cookies and people begin rattling off their favorite varieties – Thin Mints and coconut-covered Samoas, as well as six other flavors. That's because Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition that began as early as 1934. But even die-hard Girl Scout cookie-lovers are often unaware of the real reward behind the annual cookie program: helping girls to build business skills and become financially savvy at an early age.

"The cookie program is a great experience for everyone; girls enjoy the experience and consumers love the cookies," said Brooke Wiseman, CEO of Girl Scouts of Chicago. "But like most things in the Girl Scout program, the benefit to girls is that it's a skill-building exercise. Taking orders, handling money, tallying sales, and distributing orders helps to teach and reinforce money management, decision-making and goal-setting. For some girls, it's a first-time experience with such disciplines."

"Our Girl Scout council's annual cookie activities make girls mini-business owners," Wiseman added, "and that fosters business and entrepreneurial development. In fact, many of today's businesswomen say that selling Girl Scout cookies was an important first step toward their career goals. In addition, consumers are able to support Girl Scout programs and receive a box of cookies as a bonus."

Soon after Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, Girl Scout leaders and girls sold cookies in order to be self-reliant and to fund their own troop activities. In those early days, girls baked the original shortbread cookies at home and held neighborhood bake sales to raise money for troop activities. By 1934, several Girl Scout councils were using commercial bakers to assist in their endeavors.

Profits from the sale of each $4 box of cookies help the council recruit and train new leaders; update experienced leaders; offer council-wide program events and outdoor experiences; maintain council properties; pay for printed materials and postage; provide support for nearly 17,000 girls; and offer financial assistance to girls from economically disadvantaged areas of the city. All of the profits are used locally.

For more information, call Girl Scouts of Chicago at (312) 416-2500.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

The statistics on the economic and social cost of gambling are on record and consistent in all states. Has legalized gambling solved our school system or balanced our state budget in the last 13 years of its conception?

A town is a political body, a place of justice, order, culture, for raising families and for the good life. Our government is responsible for protecting that good will, not promoting lotteries and casinos, a vice that has questionable accountability.

The gambling industry wants 40 acres! of the land plus the waterway in Crestwood for a mega casino with all its amenities (disrupting the established economy and social vitality of that town) to create a glorified house for craps. Why not legalize whorehouses or addicting drugs? for "man exploits man." Only a few get rich with gambling and we're left with a honky-tonk town.

I ask you to not support the gambling industry and hope that members of the South Suburban Consortium would meet again to find other ways to help each other and to open up the debate to its good citizens.

Money runs the country, but if that's what drives us, we're headed for a crash.

Sincerely,
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The Late Mayor Kolb's Home Has Been Designated

A Historical Site

Mayor Kolb's former home at 9217 S. 50th Ave. has been designated a historical site by the Oak Lawn Historical Preservation Commission, according to Trustee Jerry Hurckes. A dedication ceremony will be held later in the year.

With Governor Rod Blagojevich proposing mandatory community service hours for all students, Trustee Bob Streit again reiterated his request for a way of making community service a requirement for Oak Lawn students and connecting those students with Oak Lawn residents, who could benefit from the service hours. Streit also questioned, tongue in cheek, who leaked his idea to Governor Blagojevich.

A proclamation was issued in remembrance of Walter H. Lysen, publisher of the Oak Lawn Independent Newspaper. Our community is extremely grateful for Walter's contribution to our region and that we are deeply saddened by his passing at the age of eighty-five on December 28, 2003, states the proclamation.

The board approved a resolution approving a real estate sales contract for a portion of the property at 5717 W. 87th St. A resolution approving the content of and/or the release of certain executive session minutes of the board of trustees was also approved.

Village Clerk, Jayne Powers announced that all village offices will be closed on Jan. 19th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. The last day to register to vote in the March 16th primary election will be Feb. 27th. The clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon for registration. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 27th.

Illinois Tax Amnesty Benefits

Governor Blagojevich announced that Illinois schools and local governments throughout the state will receive an additional $80 million as a result of the Illinois Tax Amnesty Program.

"Amnesty is providing the same benefit to hard pressed local governments that it gave state government," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Our successful tax amnesty program has already brought needed revenues to more than 6,000 Illinois schools and local governments."

In December and January, the Department of Revenue allocated personal property replacement taxes of $243 million to schools and local governments, an $80 million addition due to tax amnesty collections.

The personal property replacement tax, a 2.5 percent surcharge on the state corporate income tax, is collected on state corporate income tax returns and allocated to local governments.

The Illinois Tax Amnesty program that ran from Oct. 1 through Nov. 17 was the most successful state amnesty program ever, bringing in more than $530 million.

The Department of Revenue projects that in the current budget year state government will receive a $185 billion boost from tax amnesty, while local governments will receive an additional $92 million.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 19 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

JANUARY 19 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 20 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 21 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 22 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 1 p.m.

JANUARY 22 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

McElroy Will Speak To Nifty Fifties Group

Edward F. McElroy (pictured), of Chicago radio and T.V., will speak before the Nifty Fifties, Monday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner.

Marcella Petrain, coordinator, announced that Ed will share his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Ed has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND and WJJD radio for over 50 years. He has done many training films and commercials, and has received many awards for news coverage in the United States. Ed entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children for many years. McElroy is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

District 229 Referendum

At the Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 board meeting on Monday, Jan. 5th, the board voted to adopt a resolution to place a referendum question on the primary election ballot in March. Residents will be asked if they would like a new high school to be built or to keep the current 51-year-old building at 9400 Southwest Highway for a while longer.

The referendum will ask for permission to issue up to $66 million in bonds to fund a new high school. To generate the funds needed, homeowners would see a 64-cent increase per $100 of property equalized assessed value. This increase would raise the annual property taxes about $250 yearly for a home with a market value of $200,000.

Sites considered for the new school are on district-owned land along Austin Ave. west of Oak Lawn High School or north of the school along 93rd St. Proposed plans call for a 400,000 square foot building, a 3-story academic wing, a theater, auxiliary gym, fieldhouse and swimming pool.

A citizens committee feels bringing the current building up to today's standards by making the necessary improvements would cost almost as much as a new school building. The structure has no sprinkler system, limited handicap access at the many entrances and the auditorium is small, which has never been renovated in 51 years. The committee feels a new school would be more cost effective.

The decision will be left up to the voters whether to build a new school or not.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will host its annual spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. The meal, prepared by Hometown chef Sylvia Barnes, her family and others, will be followed by a bingo game. Bingo prizes will be provided by various CWF members. The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children age 6-12, and under six are free.

For tickets, call the church office at (773) 582-7744, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Park District Trips

Openings remain in two scheduled trips this season from the Oak Lawn Park District.

Take your chances at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind. on Wednesday, Jan. 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The trip for ages 21 and up is taken on a motorcoach bus and includes four hours of gaming, a $5 casino coin and an all-you-can-eat buffet. Departure and return location is the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The fee is $27/resident or $30/non-resident.

Enjoy a hilarious presentation of a typical Irish wake at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet at *Flanagan's Wake* on Saturday, Feb. 7th from 5 to 10 p.m. The trip for ages 16 and up is taken on a motorcoach bus and includes dinner in the Rotunda and Esplanada of the Rialto, plus tickets to the show. Departure and return location is the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. The fee is $70/resident or $75/non-resident.

To register or for more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Pvt. Mann

Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher E. Mann, son of Cathy Murray of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Mann is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Do to the death of her father, Messenger Publisher Walter H. Lysen, Ms. Lysen's column will return in February.

Salton Anti-Trust Settlement Grants

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced her office is accepting applications for the Salton Anti-Trust Settlement Grants. Madigan has been charged with distributing approximately $350,000 to Illinois not-for-profit health care organizations as part of a nationwide settlement agreement.

The grants come as part of an $8.2 million national antitrust settlement with Salton, Inc., the manufacturer of the popular George Forman Grill. Illinois, 43 other states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reached the settlement with Salton in September 2002.

The states alleged in their 2002 lawsuit that Salton illegally coerced retailers into fixing the price for the George Foreman grill by stopping sales to retailers that sold the product at a discounted price or sold a competitor's product.

Settlement funds have now become available and will be distributed in Illinois by Madigan's office to service-oriented, not-for-profit organizations. The funds must be used to provide new programs or services benefiting nutritional or health care interests.

Applications should be submitted to Mary White, Office of the Attorney General, 100 W. Randolph St., 11th floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Applications must be received by Monday, Feb. 2. No applications will be accepted after that date.

One-Day-A-Week Spring Classes Set

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of one-day-a-week classes during the spring 2004 semester. Students can attend class one day a week and still make progress on degree requirements.

One-day-a-week classes are offered this spring in a variety of subjects, including academic, career, health, technology and trade classes. For complete details, visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.morainevalley.edu or call (708) 974-5504 to request a course catalog be sent to your home.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Office located in the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110, TT/TDD (708) 974-9556. Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's Web site, www.morainevalley.edu, or by touch-tone phone at (708) 974-5400.

Discontinue Use Of Syrup Of Ipecac & Activated Charcoal

The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) urges parents and caregivers to discontinue household use of syrup of ipecac and activated charcoal, two drug therapies used to remove matter from the stomach to treat ingestion of toxic substances. The IPC instead encourages that people contact the poison center immediately at 1(800) 222-1222 when a potential poisoning case occurs.

This revision reverses a long-standing recommendation that every household stock syrup of ipecac and activated charcoal for use in the event of a poisoning incident.

Current available medical studies neither support nor refute use of ipecac syrup, causing some in the medical community to challenge its use as an at-home treatment for poisoning cases. In addition to a lack of scientific evidence, an examination of poison center data revealed that administration of ipecac syrup did not have an effect on patient outcomes. More importantly, the use of ipecac syrup did not reduce referrals to a hospital. Its administration at home could actually hinder medical care in the hospital setting, potentially making it more difficult for the patient to keep down activated charcoal or other treatment therapies.

In-home use of ipecac syrup had been recommended since the 1960s to treat poisoning cases on-site in order to eliminate the need to transport the victim to a hospital or in more serious poisoning cases, to begin emptying the stomach contents as quickly as possible, prior to transporting a patient to the emergency department.

Questions or comments regarding the use of syrup of ipecac or activated charcoal, including the safe use of these drug therapies in a health care facility, may be directed to the IPC at 1(800) 222-1222.

The owners of the beautiful Drury Lane Theater/Martinique Restaurant were recently thanked for their support of Catholic education and their involvement in the community. John and Raymond Lazzara, who have owned and managed the banquet complex for the past 17 years, each received a unique commemorative plaque from four local schools who were the grateful beneficiaries of their generosity. Mother McAuley High School, Brother Rice High School, Mount Carmel High School, and Saint Rita of Cascia High School joined together in a collaborative event over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. The Lazzara's provided complimentary food and refreshments for the guests on Sunday evening, so the schools could receive the entire proceeds from the ticket sales. A split the pot raffle helped to cover the costs of printing.

In addition to providing funds for the schools, the benefit offered the opportunity for guests to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of the community establishment for "One More Time With Feeling," as the theme so aptly described. Alumni, faculty, staff, and supporters of the schools joined together to share memories and plans. Musical groups, arranged through faculty members, donated their time and talents for the entertainment.

Mistress of ceremonies Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, who also serves as chairman of the board of Mother McAuley High School, shared the sentiments of the crowd in extending heartfelt gratitude to John and Raymond Lazzara. She thanked them, not only for sponsoring the culminating event, but for their years of providing great food, arrangements, settings, and service to the many schools and organizations in the community. She called up the presidents and principals of the four institutions to join her in making a special presentation. Honorary diplomas from each school were arranged in a framed piece, adorned with a descriptive plate, featuring words that included thanks for the memories and for the support of Catholic education. Participating in the presentation are (left to right) Laura Shallow, past president Father Bernard Danber, O.S.A. of Saint Rita of Cascia High School, who was filling in for president/principal Father Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., Drury Lane Theater/Martinique Restaurant president and CEO John Lazzara, president/principal Father Carl Marcelz of Mount Carmel High School, president/principal Sister Rose Wiorek of Mother McAuley High School, president Brother Karl Walczak and principal James Antos of Brother Rice High School. Raymond Lazzara, who was unavailable for the presentation, serves on the board of trustees of Mother McAuley High School.

Women's Wellness Weekend

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers presents the 19th Annual Women's Wellness Weekend "Heart and Soul" from Feb. 20 through 22, at the Marriott Oakbrook.

You and/or the special women in your life will enjoy a pampered weekend filled with fabulous meals, exciting programs, informative workshops, a special gift pack and much more. Some of the weekend's highlights include "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" with the keynote speaker Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D.; "Stress Soup – Don't Let It Boil Over" with Anne Bartolotta, R.N., M.S.; "Newest Trends in Breast Treatment" with Lesley Wilcoxson, M.D.; "Joy of Eating" with Joann Ahrens, R.N., M.S., C.D.E., and Lisa Micetich, R.D.; "The Enabling Garden" with Eugene Rothert, B.S.; and "Romancing the Home" with Jules Joseph, B.A.

A three-day package is $285 per person with double occupancy. Space is limited. Reservation and payment deadline is Feb. 6. For more information or to make a reservation for "Heart and Soul," call (708) 423-5774.

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16th Dist. VFW Voice Of Democracy Winners

The 16th District Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Voice of Democracy banquet honoring 10 local high school winners by VFW posts and auxiliaries in the district. The 10 students were first place winners in their high school. The three to five minute taped speeches were judged on the topic "My Commitment to America's Future." Savings bonds were awarded to the top five winners and the remaining five winners received a monetary award. All 10 received a citation, flag set and a Voice of Democracy pen.

Ken Wrezzes, 16th District VFW Commander, and Kathy Conwell, 16th District VFW Auxiliary President, both of the Bremen Post 2791 and Auxiliary in Tinley Park, welcomed the honored guests, their parents, teachers and officers and members of the VFW posts and auxiliaries.

Co-chairmen of the program, Frank German of Post 2791 in Tinley Park and Lori Taylor, Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580, and a past state VFW auxiliary president, introduced the finalists and announced the contest winners.

Jillian Collins, a senior at Andrew High School, was the first place winner. She received a $200 savings bond and will be honored at a banquet in Springfield on Feb. 7th when the state winner will be announced. The state winner will advance to the National level where the top scholarship is $25,000 and all 52 National participants will receive at least a $1,500 scholarship. On the state level the winner will receive $2,000 in cash with each of the remaining 18 contestants receiving at least $300. Jillian was sponsored by VFW Post 2791 and Auxiliary.

The second place award was presented to Bonnie Keane, a junior at Chicago Christian High School sponsored by VFW Post 7454 of Palos Heights, who received a $175 bond. Third place was awarded to Rebecca Warszalek, a junior at Bremen High School, sponsored by Midlothian VFW 2580 and Auxiliary and the South Holland VFW 9964. She received a $150 bond.

The fourth place winner was Anthony Prater, a senior at Hillcrest High School, who received a $125 bond. He was sponsored by Markham VFW Post 9801 and Auxiliary. Fifth place was presented to Steven Tortorello, a senior at Marian Catholic High School, who received a $100 bond. He was sponsored by Chicago Heights VFW Post 2825.

The remaining five contestants were given sixth place monetary awards. They are Joseph Kasper, Marian Catholic High School, sponsored by Steger Honor Eleven VFW Post 8283 and Auxiliary; Sarah McGrath, Oak Forest High School, sponsored by Owen W. Winter VFW Post 4241 and Auxiliary in Oak Forest and Alsip VFW 450 and Auxiliary; Perre Shelton, Thornton Fractional High School, sponsored by Ehinger Brothers VFW 8141 and Auxiliary in Calumet City; Margaret Sikma, Tinley Park High School, sponsored by VFW 2791 and Auxiliary in Tinley Park; Anastasia Wiltgen, Tinley Park High School, sponsored by VFW Post 2791 and Auxiliary.

Mark Kelley, a teacher at Beecher High School, sponsored by VFW Post 311 in Manteno, was named the Teacher of the Year.

Guest speakers representing the Department of Illinois were state president Patricia Martyn, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Orland Park and from the Hometown Auxiliary 9773, and George Doeden, state VFW Homeless Veterans Director, of Midlothian VFW Post 2580.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Jamie Formella, past 16th District President of the Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580, who was the timekeeper; and to the judges, Richard Kelly, Bremen Township Supervisor; John J. Hansen, 2nd Lt. Retired, USAR, Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Eternal Flame Foundation and commander of the Northern Illinois Disabled American Veterans Association; Lillian Mayer, past state president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Dept. of Illinois; and Matthew Heffernan, Tinley Park Village Trustee.

Safe Driving Guidelines

Senior citizens comprise nearly 14 percent of all Illinois drivers. While few special requirements exist for seniors to maintain their driving privileges, older drivers need to be aware of certain guidelines to continue driving safely.

Q. Is there an age at which older citizens should stop driving?

A. No, as long as they are physically and mentally capable of driving safely. Seniors should pay special attention to natural physical changes that may place limitations on their driving ability, such as changing vision and slower reflexes.

Q. Are there restrictions for driving while taking medication?

A. Yes. Seniors must be in good general health to drive. If they are taking medications or have a condition that might impair their driving ability, a physician's statement and medical agreement may be required before they are allowed to drive.

Q. What are the guidelines for driver's license renewal?

A. Seniors ages 69-80 must renew their licenses every four years at a fee of $5. Seniors ages 81-86 must renew every two years at a fee of $2, and those 87 and older are required to renew annually at no fee. Vision screenings are required for renewal, and written and/or road tests may be required depending on their driving record.

The Secretary of State's office provides many special services for senior citizens: free duplicate driver's licenses for persons age 60 and older whose licenses have been lost, free non-expiring ID cards for persons 65 and older, auto insurance discounts for drivers over age 55, and free Rules of the Road review classes. For more information about these programs, call the Secretary of State's Senior and Community Services Dept. at (800) 252-2904.

Kick-Off Girl Scouts Cookie Sale At Cookie Land

The South Cook County Girl Scout Council's 2004 Cookie Sale had a rousing kick-off with a special Smart Cookie Adventure at their own Cookie Land at the Tinley Park Convention Center on Sunday, Jan. 11th.

Twenty-four hundred Girl Scouts and families toured the "Smart Cookie Adventure" to have fun and become "smart cookies" as they learned about features of the annual sale which supports local Girl Scouting.

The event offered a veritable carnival of things to do for the girls. As they moved through the exhibit hall, there were many hands-on activities to try.

"Cookie Arcade" was designed as a carnival tent with a series of games and face painting, also themed around the sale, as were all the day's activities.

At "Cookie Construction Zone" Girl Scouts learned tool identification, created structure out of cookie boxes and cards cut from cookie boxes, and made mazes from cookie-themed dominoes. The Construction Zone also highlighted tips on safety for the girls to follow when they take cookie orders.

An inflatable climbing wall and a cookie castle obstacle course presented different kinds of challenges to the more adventurous, and drew long lines of interested children.

"Party Central" offered tropical music and hat-making, and a photographer took souvenir photos of girls who posed as part of a giant cookie-themed poster.

Two separate rooms apart from the exhibit hall were designed to foster a story-telling atmosphere, where the girls combined learning about goal-setting with other skills.

Several chefs from local restaurants generated their own creations made from Girl Scout cookies, and offered tidbits to taste. They were from Holiday Inn Select in Tinley Park, Enrico's of Frankfort, and Flavors of Flossmoor.

An unusual feature was "guess the cookie boxes in the car" contest. A Dodge Neon, loaned for the day by Bettenhausen Dodge of Tinley Park, was filled with cookie boxes. Two winners each received a gift basket filled with goodies donated by the Chicago Bulls, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Children's Museum, the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park, The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University, the Chicago Heights Drama Group, and Wright's Hollywood Park in Crestwood.

An extra surprise drawing was held to award a family portrait donated by Dreesen's Photography in Homewood.

Live music and dancing were also part of the afternoon's entertainment.

Helping to guide visitors around various activities were older Girl Scouts in costumes, each dressed as a character representing one of the cookies. Each character also represented a career option. They included Nina Pinata, a travel writer who portrayed the new Pinata, a cookie with strawberry jam, cinnamon crumbs and white sugar icing.

Others were Sassy Shortbread, a computer programmer; Sandy Peanut Butter Sandwich, a rock climber; Gwen Thin Mints, a business executive; Kara Caramel deLites, a paramedic; Anna Animal Treasures, a wildlife photographer; Lena reduced fat Lemon Pastry Crèmes, a singer; and Patty Peanut Butter Patties, a veterinarian.

South Cook County Girl Scouts will take orders for cookies from Jan. 16th to Feb. 1st. Cookies will be delivered from March 6th to 14th.

Cookies will also be available for direct sale at Cookie Shops in a number of south suburban locations on the weekends of March 19th to 21st and April 2nd to 4th.

All eight varieties are $3.50 a box. The annual sale benefits the programs and services of the South Cook County Council. Participating troops earn proceeds for their own activities, which the girls decide upon and plan for, and individual girls earn a variety of special items.

For more information about the cookie sale, or about Girl Scouting in the South Cook County Council, where girls grow strong, call (708) 957-8100.

Free Coping With Arthritis Publications

Does pain in your knees ever leave you in so much discomfort that you have trouble sleeping? Do you have trouble getting out of bed because of pain in your joints? If so, you could be one of the more than 40 million Americans who suffer from some form of arthritis.

A free package of two publications from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, can guide you in your efforts to understand the disease and help relieve the pain that comes with it.

Arthritis is an inflammation of the joints causing redness, swelling, stiffness, and pain. However, there are medical treatments that can minimize your pain and improve the function of your joints:

- The more you weigh, the more strain is put on sore joints in your body. So, don't be surprised if your doctor puts you on a weight loss plan.
- Exercise can decrease your pain, increase flexibility, improve your heart and blood flow, and help you maintain your weight;
- Taking medicines, including Acetaminophen (for example, Tylenol) and NSAIDs or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (for example, aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Aleve) relieve the symptoms of arthritis by blocking your pain. The medication that's right for you will depend upon the type of arthritis you have.

Learn more with the free Coping With Arthritis package. There are three easy ways to get your free publications:

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- Visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to order a Catalog, or to read or print out these and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

Get even more information and take advantage of federal online resources at www.FirstGov.gov – your front door to federal and state government websites.

Study Defects On Some License Plates

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office has identified a potential defect on a small number of license plates and he has asked a committee to study the problem.

According to White, the plastic coating (referred to as reflective sheeting) on some of the state's new license plates is separating from the steel and has an appearance of bubbling around the identification numbers and letters. White said the re-plating contract guarantees the plates will be replaced at no cost to vehicle owners or Illinois taxpayers. The plates are warranted to maintain their reflectivity for at least five years.

"We have found some license plates that were manufactured during the state's recent replating program that have an appearance of bubbling around the identification characters," said White. "I have formed a committee to determine the cause and the scope of the problem. It appears that this is a rare occurrence, but if the problem is any larger we want to catch it now."

The defect causes the license plates to look aged or worn, but in some cases it could cause a loss of reflectivity making the plates difficult to read at night.

Vehicle owners who find this sheeting defect on their license plates may notify the Secretary of State's office by calling 1-800-252-8980. The plates will be replaced at no cost to the vehicle owner or the state of Illinois.

How to Buy A Home With Absolutely No Money Down

Oak Lawn- A new home ownership program allows qualified buyers to buy a home with absolutely no downpayment.

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Citizens Applaud Nussle for Saving $25 To $100 Billion

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) applauded House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle (R-Iowa) and congressional committee chairs for identifying $85 to $100 billion over 10 years in waste, fraud, and abuse. At Rep. Nussle's insistence, the fiscal 2004 budget resolution included instructions for each committee chairman to find at least one percent of savings in mandatory spending within their jurisdiction.

"This is a good first step to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in the federal government," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The findings also indicate that there is much more work to be done. With a $480 billion deficit, more of an effort needs to be made by Congress to reduce wasteful and unnecessary spending."

Despite the proposed savings in the committee reports, the results are somewhat misleading. Three committees: Armed Service, Resources, and Science, failed to provide reports. While some of the biggest savings identified are in the Medicare program, Congress has already included many of those suggestions in the Medicare prescription drug bill currently in conference committee.

"All committee chairmen should take this effort to reduce wasteful spending seriously," Schatz continued. "During a time of war and an increasing deficit, it is even more imperative that Congress focus on reducing spending."

CCAGW's primary mission is the reduction of waste in the federal budget. Founded in 1984, CCAGW is the legacy of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, also known as the Grace Commission. In 1982, President Reagan directed the Grace Commission to "work like tireless bloodhounds to root out government inefficiency and waste of tax dollars." For two years, 161 corporate executives and community leaders led an army of 2,000 volunteers on a waste hunt through the federal government. The search was funded entirely by voluntary contributions of $76 million from the private sector; it cost taxpayers nothing. The Grace Commission made 2,478 recommendations which, if implemented, would save $424.4 billion over three years, an average of $141.5 billion a year all without eliminating essential services.

"Chairman Nussle has shown exemplary leadership in identifying waste. Now, more than ever, it is important that Congress take the next step to eliminate the waste," Schatz concluded. "Hopefully, all committee recommendations will be incorporated into the fiscal 2005 budget and we will be one step closer to fiscal responsibility."

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement in government.

Law Enforcement Grant Proposals

Governor Rod Blagojevich announced that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) will be accepting proposals from local law enforcement agencies to participate in the $1 million federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG). The grant funds will be used by local police departments to purchase equipment that enhances public and officer safety.

Convict Dumeisi Of Spying

Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi, 61, a suburban arabic language newspaper publisher, was convicted on Monday, Jan. 12th on charges he acted as a secret agent of Iraq before the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Dumeisi was the publisher of Al-Mahjer which was formerly based in Burbank. He is a resident of Oak Lawn.

After six days of hearing testimony and arguments the jury convicted Dumeisi on four counts of failing to register as a foreign agent, conspiracy and perjury for lying in an immigration hearing and before a federal grand jury.

The conviction reportedly carries a maximum prison sentence of 25 years, but reports state Dumeisi is likely to face far less. Dumeisi has been in custody since he was arrested in July. His sentencing is scheduled for March 30th.

Congress Piles On The Pork

It's been more than three months since the start of fiscal 2004, and what a surprise, Congress has yet to finish the appropriations process. Though they have missed their appropriations deadline and are faced with a $500 billion deficit, members are finding the time to pile on the pork. The House passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act for fiscal 2004 (H.R. 2673) on Dec. 8, consisting of seven of the thirteen spending bills. However, the Senate is not expected to take action on the bill until January 20 when it reconvenes after a lengthy holiday recess. The 1,448-page bill totals $820 billion and is stuffed to the brim with parochial projects.

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Sharing Projects

During the Christmas season students in the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic elementary and high schools participated in literally hundreds of programs and projects centered around the spirit of sharing with persons in need. Special attention this year focused on service men and women stationed in Iraq as well as families, young children, aged and homeless persons who are in need.

St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn, had a White Elephant Sale for an adopted needy family. The Mothers Club gave gifts for needy families and students helped to collect and pack food for Sr. Brenda's food pantry. The Student Council held a cookie sale to benefit Thresholds; profits were used to buy "stocking stuffers."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Governor Rod Blagojevich alerted All-Points that he is proposing legislation today during his State of the State address from the state capitol, which would require all Illinois high school students to complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate. Citing the idea that schools teach students values as well as math and science, the Governor said, "The more involved you are with the community, the better citizen you become."

Presently, the Chicago Public Schools already require students to complete a 40-hour community service requirement to graduate. A number of suburban school districts have implemented similar programs.

The proposed legislation sets the parameters for how much time each individual must devote to service. However, to allow maximum flexibility for the school districts, the Governor's proposal allows school officials to set the schedule in order for students to complete the 40-hour requirement over the course of four years.

Governor Blagojevich's legislation creates a foundation to assist schools in implementing the requirements and will insure adequate funding is available for schools to implement the requirement. It's estimated the commuity service initiative will require $6 million in fiscal year 2005 for block grants to schools. Of the $6 million, each Illinois high school will receive $10,000 to fund two coordinators to implement the community service requirement. In addition, $1.1 million may be used from the Federal Learn and Service Program for Service Learning Grants. In the proposed legislation, the requirement would begin for the 2006 incoming class.

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Yesterday, Jan. 14th, Illinois State Senator Dick Durbin held a press conference at Governors State University. Senator Durbin announced a major grant funding to the university for An Adventure of the American Mind (AAM). The Senator had sponsored the grant for GSU and several other universities in Illinois.

AAM is a program from the Library of Congress that trains and supports K through 12 teachers in making the vast resources of the Library of Congress available for use in schools. By linking these resources with their own heritage and history, students connect with a variety of subject matters in new and exciting ways. With the help of the grant, about $700,000, GSU will provide teachers with the computer technology and training to access and use over 8 million primary sources, digitized for use in their classroom.

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The campaign landscape for the Republican U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Peter Fitzgerald continues to heat up. The Jack Ryan for U.S. Senate Campaign tells ALL POINTS that they have received endorsements from the following elected Republican officials in south Cook County: Chicago Heights Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Blue Island Mayor Don Peloquin, Board President of Prairie State College Michael Camilli, Tinley Park Board President Brian Youncher and Bloom Township Republican Committeeman Douglas Troiani. Mr. Ryan is also backed by a number of members of the state legislature, including State Senator Kay Wojcik, State Rep. Paul Froehlich, and State Rep. Dave Winters.

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National Able Network (formerly Operation ABLE) is hosting an information session for youths ages 18-21 at the Sauk Village Village Hall, located at 21701 S. Torrence Ave. in Saul Village, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For information call (708) 756-5497.

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Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Director of Financial Institutions Roxanne Nava announced that checks are in the mail for Illinois consumers expecting to receive payment from the landmark settlement with Household-Beneficial Finance reached last October.

More than 7,000 Illinois homeowners who were alleged to be victims of predatory loan practices by Household-Beneficial Finance between January 1999 and September 2002 will receive restitution totaling $11,227,739.66 from the Prospect Heights-based company in the upcoming weeks. The paychecks (7,450) are being sent throughout Illinois this week, with the average award totaling $1,495.

The nationwide settlement, totaling $484 million, was the largest settlement ever negotiated by the nation's attorneys general in a state or federal consumer case.

In March 2002, Illinois was among the first states to investigate the lending practices of Household-Beneficial Finance based on allegations the companies violated state laws by misrepresenting loan terms and failing to disclose important information to borrowers.

Consumers in Illinois and other states complained that, among other things, Household-Beneficial charged higher interest rates than promised, charged excessive loan origination fees and points, and repeatedly refinanced consumers' loans to generate an entirely new set of origination fees and charges for its benefit.

In addition to the more than $11 million in restitution, Household agreed to pay Illinois $550,000 for its costs.

Madigan said Household-Beneficial customers with additional questions about their settlement payment should call the settlement administrator's toll-free number at 1-888-780-2156 or visit the administrator's website at www.household-beneficial.com.

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Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy has issued a last call for nominees for the annual "Unsung Heroine" award given by Cook County Board President John Stroger's Commission on Women's Issues. Nominees must be residents of Cook County and live in Commissioner Murphy's 6th County Board District. All nominations must be submitted to Commissioner Murphy's office by Jan. 19th at 5405 W. 127th St., Crestwood.

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Dashes to deadline...best wishes to incoming Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce President Anne Marie Casey, owner of Annie's, Ltd. The Oak Lawn Chamber is hosting its 58th Annual Installation of Officers and Directors this Saturday, Jan. 17th, at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Kathy Kobak at (708) 424-8300.

While on the subject of Chamber business, we would like to personally thank the retiring executive director of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Joan Kennedy for her many years of excellence in helping to improve the business lives of hundreds of owners and managers in the southwest area. Your dedication to all of us will never be forgotten.

The Illinois AFL-CIO Endorse Dan Hynes For U.S. Senator

Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes (pictured) received the endorsement of the Illinois AFL-CIO Thursday, Jan. 8th, in his bid to become Illinois' next U.S. Senator.

"It means a great deal to me to have the support of the AFL-CIO and thousands of working men and women who have embraced my record of producing results for Illinois and my detailed jobs plan to get America working again," said Hynes.

"From the day I entered this race, my campaign has been about getting Americans back to work and putting an end to the historic job losses our country has suffered at the hands of President Bush. Together, with the million members of the AFL-CIO, we will fight to get our economy back on track and create jobs and together, we will win."

"Dan Hynes is a steadfast friend to Labor and all working men and women across this state," said Blackshere. "We know without question that he will stand up for us and with us in Washington and work to repeal the anti-worker policies of President Bush and the Republican leadership. American workers are in a battle of survival with this administration and Dan Hynes can help lead the fight."

Blackshere remarked that this meeting was the best-attended endorsement session ever and that Dan Hynes received over 75% of the vote.

"Dan Hynes is making sure construction workers in Illinois are being paid fair wages," said Mike Fitzgerald, business manager of IBEW Local 134, the largest electrical worker union in Illinois. "He stood up to dishonest contractors forcing them to obey the prevailing wage laws of this state or lose precious state funding. That takes backbone. He's the man we want representing us in Washington."

"The endorsement of the Illinois AFL-CIO to elect Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes to the United States Senate demonstrates a strong belief in his abilities and vision for the future," stated Ronald E. Powell, President, Local 881 and UFCW International Vice-President.

"The American Federation of Government Employees believes that Dan Hynes is the fighter working men and women need in Washington to create jobs and protect workers' rights," said Dorothy James, 7th District National Vice-President of the American Federation of Government Employees.

The Illinois AFL-CIO represents 1,066,000 union members in the state – the third largest state membership in the country. Support from labor unions and the AFL-CIO is a key element to winning Democratic primaries in Illinois – in 2002, the AFL-CIO was instrumental in helping elect a Governor, state legislature and statewide candidates who respect the rights of working men and women.

Since George W. Bush took office, 182,000 men and women in Illinois have lost their jobs. Hynes was the first candidate in Illinois' U.S. Senate race to propose a detailed jobs plan to get Americans back to work and Hynes is the only candidate to make job creation the cornerstone of his campaign. Hynes' 22-point plan to create jobs in Illinois calls for a dollar-for-dollar match – for every dollar we spend rebuilding Iraq we must match it with a new dollar spent at home, increased investment in our states and infrastructure, a national manufacturing policy, and worker protections in past and future trade agreements.

As State Comptroller, Hynes has a strong record of advocating for Illinois' working men and women. Among other things, Hynes was the first constitutional officer in state history to issue an executive order to enforce the prevailing wage law and he created the first-ever position of Prevailing Wage Officer to enforce the order.

Settle Soil And Underground Pollution Issue

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced Shell Oil Company will pay $200,000 to settle soil and groundwater pollution incidents and subsequent reporting violations caused by leaking underground storage tanks.

The settlement was outlined in a consent order filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

The Attorney General's office filed a lawsuit in 2002 citing alleged leaks from underground storage tanks (USTs) at 18 filling stations owned or operated by Shell in Cook, DuPage, Kendall, Lake and Sangamon Counties from May 1987 through September 1997.

"Gasoline contains benzene, a known carcinogen. A decade's worth of leaking gasoline poses serious environmental and public health hazards," Madigan said. "It is Shell's responsibility to ensure the safety of its product while it's stored underground."

The settlement required Shell to pay a civil penalty of $200,000 within 30 days. In addition, a project coordinator will work with Madigan's office and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to address environmental damage caused by the leaking tanks at all 18 locations. The company will file progress reports with the state by dates specified in the settlement.

Free Home Buying Publications Package

Buying your own home is the American dream. It's where your family will live and grow, and it's a good investment. But embarking on this dream, and finding the right home for your family's needs can be stressful as well as exciting.

Here's some help. Learn the step-by-step process of finding and buying your own home with a new free package of publications from the Federal Citizen Information Center. Use the **HUD Home Buying Guide** to find out how HUD can help you purchase a home. Get the facts on HUD homes – where to find one, the steps to follow when buying a HUD home and how to finance your HUD home. Use the chart to estimate your monthly mortgage payments. Even if you don't have a lot of money to put down on a home, learn how you can still buy the home you want with **How to Buy a Home With a Low Down Payment** from the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America and the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Use the handy worksheet to evaluate your financial resources and determine what kind of house fits your budget. Once you set your budget and are ready to shop for a loan, learn what to expect from your lender with **Don't Be a Victim of Loan Fraud: Protect Yourself from Predatory Lenders** from HUD. If your lender charges higher interest rates or encourages you to overstate your income, you may be a victim of predatory lending. A HUD-sponsored homeownership education course can help decrease your chances of becoming a victim.

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Establish American Legacy Scholarship

As the world rang in the new year 2004, American fighting men and women marked their third consecutive year in harm's way, fighting terrorism, at home and abroad. Sadly, too many of our nation's children have lost a parent in this enduring struggle against evil. These parents shall never have the opportunity to see their children through school and into adulthood.

Regrettably, the casualties of war continue.

It behooves all of us as citizens of a grateful nation to say "thank you" in a very meaningful way.

The American Legion has established the American Legacy Scholarship for children of members of America's Armed Forces who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

"We know that meeting the cost of a college education can be difficult for the average household. But, it is a major financial burden for one-parent families," said John Brieden, national commander of the 2.7 million-member American Legion. "The brave Americans who sacrificed their lives in the battle against terrorism are heroes. We have an obligation to help their children reap the benefits of higher education as they become the future leaders of our nation."

Children of active duty military and federalized Guard and Reserve personnel, killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible.

"As Abraham Lincoln said, '...to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan...'" Brieden said. "The American Legion is proud to continue that legacy."

To obtain a scholarship application visit the Legion's web site at www.legion.org click on "community" or send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to American Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

To contribute to the American Legacy Scholarship fund, send your donation to: The American Legacy Scholarship Fund at the above address. Contributions may be tax deductible.

It's the least we can do.

Public Aid Offers Family Planning Services

In an effort to help women leaving the Medicaid program better prepare for economic independence by avoiding unintended pregnancies and reproductive health problems, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid (IDPA) will offer family planning services to 120,000 women each year under a federally funded, five-year demonstration project.

The *Illinois Healthy Women* program – which will be launched in early 2004 – will offer women comprehensive reproductive health care coverage, including annual physicals, pap smears, mammograms, contraceptives and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.

"This new program will help women to have greater control over their lives at a time when they are focused on obtaining economic security for their families," said Blagojevich. "It gives them the tools to better control the timing of their pregnancies and will improve the health of both moms and children."

The two primary goals of *Illinois Healthy Women* are to offer women tools to prevent unplanned pregnancies and to assist women making the transition from welfare to work.

The agency estimates that in the first five years the effort will prevent 6,600 unplanned pregnancies, making about $9.2 million available to be used for other services in the state's Medicaid program. The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services will reimburse the state for 90 percent of the cost of family planning services.

The program will be open to Illinois residents aged 19-44 who are either U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens. Eligible women leaving Medicaid will be automatically enrolled in the program for three months but must indicate they want to remain in the program after the initial period.

Covered services will include:

- An initial physical, including patient education about reproductive health and family planning options, including Natural Family Planning.
- Annual physical exam for reproductive health, including a pap smear.
- Needed lab tests and mammograms.
- Contraceptive drugs and supplies, plus insertion and removal of devices.
- Tubal ligation.
- Tests and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.
- Transportation to and from medical care.
- Referrals for primary care services through a well-developed network of providers.

Mayslake Retreats

Mayslake Ministries will present the following programs:

"Seeking a Winter's Sabbath" from Jan. 30th to Feb. 1st at the Warrenville Cenacle. This guided retreat will include the Sabbath rituals of Kiddush and Hadvalah and is co-sponsored by the Cenacle and Mayslake Ministries. The cost is $165 for a single room. Reservations are required by Jan. 23rd. Call (630) 323-1620 or (630) 393-1231.

"Can You Hear Me Now?" is a quiet retreat for medical professional men and women being offered from Monday night through noon on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 23rd to 25th). Participants will gather at the Carmelite Center in Darien to experience "Listening, discerning and doing the will of God." This retreat will be presented by Mayslake Ministries at a cost of $195 for private room and bath; reservations are required by Jan. 30th. Call (630) 323-1620 to register or visit the web site at www.mayslakeministries.org. This retreat ministers to you as a spiritual being, and does not address medical issues.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Fine Wines Tasting

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host its third annual "d'Vine Affair – A Tasting of Fine Wines," at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. in downtown Chicago, on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. The event will benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency programs in Cook and Lake counties.

Thirty vintners from the West Coast, Europe and Australia will pour over 150 of their finest wines at the tasting, which will include both a silent auction and a raffle of exemplary wines, distinctive wine accessories and travel/entertainment opportunities.

The event also includes a gourmet Vintner Dinner featuring specially selected wines paired with each course. The dinner will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Union League Club's elegant Crystal Dining Room. Guests will be seated with vintners at each table and given the opportunity to discuss their wine enthusiasm. Dinner guests will also have the opportunity to participate in a live auction of rare and very fine wines.

Tickets are $75 per person for the wine-tasting; $175 for the Vintner Dinner; and $225 for both the tasting and dinner. Business-casual attire is appropriate.

For further information, or to be included on the invitation list, call Shannon at Catholic Charities (312) 948-6797.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Francis de Paula class of 1954 is seeking classmates and others for a Sept. 25th, 2004 reunion. Call Patty at (847) 342-3616 or Evelyn at (708) 422-8806.

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John Harlan High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 264-5775 or (630) 707-8000.

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Calumet High School class of 1944 will hold their 60th year class reunion on Oct. 3rd, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip. Call Gladys Mountford at (708) 424-1063.

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Morrell School class of February 1945 seeks alumni. Contact Howard, 695 Ivylog Terrace, Matteson, IL 60443.

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Elihu Yale Elementary School (7100 Princeton) – looking for classmates from class of 1954 for 50th reunion in 2004. Call Carol at (708) 499-0178.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fokta) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

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St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991.

Chicago Chamber Dinner

"Local to Global" is the theme of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's annual recognition dinner being held on Thursday, Jan. 29th at Georgios Banquets.

Events of the evening include the installation of the Chamber's 2004 officers and directors and recognition of the 2003 directors completing their term of service.

Cost of the dinner, which is open to the business community, is $95 per person or $900 for a table of ten. Black tie optional.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner at 6:30. The event program is scheduled to start immediately following dinner. Holland and Knight LLC is the event sponsor of the annual recognition dinner.

For additional information on the annual dinner or to make reservations, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950, ext. 118.

Martinique's New Home Opens

John and Ray Lazzara announced the grand opening of the new home to The Martinique Restaurant and Banquet Complex, 8200 S. Cicero Ave. The Martinique, formerly part of Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park, has been the premier location in the Chicagoland area for elegant weddings and banquets for over 25 years.

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For reservations or more information on The Martinique Restaurant and Banquet Complex, call (708) 424-1776.

"Growing Up Catholic"

St. Linus Parish will feature "Growing Up Catholic;" a presentation by John Powers, live in person. Powers is the playwright and co-producer of the hit Broadway musical "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" and the author of the recent book *The Junkyard Drawer-Corner Store Front Porch Blues*.

The event will be hosted at the St. Linus Gym, 103rd & Lawler, on Friday, Jan. 16th and Saturday, Jan. 17th at 6 p.m.

Tickets are $40 and include dinner with a cash bar and the entertainment by Powers. For Friday tickets, call Linda Delisis at (708) 636-3917. For Saturday tickets, call Karen Doah at (708) 636-7849.

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Men Sentenced For Money And Drug Trafficking

A former assistant station manager for Royal Jordanian Airlines here was sentenced to 41 months in prison recently for his role in smuggling U.S. currency for a large-scale, multi-state illegal drug manufacturing and trafficking ring operating between Chicago, Las Vegas and California.

Adnan Aldaraweesh of Willow Springs and a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan pleaded guilty in October to charges of scheming to smuggle large sums of currency through O'Hare International Airport.

The investigation began in January 2002 when Customs and Border Protection inspectors seized $651,817 in undeclared cash at O'Hare from Aldaraweesh's co-conspirator, Maser Abdallah, who is also a naturalized U.S. citizen from Jordan. Federal law requires that anyone traveling into or out of the United States with more than $10,000 in currency or monetary instruments must declare it to border inspectors through a Currency and Monetary Instruments Report. Abdallah is scheduled for sentencing within the next few months.

A joint investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI revealed that the source of the currency was Jubran Dighlawi, a resident of California who was operating a large-scale pseudoephedrine-trafficking operation with ties to Chicago, Las Vegas and California. Additional arrests led to another $919,000 cash being seized and established the drug-making connection.

The pseudoephedrine was smuggled into the United States from Canada. It was then stored in Detroit and Chicago, and later transported to the West Coast. Once the pseudoephedrine arrived, it was sold to Mexican drug traffickers for use in manufacturing the illegal drug methamphetamine, also called "crystal meth" or "crank." Proceeds from the sale of the pseudoephedrine were then returned to the Chicago area. Aldaraweesh, using his position as an airline employee, helped smuggle the cash outside of the United States. One method used to smuggle the cash was to stuff it in empty cereal boxes that were packed in Abdallah's suitcase.

"Operations like this demonstrate how a single seizure can lead to a much larger operation involving large sums of money and drug trafficking," said Elissa Brown, Special Agent-in-Charge of ICE Chicago. "Our agents ultimately seized over $1.5 million in currency that was intended to be smuggled outside the United States."

"This investigation showed exemplary coordination between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration," said DEA's Associate Special Agent-in-Charge William Segarra. "The money seized by ICE at O'Hare Airport directed the investigation to methamphetamine traffickers operating in California."

Aldaraweesh and Abdallah both pleaded guilty to one count each of violating Title 18 United States Code, Section 371 (Conspiracy), Title 31 United States Code, Section 5316 (Currency and Monetary Instrument Reporting Requirements) and Title 31 United States Code, Section 5332 (Bulk Currency Smuggling). United States Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald of the Northern District of Illinois prosecuted the case.

Hold Snowshoe Hike

A "Winter Wonder Walk," a winter ecology snowshoe hike sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, Jan. 31st at 10 a.m. at Monee Reservoir. The walk, for persons of at least seven years of age, requires registration and a fee of $3 per person.

Life abounds during the cold winter season if you know where to look.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

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From The Gov.

"I commend President Bush for recognizing the serious health risks posed by ephedra, and for instituting a nationwide ban on the dangerous herbal supplement. His decisive action on this issue will save countless lives and spare many others from the devastating medical problems that can result from ephedra use."

"In May, Illinois became the first state to completely ban the sale of products containing ephedra. Our action drew wide support from medical experts, professional athletes and Illinois families who have lost loved ones to the herbal supplement."

"More than 100 deaths and 18,000 medical problems have been linked to ephedra use. The supplement's makers purport that the herb enhances physical activity and weight loss, but in reality it offers essentially no benefits and can cause serious harm or even death. The bottom line is, there is no safe amount of ephedra, so there is no justification for continuing to allow products that contain ephedra to be sold to American consumers."

Teenage Pageant

The 33rd Annual Illinois Teenager Scholarship Pageant is now accepting applications for the junior and senior competition to be held March 12-14 at the Muscatine Center for the Performing Arts.

America's National Teenager Scholarship Pageant will recognize young women ages 12-18 for their academic achievement, community involvement, leadership ability and communication skills.

The pageant organization is a two-tiered system, featuring competitions for titles of Miss Illinois Junior Teenager (ages 12-15) and Miss Illinois Senior Teenager (ages 16-18). College tuition money, grants and cash scholarships are awarded to both division winners.

For information about participating in the Illinois Teenager Scholarship Pageant, contact Rick Crooks at (319) 339-4793.

Offices Closed

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Jan. 19th, for Martin Luther King Day, Secretary of State Jesse White announced. They will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 20th.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian and Niles facilities that are normally closed on Mondays, will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 17th, as well as Monday, Jan. 19th. These facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 20th.

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) has named former Chicago Police Commander and attorney Joseph Griffin as the new Inspector General in the Sheriff's Office.

Griffin joins the Sheriff's Office after a 32-year career with the Chicago Police Department where he worked his way up through the ranks from patrol officer to Commander of the 18th District on the city's near north side. He replaces Joseph Shaughnessy who retired after 12 years with the Sheriff's Office and a long career with the Chicago Police Department.

As Inspector General, Griffin, 54, will oversee the internal affairs divisions of the Sheriff's corrections, police and court services departments. The Inspector General also coordinates any investigation requiring action with the State's Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Griffin joined the Chicago Police Department in 1971, rising through the positions of patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and commander. During his career with Chicago, Griffin obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology as well as a law degree from the John Marshall Law School.

"The job of Inspector General is crucial to the integrity of the Sheriff's Office," Sheahan said. "As an attorney with a career of hands-on police experience, Joe Griffin is a perfect fit for this position."

The Inspector General also functions as a watchdog for the Sheriff's Office for any employee or citizen who wishes to provide information that raises suspicion or requires investigation. Griffin will be the first attorney to hold the position since it as created by Sheahan shortly after his first election as Sheriff in 1991.

Propose Project Success Revival

In an effort to bolster parental and community involvement in a child's education, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich proposed recently bringing back a state program called *Project Success*, which will ensure that children and families receive the services they need to succeed in school.

"The more parents are involved in their children's education, the better their kids will do in school," Gov. Blagojevich said. "*Project Success* will link problems to services, giving parents somewhere to turn for help."

***Project Success* was created in 1991 under former Gov. Jim Edgar. The program served 200,000 families with children in more than 1,000 schools in 98 counties. Reading and math scores improved and parental involvement increased at *Project Success* schools. But former Gov. George Ryan eliminated the program in 2002.**

"*Project Success* was a success in Illinois," said Gov. Blagojevich. "I know how hard it is to balance the budget. But eliminating it was the wrong choice. *Project Success* works."

***Project Success* will provide a comprehensive, systematic delivery system that responds to the needs of children and their families, using the school as the hub of service delivery. There are six core components of service delivery.**

- **Basic preventative health care for children and families.**
- **Proper nutrition and nutrition education.**
- **Prevention and rehabilitative mental health services for children and families.**
- **Services that will protect children and promote the stability of the family.**
- **Substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment for children and their families.**
- **Social activities to enhance positive interaction within families.**

Gov. Blagojevich's initiative will create local governing boards, made up of parents, community-based service providers, faith-based organizations, school representatives and local leaders to identify the needs of children and develop a plan to meet those specific needs.

Local coordinators will ensure *Project Success* is effectively reaching the maximum number of schools. Anticipating the program will begin July 1st, 2004, it will cost $5 million to fund the local coordinators. Reviving *Project Success* does not require legislation.

Gov. Blagojevich will explain *Project Success* and other forward-thinking education initiatives during his State of the State address at the State Capitol today, Jan. 15th at 12 noon.

Offer Telecourses

Moraine Valley Community College offers an assortment of telecourses in the spring 2004 semester. Telecourses are taught primarily via videotapes that are available in the college's Library/Learning Resources Center and several local libraries.

Telecourses available in the spring 2004 semester include Composition I and II; World Regional Geography; Western Civilization I and II; American History I and II; A Healthy Lifestyle and You; Introduction to Philosophy; World Religions; American National Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Child Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; General Sociology; Marriage and Family; and Introduction to Film.

For more information about telecourses at Moraine Valley, call (708) 974-5710.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of Jan. 20th. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books.

Nazareth Chorus

The Nazareth Academy Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Lara Denise, will be performing with 12 other archdiocesan high schools and elementary schools as they perform at the "Music That Brings Us Together" COR (Catholic Schools Opposed to Racism) program at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams in Chicago, on Wednesday, Jan. 28th at 7 p.m.

The Nazareth chorus, along with other participating schools, will begin the program with the welcoming song, "Together Hand in Hand," and close the evening with "Go Make a Difference." In addition, the Nazareth chorus will also perform "Share Your Bread with the Hungry."

Other participating schools are De La Salle Institute, Maria, Mother McAuley, Notre Dame, Queen of Peace, Resurrection, Seton, St. Scholastica and Trinity. Area grade schools participating are St. Ethel Reda, St. Gall and St. John De La Salle.

One-Call System

Representatives of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) announced that the Illinois One-Call System received and processed a record 1,147,276 underground utility locate requests from professional and non-professional excavators in 2003. In addition, 260 new members joined the not-for-profit organization, increasing total membership to 1,744. Compared to the previous year, these totals represent significant increases of 7.3 percent and 17 percent, respectively.

"In 2003, representatives of JULIE, Inc. and its members expanded a successful public safety campaign to build awareness and educate excavators about the importance of safe-digging practices in Illinois," said Mark Frost, executive director of JULIE, Inc. "There is no reason to take chances when planning an outdoor project. Safe digging begins with a call to a helpful JULIE operator at (800) 892-0123."

CATS Plan

The Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) has released for public comment a new plan to involve the public in transportation planning. The comment period runs through Thursday, Feb. 5th.

The proposed Public Involvement Plan contains an introduction to the metropolitan transportation planning process, a general description of CATS, a public involvement mission statement, a map of the CATS planning region, core values for the practice of public participation, a planning process flow chart, a description of the tools CATS will use to involve the public and CATS contact information.

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Coming Events At Stony Creek

Besides golfing on indoor golf simulators or shopping in the pro shop, there's plenty to do in and around the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St.

Outdoor ice skating is currently available behind the clubhouse on a new rink. While the freezing weather lasts, bring your skates – day or night – to enjoy free skating in a scenic setting. Skate rental is not available.

On Sunday mornings in January and February, the clubhouse hosts **all-you-can-eat breakfast buffets** from 8 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, eggs, pastries, coffee and more are offered for $8.99 for adults, $4.99 for kids ages 6-10, and free for ages 5 and under.

On Wednesday evenings in January and February, teens can participate in **bean bag tournaments** and enjoy free pop, for $2 at the door. Food specials, video games and board games are also available.

The clubhouse will host a **Superbowl Party** on Sunday, Feb. 1st from 5 to 9 p.m. Watch the big game – and the entertaining commercials – while you munch on snacks and deli sandwiches with an open bar for $25 per person. Food service only is $10 per person. Tickets are available now. To order tickets or for more information on activities at Stony Creek, call (708) 857-2433.

"Grandezza" Event

The National Catholic College Admission Assn. (NCCAA) marks the opening of its first full-time national office in Chicago with its first annual *Grandezza*, an event to celebrate and support the advancement of Catholic higher education in the United States, on Saturday, Jan. 24th at Navy Pier's Crystal Gardens.

Alumni, parents, staff and local supporters of Catholic colleges and universities will join together to kick off the NCCAA's new initiatives for the upcoming year, which include the reinstatement of national Catholic college fairs and expanded community outreach. *Grandezza*, Italian for "greatness," celebrates the greatness that Catholic colleges and universities inspire in their students and graduates to do good things well in their family, work and civic lives.

The National Catholic College Admission Assn. is a non-profit organization of Catholic colleges and universities committed to serving students, parents and counselors in the transition from high school to college. The organization produces *The Official Catholic College & University Guidebook*, and also maintains a Web site to aid students in finding Catholic colleges that match their higher education preferences and goals, at www.catholiccollegesonline.org.

Preschool Sign-Up

Elim Preschool, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., will soon be taking new enrollments for the school year beginning September 2004.

Director: Mrs. Leanne Converse.

4-year-olds – MWF - $100 a month (8 monthly payments); Morning Session 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.; Afternoon Session 12:30 to 3 p.m.

3-year-olds – Tuesday & Thursday - $75 a month (8 monthly payments); 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Elim Preschool is now open to 3 and 4-year-olds. The child must be 4 years for the 4-year-old program, or 3 years old for the 3-year-old program, by Sept. 1st, 2004.

Registration will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is $45 (non-refundable) plus a birth certificate. Call for further details at (773) 239-2396 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dr. Kisicki Named Most Inspirational Teacher

Western Illinois University has announced that St. Rita of Cascia High School English instructor Dr. Mike Kisicki (pictured), a long time resident of Oak Lawn, has been named an Illinois "Most Inspirational Teacher" for 2003-2004.

Dr. Kisicki wins the award for the fourth time. The award is "in recognition of excellence in preparing the next generation for academic achievement and leadership," according to Western.

Dr. Kisicki is a 29-year veteran of St. Rita. He has served the school as its assistant principal twice, as well as two terms as athletic director, four terms as activities director, and as founder of St. Rita's professional development program, publicity director, disciplinarian and North Central Chairman.

He has most recently been honored at Quincy University with a Certificate of Educational Appreciation from Fr. Mario DiCocco, interim president of Quincy; and with the Alumnus Educator of the Year Award from his alma mater, Lewis University of Romeoville.

Dr. Kisicki is a 16-time winner of St. Rita's "Teacher of the Year" Award, chosen in a free-vote of the student body; and he has been honored with the U.S. Congress Educational Excellence award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" Award, a Community Service Award from former Gov. George Ryan for Kisicki's work with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), and commendations from the city of Chicago. He holds two master's degrees from the University of Arizona and his doctorate from Loyola of Chicago, in addition to his degree from Lewis.

St. Gerald's Ribbon-Cutting

St. Gerald Catholic Elementary School has received new computers, thanks to fundraising and the generosity of school and parish families. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception was held on Wednesday, Jan. 7th.

The school's computer lab is equipped with 30 new Windows XP e-machines. Students will use the computers to do word processing for creative writing of stories, poems and reports. In addition, students will learn to create simple databases, design Web pages and do Internet research. Part of the computer curriculum includes computer manners and ethics as well as a code of conduct. In addition to the lab, there will be two to three computers with a printer in each classroom.

"Our computer teacher, Mr. Holmes, has worked hard to repair, upgrade and replace the school computers. With these new additions, we are in what we call 'computer heaven'," said Andrea Murphy, principal.

QP Honor Students

Queen of Peace High School has announced the students from Oak Lawn who have been named to the "A" and "B" Honor Rolls for the first quarter.

"A" Honor Roll: Jamie L. Caliendo, Kristen E. Lewis, Caitlin N. Yurko, Alison J. Yurko, Patricia R. Cano, Emilia Nichols, Nicole M. Surico, Samantha R. Saracco, Oralia Jimenez, Courtney L. Schumacher, Nora D. Duffy, Carly A. Walton, Amanda M. Candella, Lydia E. Mikuta, Emily A. Krystof, Kate R. Haney, Crystal A. Perez, Kelly A. Shinnick, Kelley M. Sheehan, Andrea L. Meade, Rebecca E. Straple, Melissa A. Murphy, Felicia Sadat, Colleen M. Dansart, Katherine Tumpane, Nicole M. Paprocki, Katherine M. Szalko, Meghan E. Biernacki, Emily R. Sundermeier, Jennifer E. Minnis and Natalie A. Capron.

"B" Honor Roll: Elizabeth A. Cano, Bridget M. Foley, Jessica A. Foulkes, Erica M. Astello, Claire M. Murphy, Colleen M. Sullivan, Ashley M. Urbanik, Allison J. Steigerwald, Caitlin S. Miller, Leticia I. Razo, Theresa L. Vorderer, Jessica D. Helmer and Erin M. Fionda.

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Address	City	Amount	Buyer	Seller
10025 S Komensky	Oak Lawn	$930,000	Family B&T Co Tr	Standard B&T Od
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10340 S Pulaski #303	Oak Lawn	$88,000	Brown Phyllis	Pagnano Rosemary Tr,Mary-C Larocco
10350 Parkside Unit 2D	Oak Lawn	$131,000	Sweeney James M,Shinners Michelle M	Ehler Daniel R,Vitale-Ehler Gina M
10400 Komensky	Oak Lawn	$115,000	Harbell Siobhan O	Cummings Robert,Cummings Patricia
10417 S Karlov	Oak Lawn	$257,000	Land Ralph	Fadhouri Odette F
10504 S Kostner	Oak Lawn	$212,000	Bandyk Steven,Bandyk Donna	Golden Robert J,Golden Maria A
10531 S Kostner	Oak Lawn	$637,000	Golden Robert J,Golden Maria	J & J Invest Grp
10533 S Kilbourn	Oak Lawn	$178,000	Czernik Urszula	Durkin Frances M Tr,Durkin Frances M
10537 S Kildare	Oak Lawn	$228,000	Dugger Jeffrey J,Dugger Deborah L	Maguire William T,Maguire Maria T
10544 S Karlov	Oak Lawn	$275,000	Cogkarasa Joseph J	Bosas Joseph E,Bosas Theresa W
10715 S Tripp	Oak Lawn	$232,000	Tseng Robert Y,Tseng Katie A	Hochsprung Ruth C
10744 S Long Ave	Oak Lawn	$326,000	Inon Frank M,Inon Janet E	First Midwest Bk Tr
10816 S Kostner	Oak Lawn	$206,000	Alvarez Eduardo	Williams Lisa
10841 S Keating	Oak Lawn	$97,000	Janecka James F	Schugh Robert R,Schuch Kelly K
10910 S Kilpatrick	Oak Lawn	$77,000	Pawlak Harriet	Schmidt Florencia M Tr
10937 S Lorel Ave	Oak Lawn	$357,000	Sloan James E,Sloan Angelica M	Nlab Tr
11024 S Koster	Oak Lawn	$197,000	Morales Ramiro,Morales Rosalinda	Lasalle Bk Natl Assn Tr
11025 S Keating U103	Oak Lawn	$78,000	Driscoll Phyllis J	Mcgahan Peter F,Mcgahan Susan M
4036 W Almansa Ln	Oak Lawn	$80,000	Gergits Richard C Jr	Lukens William E
4316 W 100th St	Oak Lawn	$125,000	Rogers Robert C,Rogers Maria I	Schmanski Joan H
4500 W Rumsey Ave #3N	Oak Lawn	$129,000	Zavala Leticia	Hermanson Michael,Hermanson Michelle
4912 W 107th St	Oak Lawn	$415,000	Virgi Ruzwan,Virgi Ramzanali F	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr
4929 W 109Th #104	Oak Lawn	$74,000	Bravo Steven	Allen Melissa A

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Features Deadbeat Parents On Web Site

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the state's new Deadbeat parents Web site has recovered more than $37,000 in past due child support in its first month of operation.

One parent featured on the site, Anthony Bezrouskoff from California, sent in $19,000 he owed in child support after his photograph appeared on the site, which was created by the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA). In a second case, a non-custodial parent who was afraid that he would be featured on the site mailed in a check to satisfy the almost $18,000 he owed.

"The Web site is having exactly the effect we intended," Blagojevich said. "Not only is it having an impact on the deadbeat parents featured on the site, but it has also evidently encouraged a parent who was eligible to be pictured to do his legal duty and pay the money he owes for the support of his child."

The Web site, at www.ilchildsupport.com/deadbeats/, was launched Nov. 24.

In the second case, an Oak Park man sent an $18,000 check for the child support he owed to a street address that is advertised only on the Web site.

"The Department is very encouraged by the initial success of the Deadbeats Web site," said Barry S. Maram, IDPA Director. "We think this will be a powerful enforcement tool as we carry out our mission, which is to improve the lives of children across Illinois."

The Web site, which was authorized by state law, will feature photos of the state's most egregious delinquent parents. To be eligible for inclusion on the site, a delinquent parent must owe more than $5,000 in past due child support based on an Illinois court or administrative order.

District 123 Offers Preschool Classes

School District 123 is offering preschool classes for children three and four years of age during the 2004-05 school year. This preschool experience will provide your child with a developmentally appropriate curriculum emphasizing whole language experiences and "hands on" math/science activities. In addition, story activities, perceptual and gross motor opportunities, and computer access will be provided to your child.

Classes for three-year-olds meet two half-days each week and four-year-olds meet three half-days each week from September through May. Each morning or afternoon session meets for 2½ hours. Tuition for three-year-olds is $105 per month and tuition for four-year-olds is $130 per month. A non-refundable deposit of one month's tuition is required. The deposit will reserve a place for your child. Early registration is suggested since space is limited to 17 four-year-old students per session and 12 three-year-old students per session. First-come, first-served.

Families living in District 123 should bring the child's original birth certificate, a parent's photo ID (driver's license, state ID or passport) and four documents from the following categories to prove residency:

Category I – (one document) – Real estate tax bill, signed lease, mortgage papers, an agreement of sale.

Category II – (three documents showing proper address) – Driver's license, voter registration, library card, home/apartment insurance papers, gas or electric bill (telephone bill not acceptable), auto registration, credit card bill, public aid card.

Families living outside of District 123 should bring the child's original birth certificate and will be invited to sign a waiting list for openings in these classes. Resident families will be served first.

Registration day is Jan. 21st from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Kolmar School, 10425 S. Kolmar. For further information regarding the preschool program, call (708) 422-1800.

POLICE CALLS

On January 1st Kenneth Farris, 25, of Burbank was arrested and charged with residential burglary. The victim reported that a Playstation, video games, a video camera, and beer had been taken. The victim then visited local pawn shops and resale shops searching for his possessions. At Game Stop he found his Playstation by matching the serial numbers. The clerk remembered the sellers and produced an identification. The victim notified police and they questioned the associate, who gave them the sellers information, stating that the seller did not have an I.D. and his friend had produced his to complete the sale. The police contacted the friend, who gave them Farris' name and requested the friend contact them if Farris got in touch with him. A short time later the friend called to notify police that Farris was at his home. Police arrived and after a brief chase, Farris was arrested.

On Jan. 6th Anthony Rivera, 18, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police responding to a call of windows broken in the 5200 block of Alexander, observed Rivera, who matched the description given in the 5300 block of Kimball and stopped him. The witness was brought to Kimbal and identified Rivera. During booking, police discovered a blue glass pipe commonly used for smoking cannibis in his pants pocket.

Billing Practices

Responding to recent reports about price gouging and predatory collections by Advocate Health Care and other hospitals, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently opened an inquiry into hospital billing practices. "Not only are some hospitals apparently charging exorbitant rates, but they allegedly are using aggressive collection tactics that may force some Illinois residents to choose between health care and saving their lives," stated Madigan.

The Hospital Accountability Project has released two reports on pricing and collection practices by the 59 acute care hospitals in Chicago. The reports reveal that:

- Advocate is the leading price gouger of Chicago's uninsured, charging the uninsured 139% more for the same treatment than those with insurance coverage;
- Advocate is the leading predatory collector in Cook County, suing to recover uncollected bills at a rate three times more than area hospitals.

"Attorney General Madigan should be applauded for shining a light on price gouging by the hospital industry," said Joseph Geevarghese, director of the Hospital Accountability Project. "Attorney General Madigan is taking an important step towards holding Chicago's leading price gouger, Advocate Health Care, accountable to its obligation to provide care to our neediest citizens."

The investigation comes on the heels of an inquiry launched by the Illinois Senate's Health & Human Services Committee, led by Sen. Barack Obama.

Lauren Plahm Studied In United Kingdom

Lauren Plahm of Oak Lawn, a junior at Illinois Wesleyan University, spent the fall semester as a study abroad student in the United Kingdom.

Plahm studied at the University of Sussex as part of Illinois Wesleyan University's comprehensive study abroad program, which sent 69 students to countries around the world during the fall semester.

Plahm, a graduate of Mother McAuley High School, is a psychology major at Illinois Wesleyan.

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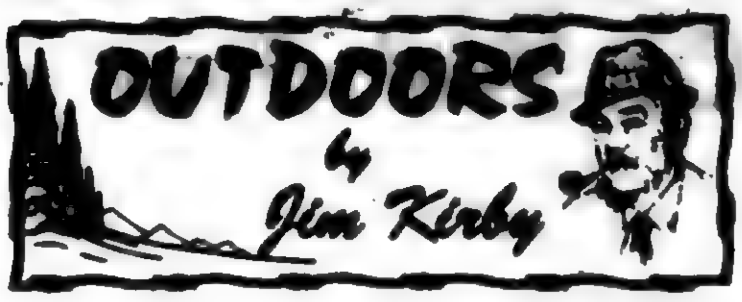

AND HOW WAS YOUR HUNTING SEASON? It's that time of the year, for all practical purposes, the hunting season is over. The exception is the late Snow Goose season that runs to the end of March; bird shooting down south, and bird shooting at controlled shooting preserves that generally goes into April.

It is that time of the year when my wife walks by my work area and asks: "What's that strange odor?" You see, that's the difference between men and women. To me the smell of gun oil and Hoppe's #9 gun cleaning solvent is a pleasant 'aroma,' not a 'strange odor.'

Once a year, whether they need it or not, I pick a nasty weather day, light a fire in the fireplace and clean my firearms. I know and preach the need for cleaning a gun after each outing, I just don't do it unless the gun has been exposed to rain, snow or dirt. My excuse is: "Constantly running cleaning rods through the barrels will wear them out." Which of course isn't true, but in my mind, justifies the reason for making the gun cleaning day a yearly event, and a time to relive the events of the just-ended hunting season.

Dove season signals the opening of the hunting season, it always opens on Sept. 1st and screws up the Labor Day weekend. I don't care how good a shot you are, doves present a real challenge. In the field, they act entirely different from the doves you see in your backyard, the moment you raise the gun, they climb, dive, turn and twist. As testimony to their elusiveness, an average of seven shells are expended for every bird harvested. In my three days of dove hunting, that average held true for me. The boys hunting along the Illinois-Wisconsin border did very well this year – for the first time ever, Wisconsin finally had a dove season and that pressure moved some birds south into Illinois.

Kirby with a brace of Ruffed Grouse – the "I wasn't ready birds."

The Ruffed Grouse has rightfully been dubbed the "I wasn't ready bird," on the flush, it tends to put a tree or bush between the hunter and the bird. These birds are on a nine-year cycle, and this year was supposed to be the bottom of the cycle. I must have been in the right place at the right time, because I had two successful October hunts in Wisconsin.

Grouse are generally found in heavy cover, not in open fields like quail and pheasants, and tend to flush about the time you step over a log, or around a tree, generally when you're "not ready." I consider the grouse to be the premier upland game bird, and the best tasting.

Turkey hunting in the fall is entirely different than the spring hunt. The toms are not out courting so the use of turkey calls is generally not productive, it's a case of going to them, or "cutting them off at the pass," so to speak.

Kirby with his first fall turkey.

Our fall Lower Michigan turkey hunt was just that. Jim Grady, Orland Park, and Tom Noone, Palos Heights joined me in setting up a plan of attack that enabled us to get our three birds on our first fall turkey hunt, I don't think it will be our last.

The annual deer hunt in Cable, Wisconsin was a success, it should be as we hunted the same woods I've hunted for over 50 years and have a pretty good idea what the habits of the deer are.

Tom Noone with opening day 6-point buck.

With 8 inches of fresh snow for tracking, we got our three deer, my daughter Meg Noone and I each got a "dry doe," (not traveling with a fawn), and son-in-law Tom took a nice 6-point buck.

At the beginning of pheasant season, over 90% of the crops had been harvested, no problems with standing corn, or un-combined bean fields, ideal conditions. One problem – the birds were few and far between unless you had access to private land with suitable habitat.

What farmland hasn't been turned into a commercial or residential development, has been tilled fence-line to fence-line, leaving very little cover for birds unless the property has a ditch or other cover running through it.

A lot of hunters have been forced to do their hunting on state-run shooting grounds (with a great deal of success), or have enjoyed the opportunity to hunt extended seasons at the many private shooting preserves, offering pheasant, quail, partridge and duck hunting in natural and challenging settings.

Waterfowl hunting proved to be very spotty, some birds migrated early and others late, but the seasons in three zones seemed to be fairly set. The goose quota in the Northern Zone was met early. Southern Illinois, at one time known as the "Goose Capitol of the World," never did reach its quota.

Now that the guns are cleaned, the rifles will be put away, but the shotguns will need cleaning again after hunting a shooting preserve (my dog and I both need the exercise) and a few rounds of skeet, trap and sporting clays to tide me over until opening of dove season.

Boating & Snowmobiling Penalties

A tough new law bringing penalties for boating and snowmobiling under the influence in line with the same offenses committed when driving an automobile took effect Jan. 1st.

"Whatever mode of transportation you use – whether you're cruising in your boat on a lake, operating your snowmobile, or driving on the highway – motorists need to do so responsibly," said Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich. "This law makes the penalties for irresponsible operation of a vehicle more equitable and, as a result, we hope will make all motorists safer."

The new law expands the type of illegal substances covered by boating and snowmobiling under the influence to include intoxicating compounds. These are substances ingested by drinking or inhaling such as acetone or dichloro-ethane found in industrial solvents.

The law also increases to a class 4 felony the charge for operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence during the period when an individual's operating privileges already are suspended for previous such violations. A class 4 felony is punishable by 1-3 years in prison and/or fines of up to $25,000. Previously, the penalty was a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and $2,500 in fines. Additional penalties of at least $500 and five days of community service would be assessed to individuals for endangering children while operating a boat or snowmobile while intoxicated.

"These changes provide more consistency in enforcement, prosecutions and administrative procedures for people who illegally use alcohol, drugs or other intoxicating substances," said Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Deputy Director Roger Frazier, who spent 35 years in the field as a Conservation Police Officer and has seen firsthand the problems abuse of these substances can cause. "We want people to be able to enjoy their outdoor recreational experiences, but we want them to do so in a manner that doesn't harm themselves or others."

An additional $100 fine would be assessed of individuals found guilty of operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence. The additional dollars would be used by IDNR for law enforcement training and equipment purchases.

Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets

Tickets are available for the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet honoring conservationists J.R. Black, Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley, Bonnie Jo Fee and Floyd (Jake) Kringer, to be held on Friday, Feb. 20th at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.

"The Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet has become one of the premier events in the country for outdoor enthusiasts," said Joel Brunsvold, director of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and chairman of the board of directors of the Illinois Conservation Foundation. "The banquet is always a festive occasion and we look forward to honoring the inductees and sharing the evening with their families, friends and other supporters of the ICF on Feb. 20th at Drury Lane. I encourage everyone interested in natural resources protection and outdoor recreation in Illinois to be there for what promises to be a great event."

Tickets for the banquet are $100 each. Proceeds will assist the Illinois Conservation Foundation grant program, which awarded 49 grants totaling nearly $72,000 last year for projects, programs and research efforts focusing on habitat enhancement, environmental education and conservation stewardship.

J.R. Black, the late Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley, the late Bonnie Jo Fee, and Floyd Kringer were selected as the 2004 inductees to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame from dozens of nominees submitted by citizens and organizations throughout Illinois.

In addition to the induction ceremonies, the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame will also present Director's Awards to Triton Boats as the Corporation of the Year, the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus as the Organization of the Year, and Bill Steele as a Friend of the Foundation.

In addition to tickets to the banquet, corporate sponsorships are also available for the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet.

The event will include a social hour, silent auction and raffle, dinner, the induction ceremony and a live auction. For tickets or sponsorship information or for more details on the banquet, contact Kathy Wheeler, Illinois Conservation Foundation, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, phone (217) 785-2003.

SXU Sports Report

The last three weeks have been ones to forget for the St. Xavier University men's and women's basketball teams. Both teams fell in the latest NAIA Rating Poll released Tuesday, Jan. 6th by the league office with the men dropping 16 spots to No. 27 and the women falling to No. 20 after holding the No. 15 spot last month.

Since Dec. 19th, the SXU men's team has dropped four of its last five games, including two games in its three-day, holiday tournament prior to the Christmas break. The Cougars currently sit at 11-6 overall.

On the women's side, SXU has gone 5-4 since Dec. 16th, after losing only one game in the team's first 10 match-ups. The Cougars are currently 14-5 overall. The SXU women's team will play four straight CCAC road games before returning to the Shannon Center on Feb. 3rd for a match-up against Robert Morris College at 7 p.m.

De La Salle Seeks Girls Softball Games

De La Salle Institute of Chicago is looking for varsity and junior-varsity girls softball games for the upcoming 2004 season. De La Salle is willing to either host or travel.

For more information, contact De La Salle Assistant Athletic Director Mike Boehm at (312) 842-7355, ext. 119.

Chicago Ridge Park District Boys Basketball Standings

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PTS. FOR	AGAINST
4TH GRADE				
St. Mary White	[illegible]	1	112	[illegible]
St. Mary Blue	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
The Heat	[illegible]	1	78	[illegible]
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Cardinal Bernardin 2	0	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
5TH GRADE				
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6TH GRADE				
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7TH GRADE				
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8TH GRADE				
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MVCC Hosts Basketball Event

Moraine Valley Community College will host two "Pack the Place" basketball events this winter. The games will take place on Thursday, Jan. 22nd and Saturday, Feb. 7th with the women's team playing at 5 p.m. and the men's team playing at 7 p.m. each night. Admission to the events, which will take place in the college's gymnasium, is free.

"Moraine Valley is so rich in basketball tradition. We've had so many successful teams over the years, and with all of the recent renovations to the facility, which we now affectionately call the 'Cyclone Center,' we felt it was time to showcase Cyclone basketball," said Bill Finn, the college's athletic director and head coach of the men's basketball team for 21 years.

Finn has tallied a 493-202 career record to date, and has led his teams to the NJCAA Division II national tournament four times, finishing in the final four in 1990 and 1999 and in the elite eight in 2001 and 2002. The women's team has also enjoyed success, winning back-to-back Skyway Conference championships in the late 1990s and going undefeated in 1999. Both teams will enter conference play this season above the .500 mark, the men at 11-1 and the women at 6-5.

The Cyclones will play Skyway Conference rivals on both "Pack the Place" nights, Prairie State College on Jan. 22nd and Waubonsee Community on Feb. 7th. Many other activities are planned as well, including giveaways, performances by the college's 24 Karats dance team and music ensembles, and the opportunity to win raffle prizes, including four DVD players donated by UPS.

Paul Krohn Named Athletic Director

Elmhurst College has selected Paul Krohn as its new Director of Athletics. Krohn, the college's head football coach for the past 11 years, has been serving as co-interim Athletic Director since late summer.

"We're thrilled to have Paul Krohn heading our program," said Dean of Students Kathy MacKay, who headed the athletic director search. "Paul has a wealth of knowledge about the college and the Elmhurst community, and has many new ideas for taking the athletic program to the next level."

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-5-04
Chicago Catholic League
Loyola 53, St. Francis de Sales 45
Tuesday, 1-6-04
Chicago Blue South
Bogan 81, Brooks 50
Fenger 54, International 49
Ag Science 60, Calumet 56
Chicago Red South
Morgan Park 57, Carver 37
Private School League
Rockford Christian Life 77, Luther South 53
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 79, Minooka 72, 2 OT
Non-Conference
Bloom 75, Eisenhower 51
Hinsdale South 62, Argo 52
Lincoln-way East 57, Rich South 45
Peotone 61, Illiana Christian 55
Providence 54, Joliet Catholic 46 OT
Quigley 75, Morgan Park Academy 55
Reavis 60, Evergreen Park 47
Richards 66, Tinley Park 61
Marist 62, Shepard 52
Sandburg 66, St. Rita 65 OT
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Non-Conference
Bremen 52, Oak Lawn 45
Seton 50, Morgan Park Academy 31
Thursday, 1-8-04
Bogan 100, Fenger 75
Friday, 1-9-04
Chicago Catholic League
Brother Rice 39, Mt. Carmel 31
Fenwick 69, Providence 56
Leo 67, St. Laurence 56
St. Ignatius 62, Loyola 34
St. Rita 52, De La Salle 50
East Suburban Catholic
Marion Catholic 54, Benet 43
St. Joseph 66, Marist 61
St. Patrick 64, Mount Carmel 32
Private League
Illiana Christian 77, Westminster 53
SICA Central
Hillcrest 71, Eisenhower 67
Tinley Park 56, Oak Forest 51
T.F. North 59, T.F. South 31
SICA East
Shepard 51, Thornridge 35
Homewood-Flossmoor 60, Bloom 46
Thornwood 52, Thornton 38
SICA North
Richards 63, Oak Lawn 51
Reavis 58, Romeoville 40
Bolingbrook 66, Argo 52
SICA West
Andrew 64, Lockport 57
Lincoln-Way Central 53, Stagg 52
Joliet 76, Lincoln-way East 55
Suburban Prairie East
Evergreen Park 50, Fenton 49
Non-Conference
Luther South 51, Homewood Christian 27
Saturday, 1-10-04
Chicago Blue South
Chicago International 52, Ag Science 44
Private League
Chicago Christian 70, Luther South 49
Non-Conference
St. Ignatius 55, Vernon Hills 42
Bremen Tournament
Bremen 57, Sandburg 49
Thornridge 67, Marian Catholic 60
Oak Park 43, Bloom 41
Pontiac 59, Bradley 39

BOYS BOWLING
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Tinley Park 1,724, Oak Lawn 1,683
Catholic League
De La Salle 2,914, Brother Rice 2,647
Mount Carmel 2,512, Leo 1,863
Notre Dame 2,782, St. Ignatius 2,156
St. Laurence 2,783, Loyola 2,694
St. Rita 2,526, Hales Franciscan 2,231
Thursday, 1-8-04
Eisenhower 1,911, Bremen 1,715
Oak Lawn 2,411, Lincoln-Way Central 2,322
Sandburg 2,010, Plainfield Central 1,984
Saturday, 1-10-04
Rockford Jefferson Invitational
Final Team Results: Baker format: 1, Freeport 1,456. 2, Rockford-Guilford 1,415. 3, Brother Rice 1,377.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, 1-6-04
Ag Science 48, Kelly 41
Fenwick 264, Benet 190, Br. Rice 185
Lincoln-Way C. 92, Homewood-Flossmoor 91
St. Patrick 102, St. Ignatius 83
T.F. South 105.5, Oak Forest 74.5
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Von Steuben 63, Morgan Park 31
Thursday, 1-8-04
Hubbard 88, Ag Science 52, Curie 36
St. Ignatius 48, St. Viator 46
Friday, 1-9-04
Thornton 53, Morgan Park 39
Saturday, 1-10-04
Evanston Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Arrowhead (Wis.) 3,174. 2, New Trier 2941. 3, Evanston 2,822. **Local Finishers:** 10, Lockport 2,289. 13, Brother Rice 2,187.
Maine South Relays
Final Team Standings: 1, Sandburg 180. 2, Jacobs-Dundee-Crown Co-op 112. 3, Conant 100. 4, Niles North 80. 5, Maine South 78. 6, Schaumburg 58.
Morton Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Benet 137. 2, Downers Grove North 134. 3, Bremen 128. 4, York 127. 5, Leyden 121. 6, Morton 107.

WRESTLING
Tuesday, 1-6-04
Andrew 69, Thornton 9
Lincoln-way Central 31, Lincoln-Way East 29
T.F. South 31, Oak Lawn 29
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Argo 47, Richards 12
Thursday, 1-8-04
Argo 56, T.F. South 9
Mount Carmel 35, De La Salle 27
Providence 67, St. Laurence 9
St. Laurence 45, Bishop McNamara 22
St. Rita 49, Marist 10
Shepard 36, Andrew 23
Friday, 1-9-04
Fenwick 41, De La Salle 22
Lockport 39, Lincoln-Way East 21
Marian Catholic 45, Carmel 33
Reavis 63, Oak Lawn 9
St. Patrick 36, Marian Catholic 35
Shepard 65, Bremen 9
Saturday, 1-10-04
De La Salle 69, Brother Rice 12
De La Salle 61, St. Laurence 9
Oswego 45, Stagg 18
Proviso East 54, Stagg 22
Lane Tech Quad
Marian Catholic 54, Lane Tech 45
St. Ignatius 50, Lane Tech 36
St. Ignatius 40, Marian Catholic 27
St. Rita 81, Lane Tech 0
St. Rita 50, Marian Catholic 6
St. Rita 74, St. Ignatius 0
Maine South Quad
Argo 42, Maine South 24
Argo 29, Schaumburg 27
Argo 40, Shepard 21

Sandburg Quad
Hinsdale Central 37, Naperville Central 26
Sandburg 56, Hinsdale South 9
Sandburg 54, Naperville Central 12
Sandburg 65, Oak Lawn 3
Naperville Central 53, Oak Lawn 21
Streamwood Duals
Lincoln-Way East 43, Oswego 18
Lincoln-Way East 40, Proviso East 21
Naperville North 38, Lincoln-Way East 21
Naperville North 49, Stagg 12
Naperville North 38, Streamwood 23
Oswego 45, Stagg 18
Proviso East 54, Stagg 22
Proviso East 35, Streamwood 22
Streamwood 36, Oswego 34

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-5-04
East Suburban Catholic
Joliet Catholic 65, Marist 62
GCAC
Mt. Assisi 55, St. Benedict 50
Non-Conference
Fenwick 68, Sandburg 52
IHM 51, De La Salle 29
Shepard 48, Eisenhower 28
Tuesday, 1-6-04
Curie 46, Kennedy 45
Public Metro South
Ag Science 45, Kelly 14
Public Windy City
Morgan Park 62, Hyde Park 32
GCAC White
Mother Guerin 46, St. Francis de Sales 37
Private School League
Rockford Chr. Life 59, Luther South 25
SICA North
Bolingbrook 72, Reavis 31
Suburban Prairie South
Minooka 58, Lemont 50
Non-Conference
Bremen 54, Thornridge 48
Homewood-Flossmoor 64, Lockport 42
Illiana Christian 58, IHM 49
Marian Catholic 81, Seton 46
Oak Forest 35, Oak Lawn 31
Shepard 37, Argo 30
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Chicago Public South
Corliss 52, Bogan 39
GCAC
Mother McAuley 53, Queen of Peace 27
Trinity 61, St. Ignatius 45
Independent League
Latin 62, Morgan Park Academy 35
Non-Conference
Maria 69, Elmwood Park 48
Providence 62, Mt. Assisi 30
Sweet 16
Sandburg 52, Lyons 44
Thursday, 1-8-04
Chicago Central
Kennedy 41, Kenwood 34
Metro South
Ag Science 65, CICS-Longwood 21
Windy City
Lane Tech 55, Morgan Park 46
GCAC Red
Regina 52, Queen of Peace 38
GCAC White
Seton 68, St. Benedict 54
Private League
Chicago Christian 60, Luther South 22
SICA Central
Hillcrest 75, Eisenhower 34
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 78, Bloom 53
Shepard 50, Thornridge 48
SICA North
Bolingbrook 54, Argo 27
Reavis 46, Romeoville 41
Richards 51, Oak Lawn 47

SICA West
Stagg 47, Lincoln-Way Central 40
Andrew 44, Lockport 30
Joliet 63, Lincoln-Way East 31
Friday, 1-9-04
East Suburban Catholic
Providence 53, Bishop McNamara 45 OT
ISL
Morgan Park Academy 44, North Shore 31
SICA Central
Oak Forest 75, Tinley Park 42
Suburban Prairie East
Fenton 58, Evergreen Park 51
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 50, Plainfield South 24
Saturday, 1-10-04
GCAC Red
Loyola 61, Mother McAuley 32
Resurrection 57, St. Ignatius 51
Private School League
Illiana Christian 66, Westminster 32
Non-Conference
Argo 50, Lincoln-Way East 40
Bolingbrook 57, Stagg 53 (OT)
Chicago Christian 51, St. Francis de Sales 37
Marian Catholic 48, Homewood-Flossmoor 38
City/Suburbs Shootout
Hope 57, Marist 36
Evanston 29, Morgan Park 24

GIRLS BOWLING
Tuesday, 1-6-04
Fenton 2,799, Evergreen Park 2,358
Lincoln-Way East 1,364, Richards 1,263
Lockport 1,797, Eisenhower 1,555
Sycamore 2,809, Lemont 2,744
T.F. South 1,763, Reavis 1,650
Wednesday, 1-7-04
Morton 2,865, Argo 2, 646
Notre Dame 2,117, Marist 1,847
Oak Forest 1,609, Andrew 1,449
St. Ignatius 1,799, Regina 1,612
Stagg 1,356, Hillcrest 1,140
Thursday, 1-8-04
Chicago Notre Dame 2,016, St. Ignatius 1,899
Eisenhower 1,596, Richards 1,343
Lincoln-way Central 1,508, Tinley Park 1,377
Sycamore 2,499, Evergreen Park 2,383
Friday, 1-9-04
Lockport 1,712, Lincoln-Way East 1,405
Saturday, 1-10-04
Prospect Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Schaumburg 5,763. 2, Antioch 5,577. 3, West Aurora 5,576. **Local Finishers:** 10, Lemont 5,201. 13, Lockport 5,140. 15, Reavis 5,049. 24, Morgan Park 4,882. 34, Eisenhower 4,530.

PENETRATING THOUGHTS

Say It Ain't So, Pete

I couldn't believe what I was reading in my newspaper's Editorial Section. A guest columnist was rambling on in print about the Pete Rose baseball controversy. It was this scribe's opinion that Rose should be admitted into Baseball's Hall of Fame because he never gambled as a player, he gambled as a manager for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. This writer felt that baseball should honor Rose for not betting as a player and chastise him for gambling as a manager.

At the end of the column the author was identified as a baseball-loving attorney. I told myself, that figured. Only a lawyer could come up with an idea like that. Was this guy Pete Rose's attorney?

I'm not an avid baseball fan, so I didn't care one way or the other if Rose would be pardoned for his transgressions and allowed to enter Baseball's Hall of Fame. Until I read the Major League Baseball Rule 21 in another story by a local sportswriter.

The rule states: "Any player, umpire, or club or league official or employee, who shall bet any sum whatsoever upon any baseball game in connection with which the bettor has a duty to perform shall be declared permanently ineligible." The rule is printed on the walls of every baseball clubhouse in the country.

I don't have the analytical mind of an attorney, but to me, that regulation covers all the bases, so to speak. The words, "shall be declared permanently ineligible," is direct and to the point. Permanent means unchangeable, not negotiable.

Much like the decisions made on the baseball playing field. Umpires in baseball don't negotiate balls and strikes on batters like lawyers negotiate settlements for their clients. Strike three means you're out, not "let's negotiate that last pitch, Ump. It was close."

Permanency is part of every professional sport we enjoy. The ten-count in boxing means "you're out!" Not ten-and-a-half, ten and three-quarters, eleven, eleven-and-a-half, okay, you're OUT!"

However, boxing did have a long count episode in the Dempsey-Tunney championship brawl in the twenties when heavyweight champ Jack Dempsey knocked challenger Gene Tunney to the canvass. The referee waited until his kids were in college before he began the count on Tunney. The challenger crawled up off the canvass and went on to beat Dempsey. Was the fight fixed? You have to be kidding.

Rose uses for his defense the drug problem in professional baseball. "If they caught me taking cocaine or smoking grass," he said, "they wouldn't kick me out of baseball. They'd put me in drug rehab and give me another chance." He's probably right. But taking drugs isn't covered in Baseball Rule 21, gambling is, and baseball's investigation fourteen years ago proved beyond a doubt Rose violated that rule.

After the Black Sox scandal in 1919, White Sox owner Comiskey and the other baseball club owners appointed Kennesaw 'Mountain' Landis as the first Baseball Commissioner. He took the job on one condition. His word would be final and not challenged by any owner. They agreed. He then banned all the members of the Chicago White Sox team from baseball for life. Not for ten or twenty years. For life.

One of the Sox players, Buck Weaver, refused to be part of the fix, but said nothing to no one about his teammates' plans to toss the Series. He played his heart out during that World Series with the Cincinnati Reds. 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson supposedly returned the bribe money paid to him and did the same. Both men suffered the same fate as their teammates. Banishment from baseball for life.

I watched Pete Rose's television interview on PRIME TIME with Charles Gibson last week and Rose convinced me of one thing. He still doesn't get it. The integrity and the honor of the game go with Rule 21which he violated. Rose told Gibson, "A lot of players don't pay much attention to the fine print in that rule." They obviously paid more attention to the rule than Rose did.

In 1989, Rose denied six times under oath that he bet on his team while he was a manager. He denied making phone calls to his bookie from a clubhouse to place bets on his team and he denied that betting slips having his handwriting belonged to him. Telephone records and testimony by a handwriting analyst in court proved otherwise.

As Rose makes the rounds plugging his book, "My Prison Without Bars," he denies he has a gambling addiction, he says he hasn't placed a bet in years. If he were reinstated into baseball, Rose says he could do a lot for the sport. He probably could.

But how would Baseball Commissioner Selig handle the next player who is caught gambling? Change baseball's Rule 21 to read, "shall be declared permanently ineligible ...depending on a case by case basis, as presented in court by an attorney."

We've yet to read about a teary-eyed lad approaching Pete Rose like the kid who stopped 'Shoeless Joe' Jackson coming out of court and cried to his idol, "Say it AIN'T so, Joe!"

Maybe that's a sign of the times we live in.

(Comments, criticisms, etc. at mugsyprod@msn.com)

SXU Defeats Trinity 91-82

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Margarette A. Wadlington, Defendant. Case No. 02C-2944.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 50037
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on April 2, 2003.

I, Thomas Gardiner, Special Commissioner for this court will on January 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at Daley Center outside #2402, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3794 West 76th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $124,228.83.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Douglas G. Bruck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10141.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8331 S. Menard Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,291.45.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Financial Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest M. Sinks a/k/a Ernest M. Sinks, Sr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8964.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15548 S. LeClaire Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5162.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Manfre, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11954

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11719 Carolyn Lane, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,902.00.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206174C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony B. Offley a/k/a Anthony Offley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7525 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $137,716.61.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4688.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206177C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in Interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela C. Searcy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18479.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3107 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $101,102.66.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-9184.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206779C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, National Association, f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Heinrich, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2383.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14105 Lavergne Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $90,024.59.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0300380

206449C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Labe Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Camille M. Sulls, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-200.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4673 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Andrew H. Eres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stahl Cowen, Crowley, LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-0060.

206491C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Keith A. Nexdeen a/k/a Keith Nexdeen, Defendant. No. 03Ch-8799.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 15124 South Raday, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $86,131.53.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For Information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

206335C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GE Mortgage Services, LLC, f/k/a GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Terry L. Lynch, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10164.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15727 Peggy Ln., Unit #7-7, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,789.07.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5881.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207566C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Willie E. Stephen, Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-14854 Sheriff's No 030298.

Public Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a Judgment entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on February 15, 2001.

Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of COOK County, (Sheriff's # 030298-001F), will on February 5, 2004, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, in the hallway outside Room 701, 7th Floor of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash (10% at the time of sale and balance within 24 hours subject to interest), the following described premises situated in COOK County, Illinois.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff.

Upon the sale being made and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon Court confirmation of said sale.

Commonly known as: 8218 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652.

Improvements: Residential Structure - Unknown; Units - Unknown; Bedrooms - Unknown; Garage - Unknown, Bathrooms - Unknown; Other - Unknown.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,348.25. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.

For Bid Amount contact:
Sales Clerk
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, LLC
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, IL
(847) 498-9990

206346C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Williams a/k/a Yolanda R. Williams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4223.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56096

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 4232 W. 77th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $135,452.47.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

211273C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Glover, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10226.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3801 W. 140th St., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $37,152.88.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-90650.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207190C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony Laskero a/k/a Anthony M. Laskero III a/k/a Anthony M. Laskero, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3620.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15524 S. Lorel Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $199,879.47.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-02-C442.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207568C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Moreau, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-3130.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55556

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3307-3311 W. 147th St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $126,398.12.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Jozef Brejcak, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-7653.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5850 W. 87th Street, #3A, Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,654.73

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4508

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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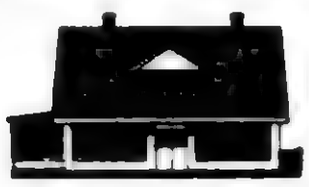

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One N.A., f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Leslie Douglas, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22972.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14214 S. Grace Ave., Robbins, IL 60472

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $48,833.88.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 0210447.

207163C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4899.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor Southwest Corner (nearest Corner to Clark and Washington Sts.) Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/k/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

207287C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Slomski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-22289.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5470 W. 84th St., Burbank, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,476.60.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206809C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sherren Carruthers, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-1849.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 64833

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of Daley Center, immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/k/A: 3515 W. 77th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $134,628.75.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

209852C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Waldemar Pavlasek, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6585.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4736 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $71,387.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33586.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206194C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kelle C. Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8809.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 24, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9401 S. Richmond Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $121,672.33.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4922.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207573C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Karen M. Bailey, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-3955.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5310 Kimball Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $221,293.46.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-2168.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207570C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. Standard Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Kevin T. Olszewski, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-2292; Sheriff's No. 030146-001F.

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 29, 2004, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

Address: 5715 West Edge Lake Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Improvements: 4 unit apt. bldg. Judgment amount: $309,193.86 (as of 11-15-2002).

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate upon confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.

Premises will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: contact Plaintiff's Attorney, JAMES B. CARROLL & ASSOCIATES, 2400 W. 95th Street, #501, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 or call between the hours of 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Plaintiff's Attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set out in this notice of sale. Tel. No. 708-422-3766.

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207225C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jermaine Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-9608.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 28, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7722 S. Spaulding, Chicago, IL

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,234.71.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207177C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Pullman Bank and Trust, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of John Taylor, deceased, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11979.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly Known As: 11107-11111 S. Emerald, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $328,165.69.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael J. Goldstein, Michael J. Goldstein & Associates, 318 W. Adams St., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606. (312) 346-0945.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207123C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Roger T. Radz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10215.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4568 W. 131st St., Unit 1N, Alsip, IL 60658.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,495.75.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5873.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

207326C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, Plaintiff, vs. Linda L. Fletcher, et al., Defendants. No. 03CH-10096.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 17, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8941 W. 93rd Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 236-0077.
206478C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. David Ewen, Jr. a/k/a David Ewen a/k/a David G.M. Ewen a/k/a David G. Ewen, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-6166.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 24, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14643 S. St. Louis, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.
207375C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank N.A. a Division of ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Tyrone Henderson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10383.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7965 South Kildare, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $177,639.39.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
206341C

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony G. Colby, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4474.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56050

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 25, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 4, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner of Daley Center immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/k/a: 6807 W. 97th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $109,029.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
212185C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, NA formerly known as First Union National Bank successor by Merger to American Savings of Florida, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. Stanley M. Tokarczyk, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-8173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/28/03, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 1/22/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/k/a: 11610 S. Leamington, Alsip, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $55,183.93.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-8521D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
207577C

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-01-98, Plaintiff, vs. Davie L. Sevier, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01C-9186.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 48354

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/12/2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 18, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at southwest corner of Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/k/a: 14343 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvements on the property consist of 4 unit, wood frame, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $190,324.99.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
205452C

NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Seek JUV Volunteer Workers

Jewish United Fund's TOV Volunteer Network and Young Leadership Division will send a group of volunteers to help villages in El Salvador, in a pilot project to aid non-Jews in a third-world country.

This spring JUF volunteers will work alongside locals in the Lempa River region on grassroots agricultural projects, such as reforestation and planting, that enable them to be self-sufficient. As an integral part of this project to experience Judaism in action, participants will delve into Jewish traditional sources that underpin the moral obligation to help others.

Volunteers should be adventurous spirits, ages 25-45, committed to social justice, willing to give of themselves and not afraid of getting their hands dirty. They will need to complete an application and a face-to-face interview. The group will be in El Salvador May 30 to June 6.

For more information, call TOV at (312) 357-4762. Volunteers do not need to know Spanish.

A Trade

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced it has traded first baseman Kevin Brown and pitcher David Campos to the Richmond Roosters for first baseman Trevor Hall and pitcher Jake Gann.

Hall, 24, comes to the ThunderBolts after hitting .294 with 30 RBI with a slugging percentage of .450 for the Roosters.

Gann, 25, had the highest winning percentage among Richmond hurlers with an 8-1 record. The right-hander threw 68.1 innings with an earned run average of 3.29.

Gov. Plans Placing Reading Specialists In Schools

Because reading is fundamental to success in all aspects of education, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced recently plans to make reading specialists permanent fixtures in struggling Illinois elementary schools. The governor's initiative targets elementary schools that are failing to meet reading achievement standards mandated by the "No Child Left Behind Act."

"We need to make sure that struggling schools have access to tools they need to help students learn to read," Gov. Blagojevich said. "One of the biggest challenges many elementary teachers face is they don't have the time or the extensive background that reading specialists have to teach the most up-to-date reading techniques."

In 2003, only 62% of third graders and 60.4% of fifth graders met or exceeded Illinois Learning Standards in Reading. The governor's initiative targets elementary schools that are on the academic early warning list and have failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress standards for two consecutive years on the state ISAT test for reading. His plan would put a reading specialist in every targeted school, outside the City of Chicago, during next school year, which is expected to amount to about 143 specialists. The Chicago Public School District would receive a lump sum to fund reading specialists where district officials determine they are most needed.

Reading specialists have received specialized training that provide them with advanced preparation and experience in teaching reading. They support, supplement and extend regular classroom teaching. But, reading specialists also have the ability to work one-on-one or with small groups of students. They have specialized knowledge to diagnose students' reading strengths and weaknesses and they can develop specific plans tailored to meet individual students' reading challenges. Reading specialists can also be an additional resource for elementary teachers, because they can provide guidance and leadership on reading new techniques and strategies.

"These experts will benefit both students and teachers. Students will get more focused, individual attention," Gov. Blagojevich said. "At the same time, teachers will learn techniques to identify struggling readers and the latest strategies to improve reading skills."

The governor's plan is expected to cost about $15 million, with funding for reading specialists to begin on July 1st, 2004. Gov. Blagojevich will outline this proposal and other education initiatives during his State of the State address at the State Capitol today, Jan. 15th at 12 noon.

Caregivers Meeting

Alzheimer's Disease! What is It? How is it diagnosed? How is it different from dementia? How can it be treated? What can I do to help? These are important questions to ask when your loved one needs care. Transitions: The Caregiver's Support Network will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at The Link, Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, 7059 W. 127th St.

For information, call Marian K. at (708) 448-4813 or Beth D. (708) 389-3959.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

In 1994, I ran for President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners on a platform that I would reduce the reliance on property taxes as a mechanism to fund the operations of this government. In 1995, property taxes represented 32 percent of our budget. Today, through the use of alternate revenue sources and serious cuts, property taxes represent less than 25 percent of our revenues. A close look at the County's share of the average taxpayer's bill will reveal that for every one hundred dollars paid, the county received only $8.40.

With the money, we must provide, by state law, a public safety system which includes the courts, the jail and juvenile facility, criminal defense and prosecution which together account for 51% of our operating budget. Our health care system represents 40% of the budget and includes four hospitals, thirty ambulatory clinics and a Department of Public Health, charged with among its traditional responsibilities, the current influenza outbreak emerging threats of bioterrorism and West Nile virus in our suburban area of more than 120 municipalities. The remaining 9% funds a number of departments and offices including our 535 mile highway system, the medical examiner's office, and the tax assessment, collection and distribution systems and the election system. County Governments are not glamorous but they are necessary.

I have a staff of credentialed, financial professionals who have been analyzing and preparing budgets for many years. The budget we presented is based on the historical expenses and revenues, the best practices in the field of public finances and the obligations of this county in terms of services and personnel.

I have proposed a balanced budget for the year 2004. For the fifth consecutive year, it does not raise property taxes and for the ninth consecutive year, it reduces our headcount by an additional 246 positions. I am not opposed to cuts and have demonstrated that over my tenure as President by cutting 1,500 or 10% of the jobs in the offices I control, I have asked the eleven independently elected officials to share the burden of cuts but they have pledged to me that they have done their best at keeping their expenses as low as possible.

In 1994, the County budget was under criticism for its high reliance on property taxes. The financial community agreed that the long term financial health of this County was dependent on a mix of cuts and a diversification of revenue sources. To that end, we have instituted a number of cost savings measures and new tax and non-tax revenue streams. These revenue streams, as well as a fund balance within the recommended practices of the Government Finance Officers Association and the rating agencies, have strengthened the County's financial health.

Our conservative financial approach over the past eight years has earned Cook County the highest bond rating in twenty-five years which in turn has saved millions of dollars for taxpayers in interest costs. This third party endorsement of our financial management may get lost on those who try to diminish our accomplishments – but we take great pride in knowing that we have managed the taxpayers' money responsibly.

The 2004 budget is in the hands of the finance committee where the amendment process takes place. Some first-term commissioners have suggested cuts that would require the elimination of 3,300 jobs, a reduction which would result in drastic service cuts at a time when our public safety system is already taxed and more people are relying on our health care system. That being said, I have expressed my desire to work with them to develop a mutual compromise which would not require cuts in service.

The taxpayers of this county have demonstrated their confidence in my ability to manage the second largest county in the United States for a third term. I take that charge seriously and believe I have lived up to my commitment of holding the line on property taxes while providing the services required by law and demanded by those we serve.

Sincerely,
John H. Stroger, Jr., President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

The New Illinois Rx Buying Club

In a crowded gymnasium at the Levy Senior Center in Evanston, Gov. Rod. R. Blagojevich recently talked with senior citizens and answered their questions about the long-anticipated Illinois Rx Buying Club, a new program that is expected to save seniors and people with disabilities in the state steep discounts at the pharmacy. Staff from the Illinois Dept. on Aging and representatives from the Area Aging Network were on hand to help individuals fill out registration forms.

"As I'm sure most of you are well aware, prescription drug prices are soaring out of control. That's a huge problem for many people in Illinois, but especially for our seniors," Blagojevich said. "In Illinois, about one out of every three people over 65 has no prescription drug coverage whatsoever. And for too many of those people, the price tag on their prescription drugs has simply gone out of reach. So they have to choose: Do I buy my medications, or do I pay my heating bill? Do I buy my medications, or do I pay my property taxes? Do I buy my medications – or do I buy food?"

"That's just not right. You know it, and I know it. So today I am very proud to invite you to join the Illinois Rx Buying Club. The idea is simple; we ask the two million senior and disabled citizens of Illinois to join forces with state employees and others covered by the state's health programs. Then – with all that massive combined buying power – we go to the pharmaceutical companies and say: If you'll provide a substantial discount on your products, we can deliver millions of Illinois customers through our state buying club. And if you refuse to give us all a good break on the price, we'll take our business to your competitors."

Blagojevich pushed for passage of the new program during the 2003 spring legislative session, and signed it into law in June.

The new Rx Buying Club – which went into effect on Jan. 1st – is open to all Illinois residents who are 65 or older and the disabled for an annual administrative fee of $25. Unlike the Circuit Breaker and SeniorCare programs, the new discount card program is not income-based.

Already, the state's 37,000 Circuit Breaker participants have been automatically enrolled in the new program so they will receive discounts on drugs that are not fully covered by the income-based program. An additional 1,200 individuals enrolled in the program during its first week, and another 4,600 have called the hotline for enrollment information.

The Buying Club provides members immediate savings based on rebates the program's private administrator, SavRx, has already negotiated with drug manufacturers. The state will negotiate additional rebates by combining the market leverage of Illinois' seniors and disabled with that of more than 500,000 individuals in other state-sponsored programs.

Individuals who are eligible for the new Rx Buying Club can find out if the program makes economic sense for them by asking their retail pharmacist to look up their potential savings based on the drugs that are prescribed to them. Enrollment information and a list of participating retail pharmacies are available by calling toll-free 1(866) 215-3462.

LEGAL NOTICE
FEBRUARY 2, 2004 AT 8:00 P.M.
UPON THE REQUEST OF GERALD P. CALLAGHAN, ATTORNEY FOR RUBLOFF CRESTWOOD, L.L.C.
FOR A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT AN AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATION (AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTS WILL BE SOLD & INSTALLED, AUTOMOBILE SERVICING WILL BE PROVIDED & ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS LOCATION).
13.43 acres on the north side of 135th Street, west of St. Benedict Cemetery & east of Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois 60445

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Crestwood Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. in the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 So. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL upon the "Request for Special Use" filed by Gerald P. Callaghan, attorney for Rubloff Crestwood, L.L.C., 2800 W. Higgins Road, Suite 205, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195 seeking a special use to permit an automobile service station upon the property commonly known as 13.43 acres on the north side of 135th Street, west of St. Benedict Cemetery & east of Cicero Avenue & legally described as:

That part of a tract of land lying South of a line described as follows: beginning at a point on the East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34 a distance of 629.30 feet North of the South line of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 34 (as measured along said East line) thence Westerly 672.72 feet along a line perpendicular to the West line of the East ½ of the West 20 acres of the South ½ of said Southwest ¼ thence Northerly 23.00 feet along a line perpendicular from the last described course; thence Westerly 328.00 feet along a line perpendicular from the last described course, to a point on said West line of the East ½ of the West 20 acres of the South ½ of the Southwest ¼ a distance of 648.00 feet North of said South line of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34 (as measured along said West line) said tract of land described as follows

That part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded & described as follows: beginning at the intersection of the East line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 34 with a line 50.00 feet North of & parallel with the South line of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 34; thence south 88°41'35" West 1000.65 feet along said parallel line, to the West line of the East ½ of the West 20 acres of the South ½ of said Southwest ¼; thence North 01°33'09" West 978.15 feet along said West line, to the South line of the North 300 feet of said South ½ of the Southwest ¼; thence North 88°39'58" East 180.00 feet along said South line; thence North 00° 34' 46" West 300.03 feet, to the North line of the South ½ of the West ½ of said Southwest ¼; thence South 88°39'58" West 37.06 feet along said North line, to the Southwest corner of Lot 4 in Mathieu's Subdivision in the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 34; thence North 37°08'51" East 324.94 feet more or less along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 4, to the Southwesterly line of highway (Route 83) conveyed to Cook County, Illinois by Document No. 11713926 recorded November 21; thence South 52°51'09" East 832.33 feet along said Southwesterly line of highway, to the East line of the West ½ of said Southwest ¼; thence South 01°32'43" East 1015.06 feet along said East line, to the herein designated POINT OF BEGINNING, in Cook County, Illinois.

At which time and place, interested persons may attend & will be afforded an opportunity to be heard during the Plan Commission's deliberations & considerations relating to the Plan Commission's proposed recommendation & advice to the Village Board as to the formal action to be taken upon the subject request for special use.

In addition, the Plan Commission will consider written comments pertaining to the subject "Special Use Request" which comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing of February 2, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. or submitted to the Crestwood Plan Commission by delivery to the office of the Village Clerk, directed to the Plan Commission, prior to the date & time of this Public Hearing.

Crestwood Plan Commission
13840 South Cicero Avenue
Crestwood, Illinois 60445
(708) 371-4800

Louise Sherman

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Louise Sherman, 86, of Crestwood, formerly of Palos Heights. Mrs. Sherman was a retired area manager for Jewel Food Store and the wife of the late George.

She is survived by her children Louise, and Richard (Karen); two grandchildren and a sister Marie Sherman.

Richard L. Sturny

Services were held Wednesday at United By Faith Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Richard L. Sturny.

He is survived by his wife LaVerne; his children Cheryl (William) Tumaitis and Marilyn (Robert) Lamont; two grandchildren and sisters Mildred Cole and June Liese.

Dorothy M. Larkin

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy M. Larkin, wife of the late Howard.

She is survived by her niece Marian (Edward) Haberkorn.

Joseph E. Kompanik

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph E. Kompanik, 51, a veteran and husband of the late Dolores.

He is survived by his children Dolly (Rip) Worgas, Gerry (Charles) Librizzi, John (Donna), Frank (Pat), and Fran (Richard) Rankowski; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Ann, Sophie and Alice and a brother Joseph.

Ruth L. Steffen

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ruth L. Steffen.

She is survived by her sister Agnes Steffen.

Geraldine Whitton

Mass was said Monday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Geraldine Whitton.

She is survived by her husband Daniel J. Sr.; her children Daniel J. Jr. and Diane (William) Burgy; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a brother Herbert (Rose) Gossett.

Laws Related To Starting A New Business

When starting a business, one of the many decisions you will need to make is to determine which type of business organization is best for your circumstances. There are numerous legal considerations concerning liability, tax issues and continuation of the business that should be carefully weighed before making a final decision.

Sole proprietorships are a common form of organization for smaller businesses. Many business owners who choose this method prefer to forma limited liability company (LLC) because it combines the limited personal liability feature of a corporation with the tax advantage of a partnership or sole proprietorship. Profits and losses can be passed through the company.

Tax benefits available through incorporation often make this form of business organization the preferred choice. It is a complex business structure with more start-up costs than many other forms. A corporation is a separate legal entity from its owners, who own shares of stock in the company. Profits are taxed at the corporate level and again when distributed to shareholders. Shareholders are not personally liable for corporate obligations unless corporate formalities have not been observed. Corporate formalities include issuing stock certificates, holding annual meetings and electing directors.

The business can be incorporated as a "C Corporation" or "Sub-Chapter S Corporation." The latter has several additional corporation requirements, but it provides the opportunity to avoid double taxation.

If you decide to form your business as a partnership, you have two options: general partnership and limited partnership. Each member of a general partnership is liable for 100 percent of the partnership obligations without regard to the percentage of profits that members may share. But limited partners are restricted in their right to participate in the management of the business, and they assume liability only in the amount of their investment. Limited partners are subject to self-employment tax only on guaranteed payments like salary and professional fees for services rendered.

A lawyer can help explain the advantages and disadvantages of each type of organization, and can advise you on such matters as control of the business, perpetuation of the business and personal liability issues. A lawyer can also help with the legal requirements of setting up your business.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Notwithstanding opinions to the contrary, I am writing to report that the Republican Party in Illinois is alive and well.

Since the election of 2002 Republicans have regrouped and are working together to ensure that our message of less government, lower taxes, and fair allocations of funds across the state, is heard. We have new and energetic leaders like Judy Baar Topinka, Illinois Senate Leader Frank Watson, new DuPage County Republican Chairman Kirk Dillard, Will County Republican Chairman Jack Partelow, and DuPage County Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. It is exciting to see new faces and we are working to build a quality "farm team" of young leaders while encouraging diversity as we rebuild our party from the grassroots up.

In 2004 the top of the ticket will be led by President Bush. The ongoing economic recovery due to President Bush's tax cuts as well as the capture of Saddam Hussein has Republicans across the country optimistic. President Bush's success should help all Republicans on the Nov. ballot.

Another great resource and pride of all Illinois especially Republicans is the strong presence of U.S. Speaker of the House Denny Hastert. As the third most powerful person in D.C., Illinois enjoys the ability to have their needs heard by the federal government and receive the services we need in regard to transportation, public safety, education, and health care. Speaker Hastert has always been supportive of the Republican Party in Illinois and will continue to be in 2004.

Republicans, joined by the leaders of other caucuses, passed into law real ethics reform legislation that has been called by many "the strongest measure in the nation." In order for us to be successful we must restore the public's faith in our elected officials and we are taking steps to ensure this takes place.

I, like many Republicans, am proud of the ideals we stand for and am excited about the 2004 elections where we will begin to see the results of the changes we are making.

Sincerely,
s/s Tom Cross
House Republican Leader
State Representative, 84th District
(815) 609-0099

SDCU Offers Scholarships

South Division Credit Union (SDCU) knows that the future is in the hands of our young people. That's why each year SDCU proudly offers scholarships to local, outstanding college bound students to help further their education. For the 2004-05 school year, SDCU is offering two $500 scholarships to be awarded based on the students' financial need, academic achievements and letters of recommendation.

"We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to pursue a higher education," said Geraldine Burek, president & CEO of the 9,500+ member credit union with locations in Evergreen Park and Midlothian. "This is why South Division offers college scholarships that provide much needed financial assistance to students."

The deadline for filing the application is Feb. 27th. Award winners will be notified by mail no later than March 31st. In order to be eligible for the SDCU scholarship, the applicant must be a member of SDCU, in need of financial assistance and meet the scholarship criteria. They must be a current college student or a high school senior who has been accepted for enrollment by an accredited college of university.

For further information regarding the requirements and applications, stop in at any of SDCU's offices or call (708) 857-7070 and speak to a member service representative.

[illegible] Area Obituaries

Linette Blanco

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 15th, at 9 a.m. at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 S. Southwest Highway (7700 W.) to 10 a.m. mass at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St., with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Linette "Lynn" Blanco, 68, of Orland Park. Visitation was held Wednesday.

She is survived her husband Carlos; her children Carlos (Lee), David (Stephanie) and Karen; and four grandchildren.

Pascuala Cerrillos

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Pascuala Cerrillos, 92, of Tinley Park, wife of the late Herman. She was a retired employee of Western Electric.

She is survived by her children Gregoria (Aurelio) Sanchez, William (Rose Rita) Cerrillos, Nancy (William) Mayer, and Maria Cholly; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Eleanor A. Courtney

Services were held Wednesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Eleanor A. Courtney, wife of the late Arthur.

She is survived by her children Alan (Linda) and Kevin (Fatima); two grandchildren and a sister Eileen Staffa.

Anne Hildegarde Pote

Services were held Friday at the John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Anne Hildegarde Pote, wife of the late Harry.

She is survived by her children Barbara (Thomas) Schenach, Claudia Zekas, Jessica (Thomas) Fegan, Rosemary (Andrew) Koning and Roberta (James) Conwell; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Walter A. Domkus

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for Walter A. Domkus, 87. Mr. Domkus owned and operated an accounting and income tax service in Chicago. He was a past grand knight of Cardinal Mundelein Knights of Columbus Council 3024; past president of South Side Grand Knights; past president of Nativity BVM Holy Name Society.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette.

Kathryn M. Erwin

Mass was said Saturday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Kathryn M. Erwin, 97, retired from Standard Oil of Indiana.

She is survived by a brother Patrick (Margaret) Erwin.

Marcel J. Fournier

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marcel J. "Marty" Fournier, 82, World War II Army veteran and husband of the late Ruth.

He is survived by his children Robert (Beverly), Tom (Maureen) and Carol Brizzolara; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Louise M. Gawlik

Visitation was held Monday at the Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with private services and entombment, for Louise M. Gawlik, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her children Thomas (Nancy) and Daniel (Linda); two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Anthony M. Trotta

Mass was said Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Anthony M. Trotta.

He is survived by his sisters Rose and Mary Trotta and Mildred Gentile.

Francisca Cabrera

Services were held Wednesday at the [illegible] Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Francisca Cabrera, 108, wife of the late Jose Figueroa.

She is survived by daughters, Luz Esther Molina, Blanca Rosado, Eva M. (Alex) Rosado and Mercedes Figueroa Santiago; 19 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Bernadine R. Abels

Services were held Tuesday at Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Bernadine R. Abels.

She is survived by her husband Charles K.; her children Cheryl, Kenneth, Sgt. CPD A#1 and Charlotte (Michael) Carne; four grandchildren; brother Edward (Marilyn) Hogan and sisters Rose Grossman and Joyce (Chuck) Kershaw.

James J. Andretich

Mass was said Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Mokena, with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, for James J. Andretich, 62, an employee of A.J. Smith Federal Savings Bank for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Annette; his children Paula (Christopher) Davis, Stephen (Tracy) and Larry (Lauren); and eight grandchildren.

Lillian R. Behrens

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Lillian R. Behrens, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her children Jacqueline (Paul) Rossman, Elaine, and Carol Cass; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a sister Lucille Csernak.

Therese Mihalcik

Services were held Monday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Therese Mihalcik, 86, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her nephews Donald (Arlene) and Duane (Judy) Gronwold.

James Riccordino

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with entombment at St. Mary Mausoleum, for James Riccordino, a veteran and husband of the late Angela.

He is survived by his children Lina (Dave) Steadman, and Marianne; and four grandchildren.

Jean M. Roberts

Services were held Tuesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Jean M. Roberts, 73.

She is survived by her husband Frank; her children Frank Jr. (Roberta), Eileen (Michael) Murphy, William, (Maureen) (Harry) Kolk, Michael (Carlotta) and Casey (Pamela); 20 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Bernadine Donahue and Jane Ripoli and a brother Thomas (Janet) McHugh.

Emily Heise

Services were held Tuesday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Worth, for Emily Heise, 92, wife of the late William.

She is survived by her children William III, Candace (Dolph) Truckenbrodt, Shirley and Michael Madigan; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

David L. Heyse

Services were held Saturday at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for David L. Heyse, 91, a member of the American Chemical Society.

He is survived by his wife Jean A.; his children Donald (Patty) and Norman (Donna); five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Edna Israel

Services were held Tuesday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Edna Israel, 95, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her children Audrey (Andrew) Barr, and Sharon (Syl) Kanzler; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John C. Jurewicz

Mass was said Wednesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John C. Jurewicz, 81, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and husband of the late Rita. He was a member of the Moose Lodge Southwest #44.

He is survived by his children Karen (Stan) Kalwasinski, Kathy (Tom) Weinberger and Sue (Al) Boryszewski; and nine grandchildren.

Betty J. Dolce

Services were held Monday at the Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Betty J. Dolce, wife of the late Salvatore.

She is survived by her children Patricia (Sergio) Mora, Jean Johnson and Peter; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Nick K. Simonetti

Services were held Wednesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Nick K. Simonetti, 82, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Dolores; his children Darlene, Janet, Linda, Joe (Kate) and Pamela; eight grandchildren; sister Rosalie (Mike) Solava and a brother Gil (Donna).

Henry Stanton

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, for Henry "Harry" Stanton, World War II Navy veteran and husband of the late Ruth. Mr. Stanton was a registrar of vital statistics for the City of Chicago for 38 years.

He is survived by his children Sharon (Dr. John) McGee and Nancy (Neal) Shackel; and four grandchildren.

Marie T. Stepek

Private services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marie T. Stepek, wife of the late Kenneth.

She is survived by her children Edward (Janice), and Sue (James) Roesves; and 12 grandchildren.

Sharon McManus

Mass was said Saturday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for Sharon McManus, 60, former employee of Standard Bank and Trust in Hickory Hills.

She is survived by her children Meghan, Jaye and Joshua; and a sister Eileen (Robert) Coones.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, Illinois Division, I'm pleased to report that insurance coverage for colorectal cancer examinations is now the law in Illinois.

The Society-sponsored legislation that went into effect Jan. 1st, 2004 mandates health insurance plans must cover the cost of ALL colorectal screenings as recommended by the American Cancer Society guidelines. This includes a colonoscopy screening – the current gold standard for early detection of colorectal cancer. Colonoscopy offers the best opportunity for the diagnosis and removal of pre-cancerous polyps.

Previously, insurance companies didn't cover colonoscopy screening, which can cost up to $2,000. They paid for the test only if a doctor's order was based on a symptom, such as blood in the stool.

However, American Cancer Society guidelines recommend that as of age 50, all men and women begin regular colon testing, including undergoing a colonoscopy every 10 years. Other screening options include a yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT) and flexible sigmoidoscopy or double contract barium enema every five years. People at increased risk – such as those with personal or family history of colon cancer or intestinal polyps – should begin testing earlier.

Under the new law (Colorectal Cancer Screening Act), insurance pay-out for colonoscopies must be similar to the pay-out formula companies use for mammography screenings. For example, if a plan pays 80 percent of the cost of a mammogram, it must pay 80 percent of the cost of a colonoscopy.

In 2003, 2,900 Illinoisans lost their lives to colorectal cancer, the second most common cause of cancer in both men and women. The Society believes the new law – along with increased awareness of the life-saving effects of screening, improved diet and exercise – will save lives.

Sincerely,
David G. Seaman
Chairman of the Board of Directors
American Cancer Society, Illinois Division

Grant Funds Are Available

Grant funds are available through Illinois Conservation Foundations for not-for-profit groups, schools and local governments to assist them with habitat, environmental education or recreation projects.

"Outdoor classrooms, prairie restoration and river restorations are just a few of the many examples of projects undertaken with grant funding from the Illinois Conservation Foundation," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold, who serves as chairman of the Foundation. "Many of these projects provide outdoor experiences to young people that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in and to learn from."

Individual grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded, and projects are required to provide matching funds. Up to $75,000 is available for projects this year. An application form is available on the Foundation's web site at www.ilcf.org. Applications for funding are due by Friday, Feb. 27.

Money raised through the annual Hall of Fame Banquet are used to fund the grants. Last year nearly $72,000 was provided for 49 projects. Grant applications will be reviewed by the staff and Board of Directors of the Illinois Conservation Foundation, with awards announced in July.

"Conservation education is a main focus of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Understanding and appreciation of the environment by the public – particularly young people – is important to its future protection," said Illinois Conservation Foundation Executive Director Jess Hansen.

The Foundation has raised more than $18.5 million for natural resource programs. For more information on the grant program and an application, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, phone (217) 785-2003, or visit the ICF web site at http://www.ilcf.org.

Key Findings To Home Based Hospice Care

Dying Americans receive inadequate pain management, little emotional support, and poor communication from their physicians according to a study released in the Jan. 7 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. This is particularly true for those dying in institutional settings, according to researchers at Brown University. Hospice care at home provided greater levels of satisfaction and fewer problems with pain management according to this national study examining family perspectives on care at the end of life.

Home-based hospice care received the highest levels of overall satisfaction from respondents. More than 70 percent of family members of patients who received hospice care at home rated care as "excellent." The authors reported that "bereaved family members of patients with home hospice services (in contrast to the other settings of care) reported higher satisfaction, fewer concerns with care, and fewer unmet needs."

The study stated that "high-quality end-of-life results when health care professionals (1) ensure desired physical comfort and emotional support, (2) promote shared decision making, (3) treat the dying person with respect, (4) provide information and emotional support to family members, and (5) coordinate care across settings."

"While improvements have been made in the care of the dying, the results of this survey attest to the continued need to improve the quality of care for seriously ill and dying persons," says lead author Joan Teno, M.D., a professor of Community Health and Medicine at the Brown Medical School.

Key findings from the report include:

- One in four people who died did not receive enough pain medication. This was 1.6 times more likely to be a concern in a nursing home than in hospice at home.
- One in two patients did not receive enough emotional support. This was 1.3 times more likely to be the case in an institution than hospice.
- Twenty-one percent complained that the dying person was not always treated with respect. Compared with hospice, this was 2.6 times higher in a nursing home and three time higher in a hospital.
- One in four respondents expressed concern over physician communication and treatment decisions.
- One in three respondents said family members did not receive enough emotional support.
- Respondents whose loved ones received hospice in a home setting were the most satisfied. More than 70 percent rated hospice care as excellent. Fewer than 50 percent gave that grade to nursing homes or home health services.

NHPCO has embraced a quality agenda to lead the nation in improving end-of-life care," remarked Teno. NHPCO is working with Teno to develop additional evaluation tools suitable for palliative care programs, nursing homes, hospitals and other care providers.

Consumers in need of information on hospice, or to fine a hospice provider should visit www.nhpco.org or call the NUPCO Hospice Helpline at 1-800-658-8898.

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Home Rx Program

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If you are an oxygen user at home or have severe problems with breathing, please call for more information to see if you qualify.

Call 1(800) 344-5764 for more information on the details of this program.

The In Home Rx Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow those who are troubled with severe breathing conditions to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase of breathing medications and Nebulizers.

Weyer Has Enlisted

Civilian Daniel B. Weyer, son of Karen Weyer of Oak Lawn, and David Weyer of Bridgeview, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Chicago, Fort Sheridan, IL.

Weyer will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes.

Weyer is a 2003 graduate of H.L. Richards High School.

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Worth Township Assessment Appeals Seminar

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Worth Township residents. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the Worth Township Hall, 6601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is sponsored by Supervisor Jack Murphy and Assessor John Toscas. Among other things, the seminar will inform homeowners how to determine whether they are over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out the appeal application. For more information about the seminar call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome," said Murphy. "One goal of our seminars is to convince people otherwise. If you believe you may be over assessed, you should appeal. There is no fee to apply for relief at the Board of Review. Our seminars had a positive effect for the 2002 appeal season because the average tax savings for homeowners who filed successful appeals was over $330. We also found that the number of successful appeals for the 2002 assessment year filed by individuals was 57%. Clearly, these traveling tax appeal seminars of ours have been a success," Murphy concluded.

Cook County is the second largest county in the country with over 1.6 million parcels of property to be assessed each year. Property owners may appeal their assessments to the Assessor, the Board of Review and the State Property Tax Appeal Board in that order. Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

Register To Vote In March

Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jayne Powers reminds all residents that Tuesday, Feb. 17th is the last day to register to vote in the March 16th primary election. If you have moved or changed your name, you must re-register and if you will be 18 years of age on or before March 16th, you may register to vote for the upcoming election. Two forms of identification are required.

The village clerk's office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be open for registration on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 9 a.m. to noon. The clerk's office is on the 2nd floor of the Oak Lawn Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

Plan New Metra Station

Construction of a new Oak Lawn Metra Station, additional parking spaces, adjacent shops and possibly a residential complex is planned to begin in 2005 with an estimated completion date in 2006.

The station site planned is between 51st Ave. and Tulley Ave. Included will be 500 additional parking spaces. Metra will need to purchase more land to add the parking spaces, said officials.

The cost of the project is estimated at $9 million with about $1.5 million going for the station, $1.5 for roadway and utility improvements and $6 million for the parking deck. It is reported Metra will furnish about $3 million, $4.8 million will come from parking fees and grant funds and about $1.2 million from the anticipated condominium development.

VFW & Auxiliary Awards Ceremony

The 3rd District Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, presented Voice of Democracy Program awards on Sunday, Jan. 11th at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220. The 3rd District Voice of Democracy Chairmen are Jack and Beverly Webb of VFW Post 9773 and Auxiliary in Hometown.

Fourteen students who are first place winners in their high school were honored. All students participating in the contest wrote and taped speeches on "My Commitment To America's Future." These tapes were judged on the post level and advanced to the District for judging. The first place District winner will represent the 3rd District in Springfield.

The first place 3rd District winner is David J. Vognar, Oak Lawn High School, sponsored by VFW Post 5220 and Ladies Auxiliary. His award was presented by 3rd District Commander Stanley Wilczak, VFW Post 5079 and District President Ruth Sorgenfrei, VFW Auxiliary 5220.

The second place winner James F. Webb, Marist High School, sponsored by VFW Post 5220 and auxiliary, was presented with an award by Paul Marshall, 3rd District senior vice commander of VFW 5220 and Velma Kimber, senior vice president of the 3rd District Ladies Auxiliary from Auxiliary 9421.

The third place winner was Brian P. Dukuras, Brother Rice High School, sponsored by McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW 177 and Ladies Auxiliary. His award was presented by 3rd District Junior Vice Commander Paul Marietta of VFW Post 177 and 3rd District Junior Vice President Gail Volpe of Auxiliary 9773.

David will be honored at a banquet with 18 other District winners in Springfield on Feb. 7th. State Commander of the VFW Department of Illinois Terry Vance of Fairbury VFW 9789 and State President of the Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary Patricia Martyn, of Hometown VFW Auxiliary 9773, will present $2,000 in cash to the first 1st place state winner. The state winner will advance to the National level. The other 18 winners will receive at least a $300 monetary award.

Pictured left to right: Ruth Sorgenfrei, 3rd District VFW Auxiliary President; Catherine Morris, teacher at Oak Lawn High School; David J. Vognar, Oak Lawn High School, first place 3rd District winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest; Joan and Alan Vognar, parents of the winner.

AARP Chapter 3358 Will Meet

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

The February meeting will feature James Casey, director of the Oak Lawn Library, speaking on the library's construction progress.

AARP members are welcome to join the AARP Oak Lawn Chamber. Dues are $5 a year.

For more information call Stan Urban at (708) 422-5635.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 26 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JANUARY 29 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 4 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

Sheriff Sheahan Sights Security Measures At Courts
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Report Flu Peaked And Illness Declines

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, recently announced that an outbreak of the flu that has sickened thousands in Illinois since early November has peaked and reports of illness are on the decline.

"At least for now, it appears the worst of this flu outbreak may be behind us," Dr. Whitaker said. "However, the flu season typically runs from November to April, so we could still experience another flu outbreak. It is not time for us to let our defenses down and people who have not been vaccinated, particularly those who are considered at high-risk for complications from the flu, should be immunized."

The vaccination can be given at any time during the flu season, but it takes about two weeks for immunity to develop and provide protection.

The influenza activity rating, which has been at its highest level – "widespread" – in Illinois since the week of Dec. 13th, was downgraded recently by the Department to "regional" based on information received from physician offices, hospital emergency departments, schools and nursing homes from throughout the state. Regional means that there is flu activity in some regions of the state – most notably in the Chicago metropolitan area – but not "widespread," or in all areas.

Early in the flu season it was suggested that the influenza strain circulating might be more virulent, especially for children. As a result, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) asked states to report deaths of children caused by the flu or its complications.

So far this flu season, there have been two Illinois children who died from influenza-related illness – a 2-year-old and a 4-year-old. Both lived in suburban Cook County. In 2001, the last complete year for which death statistics are available, there were 26 children age 4 and younger who died with flu or pneumonia.

For those still in need of a flu shot, Dr. Whitaker encouraged them to either contact their local health department or health care provider. The Department has been notified by CDC that 11,000 doses of vaccine are available for purchase by the state's local health departments to meet demand for the remainder of the flu season.

"Flu can be a serious illness and each year it kills an average of 36,000 Americans and requires 114,000 people to be hospitalized with complications, including pneumonia," Dr. Whitaker said. "A simple flu shot can help prevent a person from getting the virus, as well as help to limit the number of people who spread the disease."

Dr. Whitaker said the flu vaccine is safe, effective and made from killed influenza viruses, which cannot cause the flu. Less than one-third of those who receive the shot have some soreness at the vaccination site and about 5 percent to 10 percent experience mild side effects, such as headache or low-grade fever, for about a day after vaccination. People who are allergic to eggs or who have an acute illness with fever should check with their physician before receiving the vaccine.

Supplies of the live vaccine, which is available as a nasal mist known as FluMist, are plentiful. This vaccine can be given to healthy individuals 5 years of age to 49 years of age. Health care providers are encouraged to give it to healthy children ages 5 to 9 who need a second dose of flu vaccine. The first flu immunization ever for any child 6 months to 9 years of age requires two doses of vaccine.

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is caused by viruses that infect the respiratory tract and spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Typical flu symptoms include fever (usually 100 degrees F in adults and often higher in children), dry cough, runny or stuffy nose, headache, muscle aches and extreme fatigue.

After a person has been infected with the virus, symptoms usually appear within one to four days. The infection is considered contagious for up to five days after symptoms appear and illness usually lingers for a week or two. Each year, an estimated 10 percent to 20 percent of the population contracts influenza.

Those who develop flu-like symptoms should drink fluids, rest and stay home. Those who have the flu may also take over-the-counter drugs such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen, but aspirin should be avoided because taking it for some forms of flu has been associated with Reye's syndrome, a serious disease in children that can occur following a viral illness and that causes swelling of the brain.

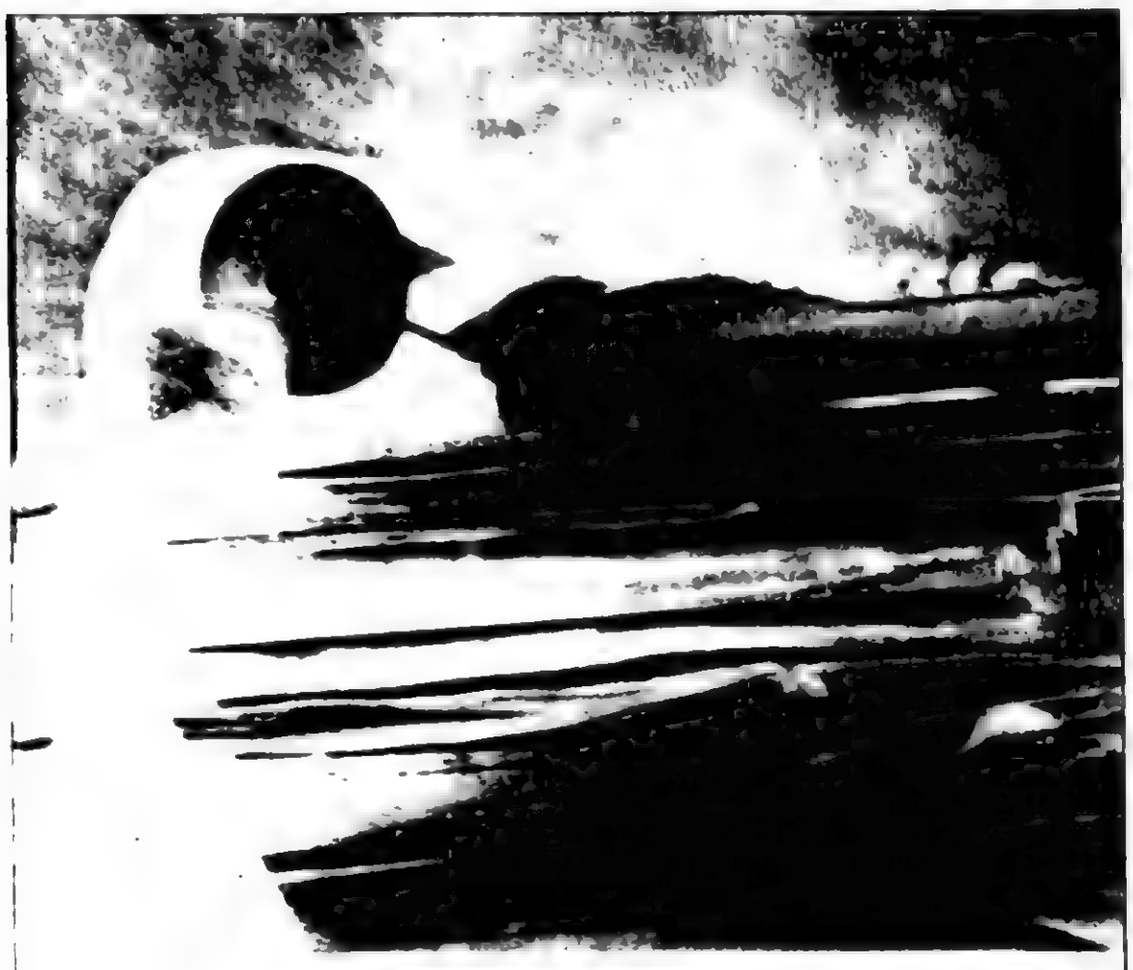
Practice Super Bowl Weekend Safety

Secretary of State Jesse White reminded Illinois drivers to celebrate Super Bowl Weekend safely and urged motorists to be responsible and use designated drivers if their parties include alcohol.

"Let's make sure that we are all winners this Super Bowl Sunday, by making sure we don't drink and drive," White said. "Celebrating safely means designating a sober driver, taking a cab or bus, or staying where you are."

- In 2003 and 2002, half of the fatal crashes that occurred Super Bowl weekend, were alcohol-related
- Nationally, more than 50 percent of weekend evening crashes are alcohol-related, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- In Illinois, Super Bowl Sunday is often the most deadly day of the year in regards to alcohol-related traffic fatalities.
- The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is four times as high at night as during the day, according to NHTSA.

White also noted that young people in particular are at risk because this day traditionally draws younger adults to parties that involve drinking.



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Determine Teen Died Of An Overdose

It has now been determined James Van Slette, 14, of Alsip died from an overdose of methadone in October. Following two months of toxicology testing the Cook County Medical Examiner's office spokesperson said he died on Oct. 26th from methadone in his blood stream.

James played football at Eisenhower High School. It was first thought he may have suffered and died from a head injury received in a game a few days before his death. Reports show James had suffered at least four concussions over a period of five years. An autopsy ruled out the possibility of such an injury and the possibility of meningitis or encephalitis. It was reported James had complained of a fever and vomiting the night before he died which his parents thought was the flu.

A medical director of the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse said methadone could be used in cases of chronic pain at a controlled level. A small amount of the drug used by someone who had never used it before could cause nausea and fever and some people may stop breathing. The spokesperson said the drug is available on the street.

FOCUS ON:
EYE CARE
by James C. Liang, M.D.

EYE SHINGLES

While the virus (varicella zoster) that causes chickenpox can remain dormant in the body for years and even decades after making its initial appearance, it may reactivate in nerve cells to cause shingles. This painful condition, formally known as herpes zoster, can be triggered by stress, medications, illness, or aging. Symptoms of eye shingles include a blistering rash, painful inflammation, fever, and fatigue. If not treated quickly and properly, eye shingles can lead to serious eye damage and even vision loss. Fortunately, treating eye shingles with anti-viral drugs can significantly reduce chances of serious consequences that could require surgery or even cause legal blindness in the affected eye. Time is of the essence when symptoms occur.

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Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, who is Chief of Finance at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that Jacqueline Torres has been appointed Director of Finance and Clerk for the District.

Torres has been employed at the District since 1999 when she was appointed Assistant Treasurer. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Loyola University and is pursuing her MBA in Finance and Economics at Roosevelt University.

Pictured, left to right, is Jacqueline Torres and Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski.

Voice Space Exploration Concerns

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently cautioned against the proposal by the administration to expand the space program to include a possible manned station on the moon and human flight to Mars. Concerned with NASA's existing obligations and the budget deficit, CAGW believes such a move would be too risky and costly.

"While space exploration may be a noble idea, it is not feasible at this time," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Cost estimates for the new programs range from $550 billion to $1 trillion. Until the federal government brings the record deficit back down to Earth, it should not launch expensive new space programs of questionable scientific value."

The federal deficit for the first three months of fiscal 2004 was $126 billion. The Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget both predict that the deficit will maintain that pace and exceed $500 billion over the course of the year. A similar man to Mars mission was scuttled in the first Bush administration due to deficit concerns when that figure was only $152 billion in 1989.

"Under the current budget conditions, taking a trip to Mars is the equivalent of a family with two kids in college, one parent unemployed, and the other parent working only part-time taking a two-week vacation to the Caribbean," Schatz continued. "On the other hand, maybe sending a man to Mars makes sense, since no one will be able to afford to live on this planet if deficits and debt keep skyrocketing."

NASA has also been plagued by financial problems. The space station, whose purpose remains controversial, was completed $4.5 billion over budget, and the space shuttle is grounded at least until the fall. Just last month, the General Accounting Office (GAO) released four reports criticizing NASA's effort to modernize its financial management program. GAO claims that NASA could end up wasting millions of dollars if the problems are not corrected.

"Even if this space dream made sense, members of Congress, who have stuffed NASA's fiscal 2004 budget with more than $300 million in pork, should first be required to eliminate their parochial projects. Those projects included $3 million for an astronomy center in Hawaii, as well as $3 million for ocean and weather research at the University of Alaska," Schatz concluded. "How can we trust members of Congress to find the money to fully fund a new mission to the moon and Mars when they have such a track record?"

Cooking Class/Lunch

Learn to cook the food you love to eat at a Big Greek Cooking Class and Luncheon, Saturday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.

Expert cooks will guide guests through a step-by-step demonstration on how to cook a traditional 3-course meal including appetizer, entrée and a tasty Greek pastry for dessert. Guests will receive recipes for each item of the meal prepared, so they may interact.

Afterwards, guests will enjoy a sumptuous luncheon of the meal demonstrated with lots of delicious extras.

Space is limited, so reserve early. The Big Greek Cooking Class and Luncheon will take place at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 10301 S. Kolmar Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tickets are $25 each. Reservations are required. Call (708) 636-7874 for reservations.

"Willy Woodchuck's Birthday Bash" Is A Family Program

"Willy Woodchuck's Birthday Bash," a Sunday Family Fun program especially designed for families with children eight years and younger in age, will be on Sunday, Feb. 1st at 2 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. A fee of $2 per person or $5 per family will be collected at this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

Most everyone knows what happens on Feb. 2nd. Punxsutawney Phil, a Pennsylvania woodchuck, pokes his head out of his den to predict when spring will arrive.

The Forest Preserve District has its own woodchuck – an oversized, costumed critter named Willy, the Will County Woodchuck. Join us and the Plum Creek Puppet Kids as we try to find who can really predict when spring will arrive. Hike the trails in search of this local prophet and bring him back to celebrate his birthday. Make a birthday present, sing a song or two, and eat some birthday cake. Part of this program will be held outdoors, so please dress for the weather.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

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Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

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In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *"6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."*

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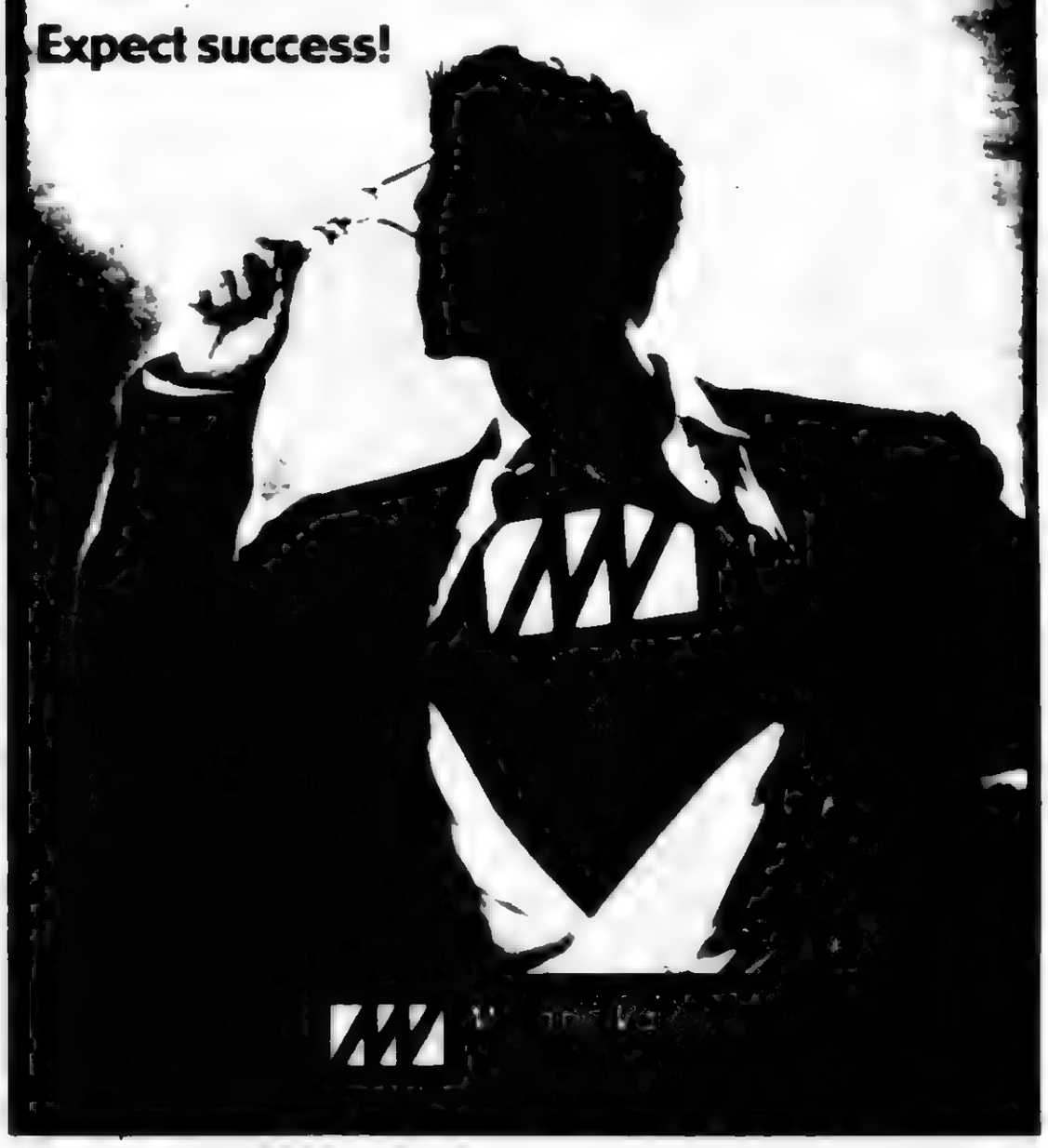

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General Services Named Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) named the General Services Administration (GSA) its Porker of the Month for January 2004 for lifting a suspension imposed on MCI, formerly WorldCom, in July 2003 for unethical practices. The company has since been prevented from receiving any new government contracts.

The short-lived suspension amounts to nothing more than a slap on the wrist. MCI could have faced a three-year suspension and debarment, but GSA determined that the company had strengthened its ethics and internal controls and therefore lifted the ban. Other companies, including Enron and Arthur Andersen, who committed similar acts received much stiffer penalties. If GSA truly wanted what was in the best interests of taxpayers, the agency should have permanently debarred MCI.

In 2002, WorldCom filed for the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history after revealing accounting irregularities that have swelled to around $11 billion. The company also may have overcharged the government for its services and illegally routed calls through competitors.

GSA based its original decision to suspend MCI on reports from former U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, the Special Investigative Committee of WorldCom's Board of Directors, a report from the company's own ethics office, and a June 3, 2003 report by the MCI's outside auditors, KPMG. The GSA inspector general specifically noted the 10 "material weaknesses" in the KPMG report.

Shortly after the suspension went into effect, MCI launched a publicity campaign claiming it had changed its fraudulent ways and also managed to secure seven waivers for government contracts worth $100 million. The company has proven that it will engage in unacceptable, unethical, and fraudulent behavior. GSA not only tolerated fraud by refusing to debar MCI, but it rewarded the company with more tax dollars.

This is what GSA is telling corporate America: "If you defraud your shareholders, set a bankruptcy record, and engage in financial misconduct but do enough business with the federal government, we will give you a token suspension of business (but don't worry, we will waive those restrictions), and be happy to welcome you back as a contractor after a few months, since it's not our money in the first place."

CAGW has been calling for MCI's debarment from government contracts since November 2002 on the basis that the Federal Acquisition Regulations required such a conclusion, as well as that the agreements unnecessarily put taxpayer dollars at risk and amounted to a hidden government bailout of the company. Taxpayers should share CAGW's outrage that MCI is back in business at the people's expense.

The government is MCI's largest customer. The GSA's responsibility is to ensure that the government contracts with reputable, ethically sound businesses. For tolerating and rewarding a fraudulent operation perpetuated on the U.S. taxpayers, CAGW names GSA the first Porker of the Month of 2004.

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, and mismanagement in government.

Juvenile System Reforms

Juvenile court programs aimed at reducing the number of young persons held in secure detention are among those receiving national accolades in a report released Wednesday by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice based in Washington, D.C., said Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans.

The report, *Unlocking the Future: Detention Reform in the Juvenile Justice System*, praises the Circuit Court of Cook County's juvenile programs for succeeding in providing family and community-based alternatives to detention for troubled young persons. The report said Cook County's reforms have reversed the negative national trend of detaining youth charged with offenses in locked facilities. Since reforms were first implemented in 1994, Cook County's juvenile detention population has decreased nearly 40 percent.

"The goal of our judges is to help promote better outcomes for these young persons," said Chief Judge Evans. "Our programs are designed to offer juveniles alternatives to detention which promote public safety and, at the same time, provide minors secular guidance, structure, and services throughout their involvement with the court," said Chief Judge Evans. "The result is we are seeing fewer young persons in detention, who are instead engaged in positive, productive activities. Public safety is also increased because the average success rate for minors who remain arrest free while in these programs is more than 90 percent," Chief Judge Evans added.

The reform programs cited by the report have contributed to the reduction in the average daily population in Cook County's juvenile detention center from 692 in 1996 (with a one day all-time high of 848) to 464 in 2003. Since 2000 the detention center had consistently maintained its population below its rated capacity of 498.

Reform components of the court's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative cited by the report include new risk assessment and screening procedures, more efficient case processing, reduction in the amount of time between the issuance of a summons and the scheduled court appearance, and a notification system to remind minors of their scheduled court dates.

The report also highlighted the court's community-based alternative programs that feature emergency shelters and evening reporting centers, calling the court's relationship with the community "one of the most positive developments." Throughout Cook County, the court operates seven evening reporting centers and two staff secure shelters for young persons needing more supervision. The centers and shelters are staffed by community-based social service agencies.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The hottest topic in our Southland area is the hunt for the elusive 10th gaming license that is up for grabs in this state. Our readers might remember that the license became available due to a failed attempt by Emerald Casino Inc. to build a casino in Rosemont. The Illinois Gaming Board vacated the license in 2001 when they concluded that some investors had lied to investigators and had ties to reputed organized crime figures.

There are presently seven groups that have submitted bids for the open license. They include: Country Club Hills (operator – Merit Management Group), Summit (operator – Hyatt Development Corp.), Calumet City (operator – Forest County Tribe of the Potawatomi), Lynwood or Sauk Village (operator – Ho Chunk Nation), and three Rosemont bidders: Caesars Entertainment, Isle of Capri Casinos, and Penn National Gaming (owners of Hollywood Casino in Aurora).

Locally, the Country Club Hills bid has attracted quite a following. Originally, the Village of Crestwood had attempted to put together their own bid with some ten municipalities sharing anticipated revenues. Donald Trump and his minions were said to be players in the game. However the project ground to a halt when the property being considered for development, owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, could not be acquired. Ultimately, Crestwood and its potential partners threw their support behind the Country Club Hills project.

Presently the cities and villages, along with a host of school districts and park districts that hope to share in a successful casino enterprise include: Alsip, Blue Island, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills, Crestwood, Dixmoor, Dalton, Ford Heights, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Midlothian, Phoenix, Riverdale, Robbins and Worth. Additionally, this group includes experienced former investors in the Empress Casino of Joliet.

Rothschild, an international investment banking firm will oversee the financial particulars of each bid. The three finalists will be announced on Feb. 23rd and the leading bidders will be named on March 5th. On March 15th the announced of the winning bidder will be made according to officials.

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State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-19th Dist.) tells All Points that she is pleased with Governor Rod Blagojevich's plans which were set forth in his 2004 State of the State address. Creating an early reading program, feeding our school children and keeping children in school were among the goals proposed by the Governor.

Senator Crotty highlighted three areas which she feels are particularly important and in need of improvement.

Initially, the Project Success program will allow schools to act as a core for service delivery to students and their families. This program will focus on health care, nutrition, and mental services for both students and families.

Secondly, by keeping teaching techniques current our children will be provided with a more comprehensive education, giving them greater opportunities upon graduation.

Finally, through the creation of the Professional Teacher Standards Board, the state hopes to ensure that all teachers will receive certification, re-certification and preparation in a timely fashion.

Hopefully, "these and other program changes in education will allow students throughout the state to receive a better education," said Crotty. "Students and their families will have more services available to them, and better qualified teachers to teach them."

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State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18th Dist.) is the chief sponsor of a new teacher mentoring law that will be invaluable to those new to the profession. The new law went into effect Jan. 1st of this year. January also happens to be National Mentoring Month in Illinois.

According to the senator "the goal of this legislation is to assist new teachers in developing strategies to enrich their skills to better educate our children by partnering them with veteran educators. Maloney's bill, Senate Bill 533, requires schools to develop a mentoring program for new teachers. It is hoped that these types of programs will better prepare new teachers and offer them the opportunity to build upon the experience and knowledge of experienced faculty members.

Senator Maloney further noted that "currently, only one-half of all new teachers stay past their first three years. This trend suggests far too much turnover and mediocre classroom productivity. This program will improve the quality of teachers and increase the retention rate by easing them into their profession."

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Louis S. Viverito, Supervisor of Stickney Township, has announced that Stickney Township offers the Community Care Program (CCP). CCP is a statewide program which offers adult day services, homemaker service, and senior companion.

Adult day service offers care and supervision of clients in a group setting outside the client's home. Services may include counseling, exercise therapy, and social activities. Meet others of your age group, enjoy a hot meal together, work at crafts together.

Homemaker service offers non-medical support by supervised homemakers who have received specialized training. Homemakers perform/assist in clients' personal care, such as dressing, bathing and grooming, meal preparation, laundry, light housekeeping and shopping.

The senior companion program provides scheduled visits by an older person to provide friendship, companionship and social services.

Transportation to the day care center is provided or arranged.

For more information and eligibility requirements for the program, contact the Stickney Township Office on Aging at (708) 636-8850.

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Display Contraband Confiscated In Past Year

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan unveiled a display of guns, knives and other illegal contraband confiscated at the Daley Center Courthouse over the last year in an effort to raise public awareness about strict security measures in place throughout the county court system.

More than 100 items were put on display for public viewing in the lobby of the Daley Center. The items included handguns, an assortment of knives, hatchets, cleavers, laser guns and cigarette lighters and pens equipped with hidden switchblades.

"Visitors to county courthouses have seen stepped up security as we respond to various terrorist alerts," Sheahan said. "We want to remind citizens coming to court that they must leave these types of items at home because they will be confiscated and the person carrying them could face criminal charges."

Cook County has the largest unified court system in the nation. Deputy Sheriffs staff 21 court facilities and branch courts, including all courtrooms at the Daley Center, the building with the highest traffic volume in the court system. On any given day, more than 40,000 people pass through metal detectors to enter county court facilities. In the Daley Center alone, the Sheriff's Office screens between 8,000 and 10,000 persons entering the building on a daily basis.

"One of the most critical responsibilities that I have as Sheriff is to provide effective security for all of our courts," Sheahan said. "It still shocks me that people come to buildings like this one and attempt to pass through security checkpoints in possession of these types of weapons."

Sheahan said that the citizens coming to court should treat their visit as if they were going to the airport to catch a flight. They should build extra time into their schedule to pass through additional security checks and leave any and all contraband at home.

"Although our deputies have noticed a decrease in the amount of contraband that we are confiscating, as you can see by the weapons on display here, it remains a concern," Sheahan said.

The Sheriff's weapons display continues at the Daley Center and the Cook County Building this week for public viewing.

Get Smart About Your Insurance Coverage

Every January, Americans resolve to "exercise more" or "lose weight" in the coming year, but most likely "get smarter about insurance" is not at the top of their self-improvement resolution lists. However, setting this goal may be more important than one might think. In fact, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), even though most Americans feel they have about the right amount of insurance coverage (72 percent), only 33 percent say they understand the details of those policies "very well."

Luckily, this unfortunate – and often costly – information gap is completely avoidable. When it comes to insurance, knowledge is your best policy. That's why the Illinois Department of Insurance is encouraging consumers to get smart about their coverage during the third annual Get Smart About Insurance Week, Jan. 19-23. During this special week, consumers are urged to call the Get Smart Hotline at 1-866-SMARTWEEK.

Benefit Fund For Amy Johnson's Children

The family of Amy Johnson has started a benefit fund at Harris Bank entitled "Amy Johnson's Children Benefit Fund." This fund is established to help care for these children and make provisions for them to attend college and make wise life decisions in spite of the unfortunate circumstances.

Amy Johnson, who was gunned down by her boyfriend several days ago, was only 24 years old. She leaves to mourn, three small children ages four years, two years, and eight months old. These small children have not yet seen their first day of school and will be left to the care of their grandmother. The four year old witnessed the incident and called 911 to report that his mother had been killed and she had died.

Any and all contributions to this benefit fund will be highly regarded and greatly appreciated. The Johnson family welcomes your heartfelt prayers, support, and donations on behalf of these three children. You may make all donations payable to any Harris Bank c/o Amy Johnson's Children Benefit Fund.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Black Tie Auto Show Preview

For the fourth year in a row, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital will be one of the not-for-profit organizations benefiting from the Chicago Auto Show's *First Look for Charity*, a black-tie affair that gives participants a preview look at the newest automobiles and concept cars on the evening before the Chicago Auto Show opens to the public.

This year's event, to be held on Feb. 5 at Chicago's McCormick Place South, will feature nearly 1,000 vehicles, as well as hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine and soft drinks. Two lucky attendees will receive keys to a 2004 Lexus SC 430 and 2004 Acura TL.

The St. Laurence/Queen of Peace Band will be traveling to Orlando, Florida for its 2004 Band Trip. While in Florida, the band will be marching in the Magic Kingdom Parade in Disneyworld. The band is also in the process of finalizing plans for a concert in EPCOT. Earlier this school year, the St. Laurence/Queen of Peace Band marched in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 27 and earned Best Percussion, Best Drum Major and second place in Class AA in the Twenty-Fifth Annual Marching Band Jamboree at Stagg High School. These activities are part of the band's busy program of concerts, competitions and special events such as the band's hosting of the State of the Art competition, all under the direction of Patrick Henning, Director of Bands. Pictured as they look over musical selections for the Oriand trip are (left to right) Marcella Frustaci, Veronica Grajalva, Andrew Naret, Kevin Field, Chris Smith, and Kiera Vizza.

CLASS REUNIONS

Bogan High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates for a November 2004 reunion. Call Laurie Thorp O'Connor at (708) 425-2254.

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St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971reunion@yahoo.com.

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St. Agnes School class of 1954 is planning a 2004 reunion. Contact Barbara Lupien at (708) 747-9194.

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Lindblom High School class of January 1954 seeks alumni. Call (708) 687-6179.

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Wentworth High School class of 1955 seeks alumni. Call (630) 789-6803.

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Most Holy Redeemer Grammar School class of 1954 will meet next year. Call (847) 827-5688.

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Hometown Elementary School class of 1980 seeks alumni. Call (408) 288-4458.

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St. Benedict School – looking for all alumni. Call (708) 371-5519.

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Our Lady of the Ridge School, Chicago Ridge, is seeking alumni for its 50th anniversary on Feb. 21st, 2004 at Glendora House. Call (708) 802-1990 or e-mail www.ourladyoftheridge.com.

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St. Cyril Methodius class of 1954 (other classes are welcome) is looking for classmates for a reunion in 2004. Call Ray at (708) 422-1961 or e-mail rholly9850@aol.com.

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St. Bruno class of 1959 is looking for classmates for a 2004 reunion. Call Barb Bedus at (708) 425-0156.

SYKB Hosts Donald Gribbon Benefit

The Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band members and friends will host a benefit honoring Donald J. Gribbon on Sunday, Feb. 29th from 1 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street., located on the south east corner of 115th and Homan Ave. A donation of $20 includes food, beer and live musical entertainment.

Last year Don was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and is now bravely battling this degenerative, non-reversible disease. Don is 49 years old and has two children.

Don served the SYKB faithfully for more than six years as a bass drummer and, more recently, as drum major. Before joining SYKB, he was a member of the Chicago Highlanders for 15 years. Don traveled to Glasgow, Scotland to play and compete in the World Championships.

The members of the Stock Yard Kilty Band are asking for your support of their Gribbon-A-Thon. For more information, call Dave McKee Sr., at (773) 233-2118 or visit www.sykb.com. All forms of donations are welcome and can be recorded as a charitable contribution by using the SYKB Tax ID #45-0518575. Donations for a raffle or silent auction table will also be appreciated.

Maria High School's 8th Annual Snow Ball

Maria High School hosts its 8th annual Snow Ball, Maria's premier fundraising event, on Saturday, Jan. 24. This year two alumnae, Victoria Romero '89 and Patricia Saldana Natke '82, will be inducted into Maria's Hall of Fame. Also, the Big Shoulders Foundation will be recognized with the Maria Kaupas Award for their support to Maria's mission.

Tickets are $125 each. For additional information contact Stephanie Harrington at (773) 925-8686, ext. 116.

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National Mentoring Month gets a boost here in Illinois as a new teacher mentoring law will assist those new to the profession. The new law, sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-18) took effect the first of January. This goal of the legislation is to assist new teachers in developing strategies to enrich their skills to better educate our children by partnering them with veteran educators.

Maloney's bill, Senate Bill 533, requires schools to develop a mentoring program for new teachers. These types of programs will better prepare new teachers and allow them to draw from the expertise and knowledge of experienced faculty.

"In all walks of life there are successful individuals that credit their achievements to a mentor that helped them along the way," Senator Maloney stated. "Through the benefit of their experience a mentor can provide encouragement, constructive criticism, and support."

Currently, only one-half of all new teachers stay past their first three years, a trend that leads to far too much turnover and little classroom productivity. "This program will increase the retention rate and improve the quality of teachers by easing them into their profession," state Senator Maloney.

According to the Illinois Federation of Teachers, studies in Indiana and Ohio found that only about 4% of those teachers that were mentored left the profession, while 28% of those that were without a mentoring program went elsewhere within the first few years. Non-mentored teachers indicated that discipline, motivation, and classroom organization were still among their needs at the end of their first year. Mentored teachers, on the other hand, spend more of their time on instruction and resources for their students.

"As a former teacher, I understand that it is important to give our new teachers all the support available to help them become educators by utilizing the knowledge and training of those who have more experience," Senator Maloney said. "This program will keep teachers and their focus in the classroom.

Three Available Senior Programs

The State of Illinois administers three different programs to help older people and those with disabilities pay for their prescription medicines. Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance and Illinois SeniorCare are programs with annual income eligibility guidelines based on the number of people within a household. The new Illinois Rx Buying Club will be open to all senior citizens and disabled individuals who enroll and pay the $25 fee regardless of income levels. There are reportedly 1.5 million elderly or disabled people in the state of Illinois who are currently without any assistance in paying for medication.

"Most older people in Illinois know, firsthand, how the cost of drugs can turn a long awaited retirement into a disaster," according to Charles D. Johnson, Director of the Illinois Department on Aging. "We see this program simply as a first step toward fair care . . . We cannot allow our elders to continue to experience the emotional and physical trauma caused by the unrelenting high cost of medical treatment by drugs," states Director Johnson.

The Illinois Rx Buying Club will leverage the purchasing power of the senior population and the nine state agencies that spend nearly $2 billion a year on drugs for state programs. The state will create a Special Advocate's Office to centralize the buying of drugs and negotiate lower prices. Estimated savings of 20 percent (or more) off the regular drug store price is anticipated. Most major pharmacies are expected to participate in the program.

PLOWS council on Aging has staff and volunteers available by appointment to assist seniors who may need help completing applications for any benefit program. A speaker is available to clubs and organizations to discuss the prescription programs and other benefits' seniors may be entitled to receive. Call the PLOWS office at (708) 361-0129 to schedule an appointment or presentation.

It is estimated that there are nearly 300,000 seniors in the state of Illinois who are eligible for Circuit Breaker that do not apply. Applications for the Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program and Illinois SeniorCare will be available in mid to late January. Applications for the Illinois Rx Buying Club are available now by calling toll-free 1-866-215-3462 or the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966.

American Legion Aux. Nurses Scholarships

Raymond J. Hagamann Unit No. 495 of the Fourth District, American Legion Auxiliary, through its Past Presidents Parley Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Kates, has announced the organization's 2004 Nurses Scholarship program.

The scholarships are for $1,000 and are to be awarded to any person preparing herself or himself for a nursing career. Scholarship candidates must submit an official application form – such application to be sent to the candidate upon contacting Ms. Kates at (773) 581-2273.

Judging will be based upon character rating, scholastic rating, financial need and the candidate's determination to pursue a nursing career.

Candidates must be in the senior year of high school or a graduate of an accredited high school.

Also, four letters of recommendation on qualifications and an article written by the applicant stating reason(s) for selecting a nursing career are to be submitted. A transcript of grades and a copy of the latest federal income tax return must be included.

Scholarships are for a full-time student at an accredited school or hospital. The deadline for applications is April 5th.

Winners will be awarded their $1,000 scholarship at the American Legion Auxiliary (state) convention in Springfield in July.

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Most classes, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the hospital. To register for these programs, or for more information, call (708) 385-4433.

First Aid/CPR Education, Adult CPR/AED
Wednesday, Feb. 25th from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is $25.

First Aid Basics
Tuesday, Feb. 17th from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is $25.

Infant & Child CPR
Wednesday, Feb. 18th from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is $25.

Relaxation & Fitness. Authentic Pilates
Thursday, Feb. 19th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 94th Ave. The cost is $25 adult, $20 senior

Tai Chi
Monday, Feb. 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $30 adult, $25 senior.

Yoga
Wednesday, Feb. 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is $40 adult, $35 senior.

Health Screenings. Cholesterol & PSA
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd from 8 to 11 a.m. at Orland Square Mall, Food Court Area.
Thursday, Feb. 26th from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital. The cost is $25

Free Foot Screenings
Friday, Jan. 23rd at St Francis Pavilion, 2310 York St. Call (708) 385-6911 for an appointment

Prepared Childbirth Class
Saturday, Feb. 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $30.

Taking Control. Diabetes Management
Monday, Feb. 3rd from 1 to 4 p.m. – free.

Freedom from Smoking
Tuesdays, Feb. 3rd to March 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $65

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Fire Fighters Endorse Dan Hynes

Standing in front of Engine 18, Chicago's oldest active firehouse, with officers and members of the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 and the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes received the endorsement of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois in his bid for the U.S. Senate. The Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois represent 172 local unions and more than 12,000 firefighters across the state.

"One of the reasons I am running to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate is to fight for men and women like the firefighters who are on the front lines protecting our communities and our country – they are everyday heroes," said Hynes.

"While firefighters put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe from harm, President Bush has failed to make fully-funding programs that help firefighters a priority," said Hynes. "President Bush needs to back up his rhetoric and show firefighters the respect they deserve by fully-funding the programs that keep our communities safe. As Illinois' U.S. Senator, I will get our priorities back in order and put the needs of our first-responders first."

"Firefighters are one of the first lines of defense after a terrorist attack and we need a proven leader in the U.S. Senate who will bring federal resources home to Illinois' firefighters so that we can protect our communities – Dan Hynes is that leader," said Ed Crews, Northern District Legislative Representative of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois.

Over two-thirds of all fire departments are under-staffed and a large number of firefighters do not have the training and equipment they need. Among other things, in the U.S. Senate, Hynes will push to fully-fund the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program, which provides $7.7 billion to hire 75,000 new firefighters across the country. Bush originally opposed the program and proponents are hoping that it will be included in his budget request to Congress next year. Hynes will also work to fully-fund the Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act, which helps protect the health and safety of firefighters by providing funds for items such as protective gear, training and communications devices. The FIRE Act, passed in 2000, authorizes Congress to spend up to $900 million but President Bush asked for only $500 million in his FY2004 budget.

As State Comptroller, Hynes has a strong record of advocating for Illinois' working men and women and for this reason Hynes has received the endorsement of hundreds of local labor unions representing more than 700,000 working men and women from a broad spectrum of trades including the Building and Construction Trades, Food and Allied Service Trades, Industrial Unions, Maritime Trades, Metal Trades, Professional Employees Unions and Transportation Trades.

In his past two elections for State Comptroller, Hynes has received the endorsement of the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois. Hynes' cousin, Jim Hynes, is currently a firefighter in Orland Park and his uncle, Tim Hynes, worked for 32 years as a firefighter in the Chicago Fire Department eventually rising to the ranks of Deputy District Chief. Since Hynes' grandparents came over from Ireland in the 1920's, there have been firefighters in every generation of his family.

"Hynes is the best guy overall," said Jim McNally, President of the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2. "He understands our issues, and he's grown up with them."

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Due to the death of her father, Messenger Publisher Walter H. Lysen, Ms. Lysen's column will return in February.

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Educational Tools Needed To Succeed

Concerned about the growing number of high school dropouts, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich and Senate President Emil Jones announced recently a new statewide initiative that will better restructure existing state education programs to keep students in school in order for them to graduate. "Getting Results Achieving Dreams and Success" or GRADS, will invest resources within targeted communities and develop innovative approaches to help students graduate with a high school diploma.

"In today's high-tech economy, it's difficult to land a good job without a college degree," Gov. Blagojevich said. "But, if you don't have a high school diploma, the odds of professional success are stacked against you. GRADS will provide students with the tools they need to succeed."

The 2000 U.S. Census found more than 200,000 people in Illinois between ages 16 and 24 dropped out of high school. The report also found in Illinois, 1 out of every 2 Latino and 1 out of every 5 African American youth is a high school dropout.

"Coordination of state government programs and a partnership of schools, families and communities will chart a new course for the state to keep kids on the road to success," Jones said.

The Dept. of Human Services already sets aside $2 million to fund dropout prevention. It's estimated GRADS will cost an additional $2 million. The anticipated start date for GRADS is July 1st.

Oberweis Opposes Bush Plan

U.S. Senate candidate Jim Oberweis said he opposes President Bush's immigration proposals, saying the President's program is a "blanket amnesty program in disguise" and that "the proposals do more to worsen our illegal immigration problem, not improve it."

"I have a tremendous respect for President Bush," Oberweis said. "I believe he has provided a steady hand in guiding our nation through this perilous war on terrorism, and I'm a full blown supporter of his tax cuts and plans to stimulate the economy," Oberweis added.

"However, regarding his plans to deal with illegal immigration I must respectfully, yet firmly disagree. His proposals are just plain wrong.

"I'm opposed to any amnesty program that rewards illegal behavior. And no matter what kind of rhetoric the President seeks to clothe his proposal in, it's simply a blanket amnesty program in disguise," Oberweis said. "These proposals do more to worsen our illegal immigration situation, not improve it."

"We need to do more to expand trade and provide better economic opportunities both for our own citizens and those living abroad. That would do more than anything to stem the incentive for illegal immigration," Oberweis said.

"But we can't throw up our arms and start issuing blanket amnesties. It's harmful to Americans' economic and national security interests and punishes those who are trying to enter the country legally."

Lunch With The Lincolns

The Joliet Area Historical Museum presents Lunch with the Lincolns on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is open to the public.

Your child won't want to miss this unique and exciting education program. Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in a log cabin? Do you want to know why President Lincoln grew a beard or why he wore such a tall hat? Curious about why Mrs. Lincoln's dress stood out so far? Then join President and Mrs. Lincoln for lunch and learn the answers to these questions and more. At the conclusion of the interactive portion of the program, Mr. Lincoln will give an inspirational speech on the importance of education and believing in oneself.

A lunch of pizza and juice will be provided. Students will also complete Lincoln-related crafts and play games. This is a program for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. The cost of the program is $12 per child for those who are not Museum members and $10 per child for Museum members. Advance registration and payment is required by Thursday, Feb. 4 and can be made by calling the Museum at (815) 723-5201, ext. 235 or ext. 226.

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N. Ottawa St. in downtown Joliet. Free parking is available in the Museum's parking lot at the corner of Webster and Ottawa streets.

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Senior Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

PLOWS would like you to know about the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. This important State of Illinois program allows qualified persons to defer all or part of the real estate taxes on their personal residence. Many seniors who are living on a fixed income and want to remain in their own home find this benefit enables them to do just that. It's a form of low interest loan which is to be repaid at the time the property is sold, or following the taxpayer's death. To qualify:

- You must have been at least age 65 or older by June 1, 2003
- Your annual household income may not be more than $40,000
- You must own the property and there can be no delinquent real estate taxes owed on the residence.
- You must have lived in the residence for at least 3 years.
- You must have the home insured against fire hazard loss.

Owners of single family homes, condominiums, and cooperative units are eligible. You are not disqualified if you have a mortgage on your home, and you do not need your lender's approval to participate. You are still able to participate in the Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Applications must be filed between Jan 1st and March 1st. PLOWS has the application forms and trained staff to help you through the application process at no cost. Call Diana Santolin at (708) 361-0219 for a no obligation consultation to learn more about this program.

Little Company Of Mary Hospital Calendar Of Ongoing Classes

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering a free foot screening on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. until noon. Little Company podiatrists will conduct this screening.

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Little Company of Mary Education Center is offering yoga classes on Wednesday evenings. The fee is $60 for six weeks. Yoga combines physical poses and breathing techniques to achieve physical and mental well-being. Yoga reduces stress and improves strength, balance and flexibility as it brings balance to your body, mind and spirit.

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Little Company of Mary is offering a free "Asthma 101" program on Feb. 14 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Hospital professionals will teach adults how to recognize asthma triggers, current treatment, management and lifestyle changes to enhance your well being.

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Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering an exercise class. Fitness expert Barb Kolenda will conduct workshops on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Each class session runs eight weeks. Reap multiple health benefits from regular exercise; such as lower blood pressure, lower blood sugar, improved muscle strength, and a positive outlook.

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The Health Education Center is offering Bright Beginnings Breakfast Club, a free educational program, featuring coffee and conversation on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Dr. Kimberly Caulway will discuss the importance of heart healthy eating and regular screening.

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To register or for more information on any of these programs call (708) 423-5774.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

As the possibility of a new gambling casino looms over the south suburbs, I wonder how many of the citizens who will be directly or indirectly affected by its existence have considered the price the surrounding communities will pay for the extra revenue it will bring in. Despite the gambling industry's protests, statistics consistently bear out the fact that gambling has deleterious social and economic effects on individuals and the community at large.

Anyone who has strong family values should certainly be aware that some families will be harmed by introducing a source of income that targets compulsive gamblers. There is evidence that problem gamblers account for 52 percent of an average casino's revenues. There will be children going without adequate food, medical care, and clothing as the salaries of these individuals is taken as profit by casinos. Casual gamblers and unconcerned citizens, who may think they will pay no price, will find that crime has risen in the area. Economically speaking, many reputable businesses will suffer or completely fail because of the casino competition. Financial quick fixes ultimately result in a worsened situation. Why should any community take this chance?

Sincerely,
s/s Judy Leigh
Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is hosting its annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn. Members and guests are invited to attend the meeting and program, while enjoying breakfast and the opportunity to see other community participants. The starting time is 7:45 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (708) 499-7817.

In addition to the annual meeting, the Partnership Council generally meets on a monthly basis, on the last Tuesday, at the Oak Lawn Village Hall. The membership is comprised of representatives from government, healthcare, education, social service, and business who gather, provide information, discuss topics of interest, and plan activities. The Partnership is designed to maintain and improve the health and well-being of the community.

Native American Bag Making

"Native American Bag Making," an adult (age 16 minimum), multi-session workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, begins Wednesday, Feb. 4 and meets every Wednesday through March 10, with each session running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration and a fee of $20, which covers all six sessions, are required.

Participant will learn to make a beautiful, colorful, and fully functional woven bag. Native American woodland cultures made many types of containers for storing their goods. Early European accounts of these storage containers describe beautiful baskets and bags woven from natural fibers and trade cloth when available. This multi-session class will explore the technique of twining, a very common style of pouch or bag making in the 1700s here in the Midwest.

The workshop will provide a loom, yarn, and instruction in this ancient art. Participants are free to bring their own yarn if they wish, two skeins of any two colors of a heavier weight wool yarn. Looms will be available for loan with a deposit.

Classes will meet on Feb 4, 11, 18 and 25 and on March 3 and 10.

To register or to receive additional information, call the Forest Preserve at (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hold Free Sunday Concert

On Sunday, Jan. 25th at 5 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd., there will be a free Sunday evening concert with vocalist, Kirsten Mateer singing golden oldies, Broadway favorites and popular tunes. The community is invited. A freewill offering will be taken.

On Sunday, Feb. 29th at 5 p.m. at the church there will be a free Sunday evening concert with the "Brahms Trio." Classical music will be performed with violin, French horn and piano. The community is invited. A freewill offering will be taken.

"Madame Butterfly" Trip Set

Tickets are now available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to see a matinee performance of "Madame Butterfly" at the Lyric Opera of Chicago on Thursday, Feb. 26. The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and reserved upper balcony seating, is $62 for Friends members and $67 for others. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett, at (815) 439-0075.

Oak Lawn Students On President's List

Students from Oak Lawn have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College. Qualification for the President's List is a semester grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00.

Named are Sawsan Abubaker, Jennifer Anderson, Roberta Andrulaityte, Rafal Arendt, Elham Barakat, Tanika Bell, Katherine Berkery, Mark Bierdz, Suzanne Castillo, Emre Cengiz, Irena Chrzanowski, Peggy Connaghan, Barbara Craig, George Daly, Christina Derencius, Catherine Donlan, Dana Escamilla, Michael Femrite, Mark Fitzsimons, Tamisha Fleming, Heidi Foster, Jason Friedlund, Adriana Gonzalez, Jacqueline Harris, Paulnie Harty, Nicholas Harvey, Kristen Insalata, Adam Irvine, Fay Jakymec, Jeanna Jurkowski, Dimitri Kametas, Keith Kampenga, Cassie Kleczkowski, Michael Kolkebeck, Leah Lafemina, Robert Levorse, Andrew Logsdon Jr., John Lowczyk, Aleksandar Marinov, Uri Martsinkovsky, Matthew Mayher, Matthew McCarthy, Rebecca McCoy, Collyn McIlvain, Amanda Majia, Jessica Miller, Janis Mulvaney, Nadyah Mustafa.

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School Registration

Our Lady of Loretto School is announcing the 2004-05 school registration beginning Jan. 27th. Registration will take place until classes are full.

We are a small, family-oriented school community dedicated to providing an excellent Catholic education. We strive to keep our class sizes small in order to provide more individual attention to each student. We offer tuition rates for parishioners and non-parishioners.

Our 3-year-olds meet 3 days a week; our 4-year-olds meet 5 days a week. We have full and half-day kindergarten and grades 1-8. Teacher aides help in the classroom when needed. Additions to our curriculum include gym, music, computers, chour and art.

Extended-day services are available to all registered students 5 days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Interested families may call the school office to set up a time to visit the school and/or for more information. Call (708) 636-8668 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Free Annual CPR Training Days

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is gearing up for its second annual free CPR blitz, CPR Training Days, which offers free training in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Registration is required, and classes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. CPR Training Days classes will be held every day in March, in conjunction with Red Cross Month, to train an anticipated 1,500 people. The Chicago Red Cross is looking for volunteers to register students and teach courses as part of this lifesaving program.

According to current statistics, of the half-million Americans who will suffer cardiac arrest this year, an estimated 95 percent will die. Experts estimate that half of those victims could survive if early recognition and immediate CPR were available to them. To help Chicago and the surrounding community prepare for the unexpected, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is offering CPR Training Days in its eight community facilities throughout its seven-county service area and seeks dedicated volunteers in the following capacities (to volunteer, contact Jacinda Beason, volunteer coordinator at 312- 729-6218):

- CPR Instructors are needed at each of the eight facilities to teach adult classes. Available shifts include weekday evenings, and weekend mornings and afternoons. Those interested in becoming CPR Training Days instructors must complete American Red Cross training in advance; for more information on Red Cross instructor courses, call 1-800-33-SAFETY.
- Customer Service Representatives are needed to assist with registration and disseminate American Red Cross CPR Training Days information at community facilities. Saturday availability is required.
- Fulfillment Representatives will prepare class materials, stock necessary inventory, clean CPR training manikins and pack materials.
- Episodic Volunteers are needed to assist in administrative preparation for Red Cross Month and CPR Training Days at each facility twice a week. Friday availability is required.

For more information on CPR Training Days, including locations, dates and times, or to become a volunteer, contact Stephanie Fiegel, Sponsored Training Events Coordinator, at (312) 729-6176. To sign up for a free CPR Training Days course, call the American Red Cross at (312) 729-6100.

SCORE Workshop

Learn to protect yourself and your business from physical damage and lawsuits. Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 27th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Federal, state and local tax basics will be covered. The workshop is the final one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Valentine Dance Set

A Valentine Dance is to be held on Friday, Feb. 6th at Our Lady of Loretto. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 in the parish hall, 8925 S. Kostner in Hometown. Music is from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment will be provided by Connexion. This exciting live band plays the best popular dance music and the unforgettable classic hits too. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends to enjoy a great night of live music close to home.

The cost is $25/person, $45/couple and $20/senior citizen. Admission includes food and entertainment. There will be a cash bar. For tickets or information, contact Matt at (708) 422-2136 or Rick at (708) 422-0217. The dance is sponsored by Our Lady of Loretto Men's Club.

Pre-School Registration

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., begins its open registration for the 2004-05 school year on Tuesday, Feb. 17th. Registration begins at 7 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four-year-olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, call Cathy Cepicas, director, at (708) 422-0193.

OL Park District's Fitness Programs

Looking for a new fitness challenge this year? The Oak Lawn Park District's Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., has announced two new fitness programs this season.

Running Jan. 27th through March 4th, *Lunch-Break Burn* will help you make the most of your lunch hour (12:15 to 1 p.m.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays with an intense, 45-minute strength-training workout, incorporating the use of weights, resistance bands and cardio-training. The program is taught by Carol Wendling, a certified aerobics instructor and certified personal trainer. Choose one or two days per week: $19 or $29 for residents or $25 or $40 for non-residents for the session.

Reflexology is foot and hand-pressure therapy that involves applying focused pressure to certain known reflex points located in the foot, which correspond to areas in the body. This wellness program - running on Thursdays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. from Feb. 26th through May 20th - will help increase circulation, release tension and encourage relaxation, says instructor Margaret Kordell, a certified massage therapist. The fee is $35 for residents or $46 for non-residents.

Other fitness programs offered at the Community Pavilion this season include aerobics, kick boxing, slimnastics, seniorcise, Pilates, yoga fitness, body pump, G.I. fitness training, bench-step aerobics, and Stability Ball & Resista-Band body sculpting.

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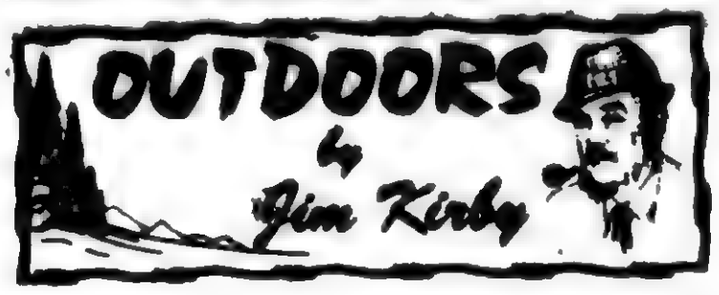

IF BOATING OR SNOWMOBILING, DON'T DRINK: A tough new law bringing penalties for boating and snowmobiling under the influence in line with the same offenses committed when driving an automobile took effect on Jan. 1st.

"Whatever mode of transportation you use – whether you're cruising in your boat on a lake, operating your snowmobile, or driving on the highway – drivers need to do so responsibly," said Governor Rod Blagojevich. "This law makes the penalties for irresponsible operation of a vehicle more equitable and, as a result, we hope will make all motorists safer."

The new law expands the type of illegal intoxicating compounds. These are substances ingested by drinking or inhaling such as acetone or dichloro-ethane found in industrial solvents.

The law also increases to a class 4 felony the charge for operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence during the period when an individual's operating privileges already are suspended for previous such violations. A class 4 felony as punishable by 1-3 years in prison or fines up to $25,000. Previously the penalty was a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and $2,500 in fines. Additional penalties of at least $500 and five days of community service would be assessed to individuals for endangering children while operating a boat or snowmobile while intoxicated.

"These changes provide more consistency in enforcement, prosecution and administrative procedures for people who illegally use alcohol, drugs or other intoxicating substances," said INDR Deputy Director Roger Frazier, who spend 35 years in the field as a Conservation Police Officer and has seen first hand the problems abuse of these substances can cause. "We want people to be able to enjoy their outdoor recreational experiences but we want them to do so in a manner that doesn't harm themselves or others."

■ANGLERS USING ASIAN CARP AS BAIT?: The sighting of bighead carp in inland waters suggest that anglers inadvertently may be moving Asian carp among waterways. Anglers often collect small fishes to use as bait when fishing, and they are often collecting these fishes from waters infested with Asian carp. The juveniles of Asian carp greatly resemble shad and minnows.

If anglers collect and use live bighead or silver carp juveniles in areas where Asian carp are not already established these fish could escape the hooks and establish new populations. Those Asian carp will probably have dramatic negative effects on current fish stocks.

Officials are encouraging all anglers to use bait they catch only in waters from which they were collected. If that is not possible, only dead bait should be used.

■CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE UPDATE: Nine additional cases of CWD have been detected in Northern Illinois – including one in DeKalb County – as a result of testing conducted on samples harvested during the firearm deer season. The new cases brings to 30 the total number of confirmed cases of the disease found in the state November 2002 when the first positive case was discovered.

Of the 30 cases of CWD confirmed in Illinois to date, six were from Winnebago County, 21 from Boone County, two from McHenry County, and the other is the recent DeKalb County case. Before the 2003 hunting season, the distribution of the disease appeared to be confined to an area northeast of Rockford and one in McHenry County, but the recent finds indicate that isolated cases are turning up over a slightly wider area.

The IDNR this fall collected tissue samples from more than 4,000 deer taken by hunters in 36 counties during the firearm season. A few hundred samples were collected from deer harvested by archery hunters in northern Illinois in October and November. All samples collected are submitted for testing at Illinois Department of Agriculture labs in Centralia and Galesburg.

While not contagious to humans or livestock, CWD is known to spread from animal to animal among deer and elk. The disease affects the brains of infected animals, causing them to become emaciated, display abnormal behavior, lose coordination and eventually die.

■NEW CPOS ON THE JOB: Eleven Conservation Police Officers, the first new CPOs hired by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in three years in the field protecting the public and natural resources.

The recruits completed a 10-week, basic law enforcement classroom training through the Illinois State Police Academy, followed by another 12-weeks of training on conservation law and related topics. Following graduation they spent 15-weeks on the job training with senior Conservation Police Officers.

"Because of the diversity of their posts, CPOs receive more training than any other law enforcement officers in Illinois," said IDNR Deputy Director Roger Frazier, who spent 35 years in the field as a CPO. "Their dedication and professionalism are unsurpassed."

Their permanent duty assignments will be in Lake (5), Cook (2), DuPage (1), McHenry (1), Henry (1), and LaSalle (1) counties.

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St. Xavier Basketball Games

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a game-high 17 points to lead the streaking St. Xavier University men's basketball team to its third straight victory with a 76-53 win over Purdue University-Calumet (Ind.) in CCAC action on Saturday in Hammond, Ind.

In addition to scoring a game-high 17 points, Telander also contributed six rebounds and three assists. Besides Telander, four other Cougars scored in double figures. Junior forward Eric Regan scored 16 points and tallied two blocks in the win.

Junior forward Michael Rojas had 13 points, while also tallying a game-high eight rebounds, while senior forward Raphael Morris contributed 11 points. Junior guard Phillip Watson recorded 10 points, six assists and five steals.

The SXU men's basketball team is presently 14-6 overall, 2-0 in the CCAC conference.

Despite Mary Cain's team-high 23 points, the St. Xavier University women's basketball team was defeated in its second CCAC game of the season, 88-82, to Purdue University-Calumet in overtime on Saturday in Hammond, Ind.

Besides Cain's 23 points, three other Cougars tallied double points. Sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio had 11 points and six rebounds. Junior forward Rachel Merkell and senior center Jayme Brown each contributed 10 points in the losing effort.

The Cougars trailed at the break, 35-31, but rallied to tie the game at the end of regulation at 72-72, before falling in overtime period. The Lady Lakers shot an impressive 33-for-37 (89 percent) with the charity stripe in the victory. The loss drops SXU to 15-6 overall on the season and evens their CCAC record at 1-1.

New Plan To Help Illinois Get In Shape

The Illinois Health & Sports Foundation (Prairie State Games and Southwestern Illinois Senior Olympics) is implementing a new plan that will change the way we get in shape, and ultimately help change the shape of Illinois. The program is called *Lighten Up Illinois*, designed to help address the climbing obesity rates that we face as a nation. Through teamwork and education, *Lighten Up Illinois* will work to help the citizens of our state lead healthier lives by encouraging more physical activity and making sound nutritional choices in their everyday lives.

***Lighten Up Illinois* will run through June 7th and the cost to participate is $10 per person, which includes a T-shirt and weekly health and wellness tips. (Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29th.) Additionally, all participants will be given a complimentary entry in the 2004 Prairie State Games 5K Run/Walk. Teams of 2-10 people will compete in the Weight Loss and/or the Accumulated Activity categories, with the top three teams being honored for their accomplishments at the Friday, June 25th Prairie State Games Athlete Celebration.**

The key component of *Lighten Up Illinois* is teamwork. Having other people who share a common goal, who will work with you and who will encourage you throughout the process, is vitally important to the success of the program. Participants benefit greatly from the personal support and camaraderie that is derived from teamwork. One needs only to look to our neighbors in Iowa to see the success of this concept. The *Lighten Up* program, which was initiated by the Iowa Games in 2001, had more than 5,000 participants last year whose combined weight-loss was in excess of three tons. These results speak volumes. And if Iowans can have this much success, just think of what we can do in Illinois.

So team up and slim down in 2004. Take the initiative by telling people at work, at church and in the neighborhood about *Lighten Up Illinois*. Form a team or two, and see the difference that subtle changes and the encouragement from your teammates will make in your life. If you work together and see the program through, you will be on your way to a healthier lifestyle, have more energy and maybe be just a little lighter when you step on your scale.

For additional information on *Lighten Up Illinois*, call (618) 632-1002 for your team application.

SXU Lost 3 Matches

The St. Xavier University men's club volleyball team played its first-ever match recently against Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind. Although the Cougars lost in three games, 20-30, 27-30, 25-30, head coach Bob Heersema feels that, with the right amount of preparation and coaching, the team has enough talent to be successful.

"We played a respectable match against Calumet-St. Joseph, especially considering the program just got started and we have had only one official practice," said Heersema. "This team has some talented players and will continue to get better after more practice and matches."

ASEP Coaches Clinic

ASEP Coaches Clinics will be held in Downers Grove on Feb. 8th at the Holiday Inn Express and in Arlington Heights on Feb. 14th at the Holiday Inn Express for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP leader level program is required by the Illinois High School Assn. for all non-faculty coaches. To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact instructor Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

4th Grade

The Heat defeated Cardinal Bernardin (2) 12 to 8. Zack Kutsulis contributed 6 points for the Heat. James Bonaguro led Cardinal Bernardin (2) with 4 points.

Lemont took a 16 to 9 win over Cardinal Bernardin (1). Jeff Worsech led Lemont with 10 points. Dan Whitehead tallied 4 points for Cardinal Bernardin (1).

Da Dawgs took home a 22 to 12 victory against Cardinal Bernardin (3). Vince Boettger and Mike O'Rourke put in 6 points apiece for Da Dawgs. Mike O'Connor scored 6 points for Cardinal Bernardin (3).

Willy McNamara (8 points) led St. Mary Star of the Sea (White) to a 14 to 6 victory over St. Mary Star of the Sea (Blue). Justin Luzzi tallied 3 points for St. Mary Star of the Sea (Blue).

5th Grade

St. Symphorosa won a close one against the Steger Wildcats 15 to 14. Lorenzo Chavez tallied 8 points for St. Symphorosa. Steve Lowe (8 points) paced him for the Wildcats.

Anthony Baldassano (15 points) led the Jr. Mustangs to a 31 to 14 win over the Homer All-Stars. Matt Rehbock and Mike Shaw scored 4 points each for Homer.

The Tinley T-Bolts defeated St. Gerald 31 to 16. Brian Deckinga led the T-Bolts with 10 points. Colin Altenberg led St. Gerald with 6 points.

Steger beat St. Mary Star of the Sea 25 to 11. Steger was led by Erik Crittenden (8 points). John Janiga contributed 5 points for St. Mary Star of the Sea.

6th Grade

The IL Hoopla Navy defeated St. Patricia 23 to 16. Andy Bertucci (8 points) was lead-scorer for the Hoopla Navy. Sean Hehir led St. Patricia with 5 points.

The Hawks outscored the Nomads 25 to 22. Chris Smith tallied 11 points for the Hawks. CJ Tierney (11 points) paced him for the Nomads.

Kevin Koziol scored 9 points to lead the Hoopla Gold to a 20 to 15 victory over the Falcons. Watkeeta Valenzuela led the Falcons with 6 points.

The Steger Wildcats beat the Panthers 36 to 22. Jerry Ward tossed in 21 points for the Wildcats. The Panthers were led by Kendall Salley (14 points).

7th Grade

The Hoopla took a 44 to 25 victory over St. Patricia. Chris Brady contributed 13 points for the Hoopla. Tommy Bylina led St. Patricia with 11 points.

The Orland Park Swish defeated the Steger Wildcats 55 to 29. The Swish were led by Tim Lydigsen (15 points). Brett Edwards put in 10 points for the Wildcats.

Paul Townsend (10 points) led the Tinley T-Bolts to a 45 to 28 win over St. Symphorosa. Richie Fischer tallied 12 points for St. Symphorosa.

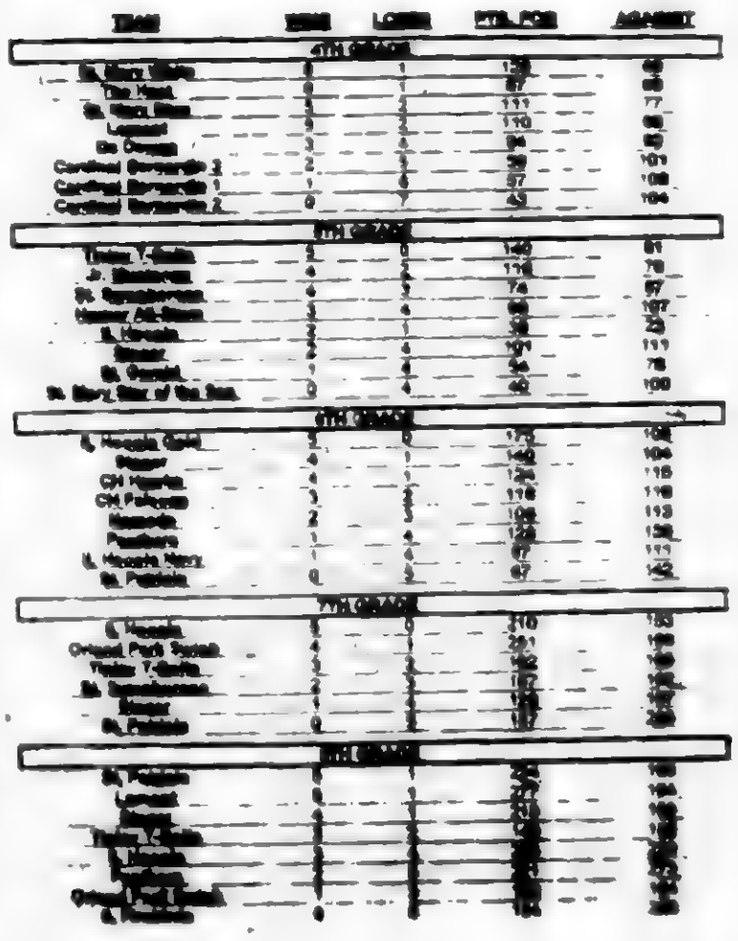
8th Grade

The Panthers beat the IL Firebirds 47 to 31. Devin Thompson scored 12 points for the Panthers. Ryan Khani (12 points) matched him for the Firebirds.

Lemont defeated the IL Hoopla 43 to 36. Lemont's Ben Wagner had a 19-point game. Kevin Connelly, Rich Bode and Seamus Murphy tallied 8 points for the IL Hoopla.

Jake Tilton scored 21 points to lead Steger to a 47 to 42 victory over the IL Hoopla. Joe Willie contributed 14 points for the Hoopla.

St. Patricia was victorious over the Orland Park Swish 44 to 31. Derek Ciezczak led St. Patricia with 17 points. Joe Walszak tallied 9 points for the Swish.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 1-13-04
Blue-South
Bogan 82, Ag Science 45
Brooks 84, Fenger 59
Red-South
Morgan Park 65, Harlan 59
Independent School League
U-High 67, Morgan Park Academy 30
Non-Conference
Andrew 69, Tinley Park 59
Bradley 64, Oak Forest 56
Crete-Monee 75, Eisenhower 66
Hinsdale South 43, Stagg 35
Marist 76, St. Rita 63
Sandburg 79, Brother Rice 78, OT
Seton 42, Luther East 41
Wednesday, 1-14-04
Blue-Central
Lindblom 77, Kennedy 68
Independent School League
Latin 77, Morgan Park Academy 28
Non-Conference
Bremen 67, Shepard 55
Thursday, 1-15-04
Blue-South
Bogan 94, CICS Longwood 56
Fenger 84, Calumet 57
Red-South
Morgan Park 58, Julian 54
Non-Conference
Mooseheart 55, Seton 54
Friday, 1-16-04
Catholic League
Brother Rice 82, Gordon Tech 58
De La Salle 52, Providence 38
Fenwick 70, Bishop McNamara 30
Leo 68, St. Francis de Sales 33
Loyola 73, St. Rita 59
Mt. Carmel 63, St. Laurence 52
St. Ignatius 65, Holy Cross 49
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 47, Benet 44
Joliet Catholic 49, Carmel 39
Marian Catholic 53, Nazareth 35
Independent School League
Elgin Academy 56, Morgan Park Acad. 49
Latin 68, U-High 50
Private School League
Aurora Christian 59, Luther South 56
Chicago Christian 72, Illiana Christian 57
Luther North 71, Westminster 62
SICA Central
Eisenhower 65, Oak Forest 60
T.F. North 39, Bremen 35
T.F. South 59, Tinley Park 46
SICA East
Thornwood 50, Shepard 34
Homewood-Flossmoor 54, Thornridge 40
Bloom 63, Thornton 61
SICA North
Argo 56, Romeoville 51
Bolingbrook 67, Richards 63
Reavis 64, Oak Lawn 40
SICA West
Andrew 56, Stagg 47
Lincoln-Way Central 80, Sandburg 68
Lockport 64, Joliet 61, OT
Suburban Prairie East
Ridgewood 52, Evergreen Park 46
Saturday, 1-17-04
Non-Conference
Argo 78, Gordon Tech 70
Hillcrest 72, Thornridge 55
Hyde Park 86, Bogan 74
Luther South 69, Hancock 63
Mt. Carmel 86, St. Gregory 57
Naperville Central 53, Lockport 44
Niles West 63, Lincoln-Way East 49

BOYS BOWLING
Monday, 1-12-04
Eisenhower 2,891, Lincoln-Way East 2,837
Tuesday, 1-13-04
Oak Lawn 2,863, Bremen 2,275
Tinley Park 1,878, Eisenhower 1,699
Minooka 2,853, Plainfield South 2,770
Wednesday, 1-14-04
Minooka 1,938, Stagg 1,631
Thursday, 1-15-04
Oak Lawn 2,852, Bremen 2,647
Sandburg 1,814, Tinley Park 1,750
Minooka 2,789, Plainfield Central 2,762
Friday, 1-16-04
Eisenhower 2,980, Lincoln-Way Central 2,593
Saturday, 1-17-04
Catholic League Playoffs
Final Team Standings: (50% regular season, 50% Saturdays playoffs): 1, Notre Dame 167. 2, Loyola 161. 3, St. Laurence 152. 4, Brother Rice 142. 5, De La Salle 125. 6, Gordon Tech 124. 7, Mt. Carmel 93.5. 8, St. Rita 75.5. 9, tie, Fenwick and St. Ignatius 51. 11, Hales Franciscan 46. 12, Leo 0.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, 1-13-04
Bremen 48, T.F. South 37
Latin 133, St. Rita 91, North Side Prep 60
Lincoln-Way East 95, Lincoln-Way Central 91
Wednesday, 1-14-04
St. Rita 52, Mount Carmel 42
Friday, 1-16-04
Neuqua Valley 110, Naperville North 76
Oak Park 111, York 83
Saturday, 1-17-04
Oak Lawn Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Bremen 265. 2, Tinley Park 261. 3, Argo 172.5. 4, Reavis 163. 5, Evergreen Park 151.5. 6, Oak Lawn 139.
Sandburg Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Naperville Central 236. 2, Champaign Central 227.5. 3, Marmion 195. 4, Sandburg 159.5. 5, Brother Rice 146. 6, Homewood-Flossmoor 135. 7, Lockport 93. 8, Oak park 91. 9 Latin 70. 10, Lincoln-Way Central 42.

WRESTLING
Wednesday, 1-14-04
T.F. North 45, St. Francis de Sales 21
Thursday, 1-15-04
Bolingbrook 43, Stagg 24
Bolingbrook 37, Thornwood 27
Lockport 57, Bloom 15
Marist 42, De La Salle 24
Reavis 67, Oak Forest 10
Shepard 48, Thornridge 22
Friday, 1-16-04
Argo 57, Oak Lawn 14
De La Salle 37, St. Ignatius 25
Lincoln-Way E. 58, Homewood-Flossmoor 7
Marist 36, Notre Dame 22
Marist 48, St. Patrick 18
Sandburg 36, Joliet 16
Saturday, 1-17-04
Bolingbrook 41, Oak Lawn 27
Neuqua Valley 60, Oak Lawn 12
Neuqua Valley 55, Plainfield 42
Neuqua Valley 70, Elgin 9
Plainfield 52, Oak Lawn 19
Plainfield 40, Bolingbrook 29
T.F. South 48, Eisenhower 12
Willowbrook 46, Homewood-Flossmoor 25
Willowbrook 54, Hinsdale Central 12
Batavia Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Naperville North 160.5. 2, Wheaton North 159.5. 3, Sterling 158. 4, Lincoln-Way East 130.5. 5, Morris 118.5. 6, Argo, 113. 7, Bartlett 96. 8, Maine South 86.5. 9, Buffalo Grove 85. 10, Naperville Central 83. 11, Streamwood 78.5. 12, Batavia 75.5. 13, Downers North 70. 14, McHenry 66. 15, Lemont 52.5.

De La Salle Quad
De La Salle 72, Bogan 9
De La Salle 82, St. Francis de Sales 1
De La Salle 61, Simeon 18
St. Francis de Sales 42, Bogan 28
Simeon 54, St. Francis de Sales 6
Simeon 48, St. Francis de Sales 6
Simeon 48, Bogan 30
Geneseo Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Providence 239. 2, St. Rita 237.5. 3, Minooka 146. 4, Iowa City West 128.5. 5, Mt. Carmel 126. 6, Granite City 97.5. 7, Pleasant Valley 94. 8, West Des Moines Dowling 84. 9, Belvidere 71. 10, Stagg 63. 11, Marian Catholic 56.5. 12, Dixon 56. 13, Cedar Rapids Prairie 55.5. 14, Moline 50.5. 15, Geneseo 45.5. 16, United Township 42.
Oak Forest Quad
Shepard 42, Bradley 29
Shepard 74, Oak Forest 3
Shepard 54, T.F. South 17
Reed-Custer Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Wilmington 275. 2, Petersburg-Porta 214. 3, Bremen 114. 4, Marengo 106. 5, Reed-Custer 93.5. 6, Tinley Park 90. **Local Teams:** 13, Illiana Christian 0.
Rich South Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Bolingbrook 192.5. 2, Argo 176. 3, Hinsdale South 61.5. 4, Rich East 107. 5, Andrew 89.5. 6, Bremen 81.5. 7, Romeoville 74.5. 8, Thornridge 69. 9, Homewood-Flossmoor 54.5. 10, Marian Catholic 51. 11, Bloom 47.5. 12, Rich South 42. 13, Rich Central 23. 14, T.F. South 20. 15, Crete-Monee 15. 16, Tinley Park 5.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-12-04
Public Metro South
Ag Science 57, Dyett 32
SICA Central
Oak Forest 63, Eisenhower 49
T.F. North 35, Bremen 28
T.F. South 43, Tinley Park 33
SICA North
Bolingbrook 4, Richards 37
Oak Lawn 63, Reavis 19
SICA West
Joliet 66, Lockport 34
Sandburg 32, Lincoln-Way Central 31
Stagg 47, Andrew 36
Non-Conference
Mother McAuley 63, Hillcrest 61
Seton 68, St. Scholastica 32
Tuesday, 1-13-04
Public Central
Kennedy 67, Lindblom 30
Public Windy City
Morgan Park 55, Harlan 48
GCAC Red
Maria 59, Queen of Peace 37
SICA East
Thornwood 56, Shepard 33
Non-Conference
Evergreen Park 50, Chicago Christian 49
Mt. Assisi 47, De La Salle 31
Seton 50, Thornridge 39
Wednesday, 1-14-04
Bogan 62, Harper 59
East Suburban Catholic
Marian Catholic 87, Nazareth 58
Non-Conference
Morgan Park Academy 58, Luther South 35
Thursday, 1-15-04
Kennedy 43, Hubbard 16
Metro South
Ag Science 33, King 32
East Suburban Catholic
Marian Catholic 70, St. Viator 50

SICA Central
Hillcrest 83, Bremen 36
T.F. North 36, Tinley Park 33
T.F. South 63, Eisenhower 58
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 62, Thornridge 38
Non-Conference
Hinsdale South 44, Lemont 35
Lockport 36, Bradley 17
St. Francis de Sales 43, De La Salle 30
Seton 59, Queen of Peace 55
Shepard 45, Reavis 31
Friday, 1-16-04
GCAC
Queen of Peace 51, IHM 43
Independent School League
Morgan Park Academy 41, Elgin Academy 20
Private School League
Illiana Christian 46, Chicago Christian 44
SICA West
Joliet 73, Stagg 69, OT
Lincoln-Way Central 39, Andrew 34
Sandburg 62, Lincoln-Way East 36
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 44, Morris 3
Non-Conference
Evergreen Park 45, Argo 44
Illinois Lutheran 37, Luther South 35
Oak Lawn 61, Morton 38
St. Ignatius 70, Hillcrest 68
Saturday, 1-17-04
East Suburban Catholic
Fenwick 72, Marist 51
GCAC Red
Regina 66, Maria 40
Resurrection 63, Mother McAuley 59
Suburban Prairie East
Evergreen Park 58, Ridgewood 53
Non-Conference
Indiana Heritage Christian 51, St. Ignatius 27
Pickerington (Ohio) 83, Marian Catholic 42
Benet 71, Joliet Catholic 56

GIRLS BOWLING
Monday, 1-12-04
Andrew 1,340, Richards 1,327
Evergreen park 2,307, Tinley Park 1,840
Tuesday, 1-13-04
Rich East 1,488, Hillcrest 1,247
Oak Forest
Teams: Bremen 2,454, Oak Forest 2,336
T.F. North 2,313, Stagg 2,157
Reavis
Teams: Joliet 1,601, Reavis 1,599
Eisenhower 1,392, Sandburg 1,346
Wednesday, 1-14-04
Lemont 2,867, Fenton 2,510
Thursday, 1-15-04
Kaneland 2,383, Evergreen Park 2,165
Lincoln-Way East 1,577, Tinley Park 1,488
Lockport 1,835, Joliet 1,557
Morgan Park 1,275, Andrew 1,229
Stagg 1,387, Sandburg 1,185
Saturday, 1-17-04
Fenton Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Lockport 5,872. 2, Schaumburg 5,683. 3, Addison Trail 5,671. 4, Hinsdale South 5,567. 5, West Aurora 5,480. **Local Teams:** 22, Oak Forest 4,414.
Hinsdale Central Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Reavis 5,260. 2, Lincoln-Way Central 5,002. 3, Evergreen Park 4,956. 4, Eisenhower 4,628. 5, Hinsdale Central 4,606. 6, York 4,467. 7, Richards 4,281. 8, Lisle 4,241.

Youth Tourney

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Northwest Indiana area at the Highland Park and Recreation Dept. Lincoln Center on March 27th and 28th.

This tournament will feature six different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $110 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is March 5th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265 or tournament director Keith Jones at (219) 838-0114.

Nowman

Jarros Nowman, a sophomore wide receiver on the St. Xavier University football team, and Brandon Kukla, a senior offensive lineman, were both named NAIA Offensive Honorable Mention All-Americans at their respective positions in a list released recently by the league office. In addition, junior—linebacker Matt Derry was named a Daktronics-NAIA Football All-America Scholar-Athlete.

SXU Wins

Senior guard Mark Telander (Evergreen Park/Brother Rice) scored 29 points to lead the sizzling St. Xavier University men's basketball team to a 106-36 win over Indiana University-South Bend in the CCAC opener for both teams recently at the Shannon Center.

Chicago Ridge Park District Girls Volleyball Standings

TEAM	GAMES WON	GAMES LOST
4TH GRADE		
Most Holy Redeemer White	18	3
Most Holy Redeemer Red	15	6
St. Ann Lansing	15	6
St. Alexander Green	13	8
Our Lady of the Ridge	12	9
Cardinal Bernardin	10	11
Most Holy Redeemer (Blue)	10	11
St. Cajetan Gold	8	13
St. Linus	9	12
St. Alexander White	6	15
Sutherland	5	16
St. Cajetan Black	5	16
5TH GRADE		
St. Ann Lansing	20	1
CRPD Thunder	18	5
Most Holy Redeemer White	13	8
St. Linus	11	10
Our Lady of the Ridge	11	10
St. Alexander	12	9
Most Holy Redeemer Red	7	14
St. Daniel	7	14
St. Patricia	5	16
St. Michael	2	19
6TH GRADE		
St. Patricia	17	1
Our Lady of the Ridge	14	4
St. Ann Lansing	11	7
St. Michael	11	7
St. Christopher White	11	7
Cassidy	9	6
St. Daniel	8	9
Cardinal Bernardin	3	12
St. Alexander	2	13
St. Christopher Red	0	18
7TH GRADE		
St. Linus	11	4
St. Alexander	10	5
Our Lady of the Ridge	10	5
St. Daniel	9	6
St. Michael	8	7
St. Ann Lansing	7	8
St. Patricia	7	8
St. Bede	6	9
St. Christopher	4	11
Cardinal Bernardin	3	12
8TH GRADE		
St. Patricia	17	1
St. Benedict	13	5
St. Bernadette	12	6
St. Daniel	12	6
St. Alexander	11	7
Our Lady of the Ridge	9	9
Sutherland	8	7
St. Christopher	8	10
Connelly	7	11
St. Ann Lansing	6	12
St. Michael	6	12
St. Bede	5	13
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Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4899
NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor Southwest Corner (nearest Corner to Clark and Washington Sts.) Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
207287C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank N.A. a Division of ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Tyrone Henderson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10383.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7965 South Kildare, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $177,639.39.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Financial Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest M. Sinks a/k/a Ernest M. Sinks, Sr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8964.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15548 S. LeClaire Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,442.17.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6162.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206182C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Mantre, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11954.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11719 Carolyn Lane, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,902.00.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206174C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anthony B. Offley a/k/a Anthony Offley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7525 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $137,716.61.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4688.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206177C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela D. Searcy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18479.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3107 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $101,102.56.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-9184.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206779C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, National Association, f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Heinrich, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2383.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14105 Lavergne Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $90,024.59.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please call between 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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File No. P40300380

206449C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, Plaintiff, vs. Camille M. Sims, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-100.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4673 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Andrew H. Eres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stahl Cowen, Crowley, LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-0060.

206491C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Keith A. Neideen a/k/a Keith Neideen, Defendant. No. 03Ch-8799.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 15124 South Raday, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $86,131.53.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205336C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Josef Brejcak, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-7653.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5850 W. 87th Street, #3A, Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,654.73.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5908.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206130C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Willie E. Stephen Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-14854. Sheriff's No. 030298.

Public Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a Judgment entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on February 15, 2001.

Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of COOK County, (Sheriff's # 030298-001F), will on February 5, 2004, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, in the hallway outside Room 701, 7th Floor of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash (10% at the time of sale and balance within 24 hours subject to interest), the following described premises situated in COOK County, Illinois.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff.

Upon the sale being made and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon Court confirmation of said sale.

Commonly known as: 8218 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652.

Improvements: Residential Structure - Unknown; Units - Unknown; Bedrooms - Unknown; Garage - Unknown; Bathrooms - Unknown; Other - Unknown.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,348.25." Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.

For Bid Amount contact:
Sales Clerk
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, LLC
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, IL
(847) 498-9990

205346C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-01-98, Plaintiff, vs. Davie L. Sevier, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01C-9186

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 48354

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/12/2003.

Edward Grossman Special Commissioner for this court will on February 18, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at southwest corner of Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described premises:

C/K/A: 14343 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469

The improvements on the property consist of 4 Unit wood frame, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $190,024.39.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205452C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Waldemar Paviasek et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-5585.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4736 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $71,287.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33586.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206194C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Moreau, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-3130.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55556

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003.

Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3307-3311 W. 147th St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $126,398.12.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205366C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael Ratulowski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9757.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14405 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $96,369.50.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Laurence V. Hudson, Jr. a/k/a Lawrence V. Hudson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8121 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $92,302.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
205048C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sharron Carrethers, et al., Defendants. Case No 03C-1849.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 54833
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of Daley Center, immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 3515 W. 77th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $134,628.75.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
209852C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Ida Scruggs, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11122.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 16, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 3863 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60658.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $123,523.81.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
205072C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for the GRMT II Mortgage Loan Tr. 2000-1 dated 9/1/2000, Plaintiff, vs. Mike E. Switalski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11310.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4645 W. 89th Place, Hometown, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.
204998C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merril Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, Plaintiff, vs. Linda L. Fletcher, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10096.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 17, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8941 W. 93rd Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.
206478C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Perlikiewicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14770 Waverly Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $56,538.73.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5983.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
204629C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its Successors and Assigns, as nominee for Wachovia Bank, N.A. f/k/a First Union National Bank as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Nagel, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9132 S. Tulley Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $135,167.12.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6304.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
204623C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America The Assignee of Fifth Third Bank the Successor in Corporate interest to Old Kent Mortgage the Assignee of Pacor Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Michael T. Richard, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-11754.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 10, 2003 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 16200 S. Grove, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $240,128.61

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28164.
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Annual Sports Ball 2004

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging's 3rd annual gala event – SPORTS BALL 2004 – will take place on Saturday, March 20th from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Five Seasons Country Club in Burr Ridge.

The ticket price is $75 per person, of which $39 is considered a tax-deductible donation. For ticket reservation information, call the Program Office at the Center, (708) 354-1323, ext. 16 or 12.

Proceeds from SPORTS BALL 2004 will benefit the more than 10,000 older adults and their families who receive services from the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging including health and wellness, social services, recreation and education, and other direct client services. Whether it be providing needed assistance for an older adult to maintain his/her independence, support to someone caring for a loved one, friendship for those living alone, or enrichment activities to enhance the lives of the healthy and active, the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging is there to help.

Unveil New CTA Fare Card

CTA officials recently unveiled the agency's newest fare card, the Chicago Card Plus, a new electronic fare card that can be managed through an online account. The Chicago Card Plus features automatic reloading via a customer's credit card, fare balance protection and the convenience of touch-and-go fare payment. The new card is now available to customers.

The new Chicago Card Plus enables customers to add value to their cards automatically by charging a credit card for a predetermined amount each time the balance falls to $10. The $10 reload threshold ensures that customers will have enough value on their card for transit while the 24-hour period to process data takes place. Customers can also check their balances and change the preferences online, from the convenience of their home or office computer.

Bible Times Technology

Take a step back in time this winter at SciTech Hands On Museum, 18 W. Benton St. in Aurora. Visitors will be able to take a look at what it was like to live 3,000 years ago when technology was getting a foot hold in the cultures of ancient Israel.

Bible Times Tech is a unique and educational approach to understanding how ancient peoples lived before running water, electricity and refrigeration. With the help of 12 hands-on exhibits and activities, along with 60 artifacts from ancient Israel, SciTech guests will learn how fabric was woven, water was procured, grains were ground and what games a young David might have played. Bible Times Tech is an interesting way to see first-hand how much daily life has changed in 3,000 years by examining money, weights, measures and dice games and comparing them to today's gadgets.

Bible Times Tech is sponsored by The Beacon News, Sun Publications, The Huizenga Foundation, The Vandermolen Foundation, Landfill Operators, Bob Bearden Printing and under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest. For additional information, call (630) 859-3434, ext. 214.

State Commits $2.6 Million To Address DNA Background

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the state will commit $2.6 million to address the current DNA backlog at the state's crime labs. The current backlog of 1,063 cases includes 640 sexual assault kits.

"Advances in DNA research and technology allow us to solve crimes in ways we never could before. But in order to use these advances to their greatest extent, we've got to take steps to make sure our DNA testing capabilities keep up with the work of law enforcement officials who collect DNA evidence," said Blagojevich.

The backlog is an issue that affects law enforcement throughout the nation. Since 1999, the Illinois State Police (ISP) laboratory system has seen a dramatic increase in the submission of DNA cases. Recent advances in DNA technology, coupled with improved investigative knowledge and techniques, DNA database expansion, and new legal approaches have contributed to this increase in case evidence submissions. The State Police crime lab receives approximately 180 new DNA cases every month, but has only been able to process the evidence at a rate of about 60 cases per month.

At the Governor's urging, the ISP and Office of Management and Budget reviewed the fiscal year 2004 ISP budget and identified funds that could be directed to reducing the case backlog at the labs. The $2.6 million will be used to hire and train 14 forensic scientists to conduct DNA analysis, and outsource casework to private forensic labs.

"The goal is to expedite the DNA process and get criminals off the street," stated ISP Director Larry Trent. "Public safety is our highest priority. By recognizing the urgency in addressing these backlog issues and redirecting the funds to deal with them, we've taken a step in the right direction."

Computers Earmarked For Chicago Schools In Warehouse For Years

SBC Communications displayed its "true colors" when recent reports revealed the Texas-based phone giant had allowed more than five million dollars worth of computer equipment, earmarked for the Chicago Public Schools, to gather dust in a warehouse for years – while ratepayers helped foot the bill, through fees paid into the federal E-rate program, according to the Illinois Coalition for Competitive Communications (ICCT).

The E-rate program is funded by contributions from long-distance telephone carriers, including SBC, which pass along the costs to their customers. SBC has served as the project manager for deploying Internet-related equipment and local area networks in the Chicago Public Schools system.

Some of the computer equipment purchased and stored by SBC, including materials for telecommunications infrastructure, dates back to 1999. Rules governing the E-rate program mandate that equipment must be delivered and installed during the same year it was purchased. SBC must now return approximately $8 million in E-Rate funds to the Federal Communications Commission.

SBC recently admitted that it had discovered that equipment purchased for the school system was not installed under deadline for two full funding years. SBC also benefited from receiving a substantial credit from a distributor that had over-billed the company for services related to the project.

SBC aggressively touted its commitment to urban communities and schools last year, as it lobbied urban legislators to support an unconstitutional law that significantly raised local phone rates in Illinois. SBC's legislation won legislative approval, but was later struck down by the federal courts.

"This sends yet another strong signal that SBC can't be trusted to keep commitments," said a spokesman. "SBC talked a good game about their commitment to urban communities because it helped them pass a massive rate-hike last year. We hope Illinois legislators will scrutinize SBC's latest bad-act with regard to the Chicago Public Schools, and more carefully review SBC's rhetoric on the need to raise phone rates in the future."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, Notice is given of receipt of an application for permit for a proposed construction and/or modification project (Project #03-099) from SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a/ St. Francis Hospital-Orland, SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a/ St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, 12935 South Gregory Street, Blue Island, IL 60406 and SSM Health Care Corporation, 477 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. The applicant proposes to construct and establish a new 130-bed general acute care hospital consisting of 102 Med/Surg beds, 12 Obstetric beds in an LDRP suite and 16 Intensive Care Unit beds. It will also contain all ancillary and support services including ER, Diagnostic Imaging, Surgery and Cardiac Catheterization services to be known as St. Francis Hospital-Orland located at Northeast corner of 171st Street and LaGrange Road, Orland Park, IL 60477-7224. The total estimated project cost is $192,965,145.

The application was declared complete on January 9, 2004, and a copy of the application may be viewed at the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board Office, address below. To obtain a copy of an application phone the office for details and copying fees at the number listed below. Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the April 21, 2004, State Board Meeting. Any person wanting a public hearing on the proposed project must submit a written request for such hearing to:

Donald Jones, Acting Supervisor Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield, Illinois 62761
(217)782-3516
(TTY # 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only)

Requests for hearing must be received by the Agency no later than February 6, 2004. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by April 1, 2004.

State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently recognized 14 Queen of Peace High School students as Illinois State Scholars.

Students are honored as scholars based on a combination of their ACT test scores and class ranks at the end of the sixth semester of high school. Approximately 10 percent of graduating seniors are distinguished as Illinois State Scholars and recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.

The students are: Jennifer Szablewski of Bridgeview; Jamie Sikorski of Burbank; Megan Liston of Chicago Ridge; Jennifer Baier of Hometown; and Andrea Meade, Courtney Schumacher and Nicole Surico, all of Oak Lawn; and Julija Vallee of Willow Springs.

Students from Chicago are: Grisel Alvarez, Leona Antosz, Alejandra Govea, Michele Metych, Lauren Schultz and Meghan Tribe.

Sinus Surgery

Over 37 million sinusitis sufferers may be able to find relief with a new state-of-the-art sinus surgery being performed at Saint Joseph Hospital in Chicago. Jordan Pritikin, M.D., Section Chief, Otolaryngology Surgery, was one of the first physicians in Chicago to perform Image Guided Surgery (IGS), a procedure that allows physicians to monitor the movement of surgical instruments within the skull with pinpoint accuracy during *real time*. The procedure is recommended for sinusitis sufferers who have a altered sinus anatomy as a result of previous surgeries or have a sinus cavity that is difficult to navigate because of extensive sinus inflammation and infection.

For more information about IGS and sinus surgery, contact Dr. Pritikin at (312) 372-9355.

A preoperative CT Scan with special sensors strategically placed on a patient's head create three-dimensional images that are displayed on a computer screen. Surgeons refer to these images as *real time* throughout the IGS procedure. IGS results in decreased tissue trauma, reduced procedure times and fewer complications.

Saint Joseph Hospital is a member of Resurrection Health Care, Chicago's largest Catholic health care system, including hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, a surgery center, behavioral health services, a home health company, hospice services and outpatient and medical office facilities.

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Seven Bids Made For Remaining Casino License

Seven companies and five communities have bid for the remaining casino license in Illinois.

The proposed Crestwood Casino fell through when the land owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District was unattainable. The remaining possibility for a casino in this area is in Country Club Hills. The Southland Development Group, which includes former investors in the Empress Casino of Joliet, made the bid for a casino in Country Club Hills.

Three bids were submitted for the Rosemont location with the remaining bids being placed for Waukegan, Des Plaines, and Summit.

Rothschild, an international investment banking firm, will analyze the financial aspects of the bids. The three finalists will be chosen on Feb. 23rd and the leading bidder will be named on March 5th with the announcement of the winning bidder coming out on March 15th, according to officials.

Chicago Waste Hauler Is Sued

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed suit against a Chicago waste hauler following the discovery late last month that thousands of gallons of potentially explosive diesel fuel apparently leaked out at a refueling facility adjacent to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

On Dec. 30th, Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., doing business as National Waste Services, discovered the leak at 2608 S. Damen Ave., where diesel is stored in underground storage tanks (USTs) to fill its fleet of trash-hauling trucks. According to Madigan's complaint, filed on Jan. 12th in Cook County Circuit Court, sensors at the facility failed to detect any leaks despite a discrepancy in National's fuel inventory which was first noted on Dec. 17th.

On Dec. 18th, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago began receiving complaints of petroleum in the Canal. On Dec. 30th, when it reported the leak to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and other authorities, National discovered that every time the leaking hose at one of its four fuel pumps was used, approximately 25 gallons of fuel per minute of use leaked into the surrounding soil, only 150 feet from the canal.

All fuel pumps have been turned off since that date.

"This leak created a silent, dangerous hazard for people and structures because of the risk of explosion and serious damage to the environment," Madigan said. "With 200 trucks refueled on a typical day, this is a very busy facility that posed a real risk."

Madigan said National has taken steps to contain and clean up the spill. All fuel pumps were turned off on Dec. 30th and have not been used since. The company started collecting spilled fuel immediately, set up a water barrier to prevent any more fuel from reaching the canal and is removing the pooled fuel that has collected in the water barrier. National also is using materials in the canal and river to absorb what was spilled.

Madigan said the total amount of gasoline leaked between Dec. 17th and 30th is unknown, although the defendant has cited an estimate of 13,000 gallons released into surrounding soil and groundwater, the Canal and the nearby south branch of the Chicago River. On Dec. 30th, the diesel fuel was visible on the canal's surface and was carried by wind at least one-half mile upstream in the river and by currents at least one-half mile downstream. A fuel odor also was present.

The complaint seeks a civil penalty of $50,000 for counts that include substantial danger to the environment, public health and welfare, water pollution and creating a water pollution hazard. Madigan's suit also seeks an additional penalty of $10,000 per day for each day the violation continues.

Assistant Attorney General Paula Wheeler is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

Jobs Are Available

Employment applications are being accepted for the following positions at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st St. in Tinley Park, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All applicants must be 16 years of age or older.

Seasonal:

- Maintenance – 40 hours per week with some weekends, driver's license required.
- Miniature Golf/concession stand – assistant managers and attendants, part-time.
- Day Camp counselors, part-time.
- Teen Camp counselors, part-time.
- Lifeguards, part-time.
- Water Park concession stand, part-time.
- Water Park maintenance, part time.

Application deadline: Jan. 31st. Phone (708) 342-4200.

Mother McAuley High School is planning "Celebration," a dinner-dance fundraiser to raise funds for the school endowment. Co-chairman (left to right) Ann Carroll and Lorna Ferrell, ad book co-chairman Jennifer Ligda Busk, and chairman of the board Laura Shallow encourage people to save the date of Saturday, March 27 for an enjoyable evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a program, and music in the ballroom of the Drury Lane Oakbrook. The highlight of the program is the presentation of the Catherine McAuley Leadership Award to Joan Claussen, Francis Gallagher, and Ave Hayes Green, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Sister Jean McGrath, C.S.J.

Businesses, individuals, and organizations can participate by purchasing Celebration tickets, raffle tickets, or an advertisement in the Ad Program Book. The raffle features a vacation with airline tickets and a stay in a condominium in Mexico. Further information can be obtained by calling the school, at (773) 881-6566.

Circuit Breakers

The Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program is a State of Illinois program administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue. It helps low income people pay for medication for certain medical conditions.

You may qualify for the Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program if you are an Illinois resident who is age 65 or older; or has a disability; and you have a total income of less than $21,218 a year as an individual; or less than $28,480 as a married couple living together; or less than $35,740 if you live in a household with two or more qualifying residents.

The Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program covers prescriptions for Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, heart disease, high blood pressure, lung disease and smoking-related illnesses, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, and Parkinson's disease.

To apply for the Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistant Program you must complete a form IL-1363 each year. Once your application is approved you will receive a Pharmaceutical Assistance card. The annual fee for the card is $5 for those with income below the federal poverty level or $25 if your income is above the poverty level. The card enables you to purchase prescription medication for covered diseases with a $3 co-payment if you have the $25 card, and no co-payment if you paid $5 for the card. There is a $2,000 annual cap. If you exceed the cap amount in medication costs before your card expires, you must pay 20 percent of the retail cost of the drug in addition to the co-payment. All Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance cards expire on June 30th each year and new cards are good from July 1st through June 30th.

Eligible individuals are encouraged to file an IL-1363 Application for Circuit Breaker and Prescription Coverage form before March 31st each year to avoid any lapse in coverage when their current card expires on June 30th. Trained volunteers are available by appointment to assist with the application process. Call (708) 361-0219 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

DeRiggi Signs Intent Letter

Tiffany DeRiggi, a senior soccer player at Lemont Township High School in Lemont, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program.

DeRiggi, who plans to pursue a degree in nursing, is projected to play as either a midfielder or defender at SXU. She is the daughter of Lou and Gloria DeRiggi of Lemont.

"Tiffany is a great addition to our program," said SXU head women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "Her ability to play anywhere on the field will fill some voids we lost to graduation. She has a great work ethic, love for the game and is very aggressive, which is something you cannot teach."

Frances Harm

Services were held Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Frances Harm, wife of the late Raymond.

She is survived by her children Sharon (Edward Sr.) Daley and Shirley; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister Louise (Joe) Doherty and a brother Anthony (Josephine) Koenigsmark.

J. Bruce Hauschild

Services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Blue Island, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for J. Bruce Hauschild. He was chairman of the Blue Island Civil Service Commission from 1997 to 2004, Alderman for the City of Blue Island from 1989 to 1997, Blue Cap School Board member and past member of the Blue Island Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife Lorretta; and a sister Kayellen Conway.

John Thomas Graham

Services were held Monday at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John Thomas Graham, 80, a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II. Mr. Graham was a 30 year employee of the Rock Island Railroad.

He is survived by his children Linda (Jim) Lauderdale, Donna (David Sr.) Rosedale and Thomas (Sue); and four grandchildren.

Lawrence J. Foley

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Lawrence J. Foley, retired 24 year employee of Rheem Manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife Grace, his children Joseph (Sandy), Laurie (Steven) Howard, Bonnie, Robert, Peggie (Edward) Ebert, and James; 22 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sisters Helen Olmstead, Rosemary Fruth and Frances Bonnett.

Anna M. Ritchie

Mass was said Monday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Anna M. Ritchie, wife of the late William.

She is survived by her children Helen (Harold) Lockwood, Carolann (Jimmie) Clayton and Diana (Robert) VandenOever; 25 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and a brother Andrew (Lillian) Yerkes.

Pauline M. Rozman

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Pauline M. Rozman, 89, of Orland Park, wife of the late William. She was a member of the Croatian Fraternal Lodge #9.

She is survived by her children Donna J. Tish and William J.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Walter J. Warchol

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Walter J. Warchol, husband of the late Estelle, member of Pinczows.

He is survived by his children Bonnie (Stan) Sikorski and Jackie (Jerry) Cissna; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters Evelyn Chojecki, Dolores (Leroy) Krueger and Esther (Tony) Zenari and a brother Lambert (Joann).

Mary J. Emmett

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary J. Emmett, 86, of Oak Forest, wife of the late Thomas.

She is survived by her children Robert (Kathy), Maureen Michels, Jack (Mary), Suzanne (Wayne) Sevick, Joanne (Jerry) Weink and Patty (Jim) O'Connor; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and brothers Timothy (Rita) and Thomas (Claire) Sullivan.

Poll Breast Cancer Survivors For Study

A large percentage of women with breast cancer would choose to undergo chemotherapy, even if it only reduced the risk of breast cancer mortality by 1 percent, states a survey presented recently at the 26th annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium. Compiled polling of nearly 1,200 breast cancer survivors and their loved ones was part of an initiative to educate physicians on the wide variety of belief systems of breast cancer patients. The project also attempts to clarify how women perceive the risks and benefits of different cancer therapies, so that doctors can better identify treatment options for their patients.

One striking result from the abstract was that 56 percent of women would undergo four to six months of chemotherapy for a 1 percent reduction in the risk of dying of breast cancer. Another major finding related to choice of hormonal therapy in women with tumors containing estrogen-receptors. In postmenopausal scenarios, many survivors preferred treatment with the aromatase inhibitor Arimidex-R (anastrozole) in lieu of the more traditional approach with tamoxifen. In pre-menopausal, high-risk situations, attendees chose a combination of tamoxifen and ovarian suppression. Both hormonal interventions have demonstrated promising results in recent clinical trials.

"We wanted to evaluate the complicated alternatives available to women during initial diagnosis, and how physicians can effectively present and discuss the options," said Neil Love, M.D., medical oncologist and president of the continuing medical education group, Research to Practice. "By analyzing how an individual woman perceives the risks and benefits of common therapeutic interventions – such as chemotherapy and hormonal therapy – physicians will be better able to guide patients through the difficult decision-making process."

Southwest Area Obituaries

Klayton G. Kellogg

Services were held Saturday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano, Wisconsin, for Klayton G. Kellogg, 90, of Midlothian and Shawano, WI., husband of the late Dolores. He was the owner of Kellogg Campsites in Shawano, Wisconsin, a Gold Card member of the Federation of Musicians and a member of the Shawano Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by a daughter, Karla (Jerry) Middleton; sons, Klayton E. (Lydia) and Roger C. (Cheryl); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a sister, Nila Ruddell.

Philip Kirn

A memorial mass was said Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Philip Kirn, 79, former postmaster for the Midlothian Post Office. Mr. Kirn died followed a battle with cancer in Apache Junction, AZ. He was preceded in death by his first wife Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Julia Bailey and Phyllis Sullivan; son, Jerome; four grandchildren and two sisters, Agnes Warren and Clara Flaishaker.

In lieu of flowers the family requested contributions be made to the American Cancer Society

Genevieve V. Greene

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Genevieve V. Greene, 83, wife of the late Edwin. She was a retired employee of Carson Pirie Scott and Company.

She is survived by her children Martin (Martha), Peggy (Frank) Navarrete and Ed; and four grandchildren.

Anna M. Mayher

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Anna M. Mayher, 85.

She is survived by her sister Agnes Mayher.

Ann B. Musser

Services were held Tuesday at Standing Stones Baptist Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Ann B. Musser, 85.

She is survived by her husband John G.; her children Pamela, John (Nancy) and Anne (Michael) Oleszkiewicz; seven grandchildren and a sister Martha (Malcolm) Rovtar.

Anne P. Rainis

Mass was said Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Anne P. Rainis, wife of the late Leo.

She is survived by her children Joan Dean and Valerie Hoffman; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

Maureen Rosenkranz

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Maureen Rosenkranz, 63, of Palos Hills, wife of the late Charles Ret. CPD. She had many years of service with Best Foods.

She is survived by her daughter Susan (Craig) Gawart; two grandchildren and a brother George (Karen) Robinson

Ethel E. Ruehl

Services were held Saturday at Salem United Church of Christ, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Evergreen Mausoleum, for Ethel E. Ruehl, wife of the late Lester "Bud."

She is survived by her many nieces and nephews

William H. Busam

Services were held Monday at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for William H. Busam, 72, a Naval veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Busam was an interior designer. He was a lifelong member of the American Society of Interior Designers (A.S.I.D.)

He is survived by numerous family members in the Midwest and Europe

Pauline Wojciechowski

Services were held Monday at the Lighthouse Church, Alsip, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Pauline Wojciechowski, wife of the late Anthony.

She is survived by her children Antoinette McNeil, Charlotte Niemann and Anthony Jr. (Sharon); four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers Walter and Frank Seliga and a sister Lucy Braccio.

Vitaut J. Janulis

Services were held Saturday at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Vitaut J. Janulis, a veteran of the Army Air Force World War II and husband of the late Margaret.

He is survived by his children William (Karen Sweeney), Edmund (Donna), Theresa (Richard) Fiscella, Joseph and Daniel; four grandchildren; sister Aldona Katos and a brother Raymond (Ramona).

Marcella M. Lally

Mass was said Saturday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Marcella M. Lally, 89, wife of the late George.

She is survived by her children Denyse, James (Bette), Monica (Kenneth) Thomas, Jerome and Major U.S.A.F. Adrienne (Jerry) Rizzo; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Elaine McNaughton

Mass was said Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Elaine McNaughton

She is survived by her siblings Loretta O'Meara-Phifer, Jewell (Leonard) Klingkamer-Kohn, John (Loretta), Robert (Naomi), Frank (Marilyn), Edward (Diane), Barbara (Frank) Banach, and Patricia (Vernon) Litke; special sister of William, Loretta Reidy, Ralph and Artie O'Meara.

Carmelo Chimera

Mass was said Monday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Carmelo Chimera, 88, of Oak Forest, formerly of Bridgeport.

He is survived by his wife Francesca; his children Rosalie (Mario) Bottari, Josephine (Filippo) Fragale, Anna (Carmelo) Schifano, Silvana, Vincenzo (Stacie), Michael (Maryrose), and Anthony (Sheryl); 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Edna M. Collins

Services were held Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Park, for Edna M. Collins, 73, wife of the late James "Al" Collins and Ted Hendowski.

She is survived by her children Linda, James (Suellyn) and Gary (LaVerne); two grandchildren; sisters Crystal (Mike) Smatz and Georgiane (James) Mitchell and brothers, John Lee and William Dolejs.

Mary Lou McReynolds

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Lou "Mickie" McReynolds, 71.

She is survived by her husband Paul J.; her children Michelle (Jim Sibigtroth), and Manette (Dennis) Wenk; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters Judy (Frank) McDermott, Susan Ryan and Jeanne Gardner; and a brother John (Sue) Gardner.

Mary Ann Nolan

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago for Mary Ann Nolan, 58, retired longtime teacher at St. Christina Grade School in Mt. Greenwood and an ESL teacher at Daley College. She also taught in the Pullman neighborhood and in Blue Island and a few years in Florida prior to her position at St. Christina. She attended Academy of Our Lady High School and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1968.

She is survived by her siblings, Barbara (Wayne) Howard, Robert Emmett (Daryce Hoff), Michael (Mary Bryant), Edith (Harry Hopping) and Alice (Clayton) Shoup.

Melvin A. Rahn

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Melvin A. Rahn.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; son Donald (Brenda); two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sister Ruby (Roy) Johnson and stepchildren Thomas (Joyce) Grady and Karen Strezo and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren

Mary Juarez

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Juarez, wife of the late Hilario.

She is survived by her children Angelo (Jean), Dominick (Sally), and John (Joan); 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and a sister Santa Barnett.

Peter Kelly

Mass was said Monday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Peter Kelly.

He is survived by his children Caroline (Howie) Merchantz and Kevin (Colleen); seven grandchildren; brothers Patrick and Michael (Mary); and sisters Mary Ellen (Jerry) Greene, and Lily (John) Sammin.

Roy Edward Erikson

Services were held Wednesday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Roy Edward Erikson, 80, a World War II Coast Guard veteran and retired employee of Illinois Bell.

He is survived by his wife Sibyl; his children Roy F. (Shannon) and Debra L.; one grandchild and a brother Herbert C. (Irene).

Dorothy C. Scott

Mass was said Monday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy C. Scott, wife of the late Michael, retired teacher at Harnew School.

She is survived by her children Michelle (Tony) Haizel and Marianne (Peter) Yerkes; and six grandchildren.

Mary Kular

Mass was said Wednesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Kular, 101, of Tinley Park, wife of the late Casimir.

She is survived by her children Janet Grandys and Robert; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Governor Proposes Streaming Education System

During his second annual State of the State address, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich called for sweeping changes to the Illinois education system, starting with transferring the administrative responsibilities of overly bureaucratic Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to a new Illinois Dept. of Education.

In a joint session of the General Assembly, the governor urged legislators to join him in supporting ways to streamline the enormous education bureaucracy, improve students' reading skills, link vital state services to families, improve health and nutrition in schools, continually educate Illinois teachers, further prepare students for college and the job market, and send more at-risk children to preschool.

"I'm not satisfied with the state of education in the state of Illinois," Gov. Blagojevich said. "The children deserve better. The parents deserve better. The taxpayers deserve better. If we are really serious about fixing our schools, then we have to be serious about change and reform."

"Like many unaccountable bureaucracies, the Illinois State Board of Education turned into an organization that exists more for the benefit of its own administrators than for the benefit of the children of this state," said Gov. Blagojevich.

For these reasons, Gov. Blagojevich is proposing a seven-part plan, creating the new Dept. of Education.

1. The Department will work with local educators to streamline the 2,800 pages of rules governing education in Illinois.
2. The Department will partner with the Regional Offices of Education and local districts to provide schools with better administrative services, at a fraction of current costs.
3. The Department will create a "statewide educator benefits purchasing center" to decrease the cost of health care coverage for school districts and their employees.
4. The Department will create a "state center" for school districts to purchase products at state-negotiated prices.
5. The Department will work with the Capital Development Board to reduce the costs of school construction.
6. The Department will streamline applications for state funding by rewriting programs to cut bureaucracy and simplifying the process by which school districts request state assistance.
7. The Department will deliver all the services outlined above, for less than 80% of ISBE funding and with 60% of ISBE's current headcount.

"By creating a Dept. of Education, that's accountable to the legislature, accountable to the governor and, most importantly, accountable to the parents and to the children of this state," Gov. Blagojevich said, "this will solve more of our problems, answer more of our questions and free up more money, more time and more resources for the classroom, so that children can learn, test scores can improve and the education system in Illinois gets better."

Gov. Blagojevich firmly believes the new initiatives, starting with the new Dept. of Education, are critical to move Illinois forward. He urges members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Illinois to join him in this fight. To provide citizens more of a voice in the process, the governor created a toll-free education hotline for the public to leave messages of support and concern related to his education plan. The phone number is 1(800) 750-6042.

"We cannot continue to make the mistakes of the past. We cannot continue to allow the bureaucracy to stand in the way of educating our children," the governor said. "At this time, at this moment, we share a unique opportunity, an opportunity to change things, to challenge the status quo, to move forward."

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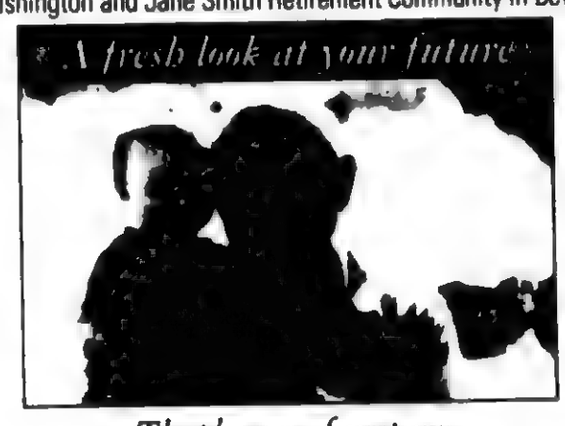
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Quick Action Saved Tina Smith's Life

Tina Smith of Evergreen Park is happy to be alive. Like the late actor John Ritter, she unknowingly lived with a heart condition known as aortic dissection, which often proves fatal within the first two days after onset.

However, with a quick diagnosis and emergency surgery at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, Smith, 37, is now recovering comfortably at home with her husband and two children.

"I was told a few years back that I had a heart murmur," said Smith. "But I didn't follow up." Smith knew that heart murmurs were fairly common. In fact, it is estimated that approximately 10 percent of adults and 30 percent of children live with a harmless murmur produced by a normal heart. However, it can also be a signal for something significant and should always be examined by a specialist.

Not until Smith's dentist refused to clean her teeth because of the suspected murmur did she agree to see a cardiologist. So she made an appointment to see a cardiologist at St. Francis Dec. 2. An echocardiogram showed Smith has an aortic dissection, as well as a tear in her right and left carotid arteries – the main arteries in the neck that supply blood to the brain.

"They told me I needed to get across the street [to St. Francis Hospital] right away," she said.

Ramesh Veeragandham, M.D., cardiovascular surgeon, performed Smith's surgery just two days later, replacing her aorta with a flexible tube and performing bypass surgery on her right and left carotid arteries to reroute the blood.

Although D. Veeragandham says that outcomes are good following surgery for aortic dissection, he says Smith's long survival before surgery is "amazing."

Smith is not the norm. Aortic dissection is usually life-threatening and being aware of the symptoms and getting help quickly is key to survival. The most common symptom of aortic dissection is a sudden onset of severe chest or back pain. Other symptoms include rapid pulse, intense anxiety, decreased movement, decreased sensation, profuse sweating and changes in thought ability and concentration. Smith recalls a similar episode of symptoms in November 2002, but believed at the time she had a panic attack due to stress.

Although doctors believe that genetic predisposition is the cause of Smith's aortic dissection, Dr. Veeragandham reports the most common factor for the condition is long-standing hypertension or high blood pressure. Aortic dissection can affect anyone but is most often seen in men aged 40 to 70.

"I have to believe in angels," Smith says, "that [St. Francis Hospital] was the place to be. I rode on roller coasters and traveled across country by myself without knowing. I should be dead right now.

"My advice to others? Procrastination is the thief of time. Figure it out today."

Israel Experience

The 2004 Israel Experience Programs Day will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, 5050 W. Church St., Skokie.

High school, college and graduate students, and young adults interested in going to Israel can explore the variety of exciting and meaningful Israel Experience programs offered this summer and next fall. Parents are invited, too. Admission is free.

Talk to Israel Experience program sponsors and alumni. Learn about financial need-based and merit scholarships. Let the Israel Experience Teen Alumni Panel tell you about their Israel experience (3:45-4:30 p.m.) Take part in a workshop for college students and young adults (2:45-3:15 p.m.). Register for a $1,000 Naftali Steinfeld Israel Experience Certificate (drawings at 3:15 and 4 p.m.; you must be present at the drawings to win).

For more information, call Hallie Shapiro Devir at (312) 444-2904, Doris Wolin at (312) 444-2895 or Dale Amdur at (847) 674-8861.

Baby Card

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., continues to offer Oak Lawn residents who are new parents a free packet of information and gifts to share with their baby. To qualify, parents must bring in proof of residency and sign-up their child for his or her first library card at the age of six months or younger. Then, parents can pick up a newborn packet in the Youth Services Department.

This project is funded by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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The Oak Lawn Village Board Authorized A

TIF District Study

An ordinance authorizing a study of the feasibility of establishing a TIF District to improve deteriorating physical conditions and stimulate new economic development within the area of the commuter parking lot/station (the area south of the Norfolk and just west of Cook Ave. to 50th Ave.) was approved at the Oak Lawn Village Board meeting Tuesday night. Trustee Bob Streit questioned the previously discussed acquisition of grant funds for this improvement project. Village manager, Joe Faber, responded that the village has applied for a grant but will not receive notification of the awarding of a grant for approximately 120 days. By approving this ordinance, the village would be able to proceed with the study immediately should the grant be denied. The cost of the study will be $21,000 and would be charged back to the TIF District should the study indicate a TIF District could be established. Former State Representative Maureen Murphy, who owns a business in the proposed TIF District, recommended that the village utilize any state agency studies for traffic and parking for district rather than pay for their own.

An ordinance authorizing the feasibility study of establishing a TIF District to improve deteriorating conditions and stimulate new economic development within the 87th St. corridor from Major to Menard was approved. The cost of this study will be $16,200. Trustee Jerry Hurckes requested that the board seek to minimize the effect a TIF District will have on the schools.

After returning to the regular board meeting after executive session the board voted to approve a predevelopment agreement for Mid-America Investment & Development Company compromising part of the expanded triangle TIF District. An attorney representing Frank Mancari, who was unable to attend the meeting, said his client stated that the proposed project was not on the Comprehensive Plan of 1998, which many business owners look to for development of their businesses. Mancari owns an established finance company, which he has expanded, in the proposed area bringing in approximately $500,000 in tax revenue to the village. He has heard rumors of condemnations and the possibility of relocating his business would be costly both in dollars and customer awareness. According to the attorney, Mancari questions "what's next" in the long term plans and the secrecy of the project.

After the meeting adjourned, numerous business owners from the opposed site gathered outside the auditorium to discuss their next step. The first item on their agenda was to obtain a copy of the executive session minutes under the Freedom of Information Act "to find out what was promised." According to one of the business owners, who has requested to remain unnamed, "they are not going down without a fight."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
FEBRUARY 2 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
FEBRUARY 3 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 4 – Wednesday – Assessment Appeal Seminar for Worth Township Residents, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Register, 6 p.m.; Seminar, 6:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 4 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.
FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
FEBRUARY 5 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
FEBRUARY 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 6 – Friday – Valentine Dance, Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall, 8925 Kostner Ave., Doors open 7, dinner 7:30 and music at 8:30 p.m.

Vote By Mail-In Absentee Ballot

Suburban voters who will be unable to reach their polling place for the March 16 primary election may apply for a mail-in absentee ballot from Cook County Clerk David Orr's office.

Voting in the primary election will allow voters to help decide political parry nominees for the November general election for U.S. President, U.S. Senate and Congress, for the Illinois General Assembly, and for Cook County offices including State's Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk and Recorder of Deeds. There will also be elections to fill judge vacancies and to decide referendums in some suburbs.

To obtain a mail-in absentee ballot application, registered voters can: print an application from the Clerk's election website, www.voterinfonet.com; call to request one from the Clerk's office at (312) 603-0906; or write or visit the Clerk's office, 69 w. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60602.

In-person absentee voting for the March 16 primary election will begin Feb. 23 and end March 15. Eligible absentee voters can cast ballots at their village and township clerk's office or at the Cook County Clerk's downtown office (69 W. Washington St.). Voters should call the Clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 or their local village or township clerk for times and locations.

Individuals who registered to vote using a mail-in registration form are not eligible to vote absentee by mail the first time they vote. If eligible to vote absentee, they must either vote in their precinct on Election Day, at the Clerk's downtown office, or at their local village or township hall during in-person absentee voting.

For more information about voting absentee, call (312) 603-0906.

Kali Sarcinella

Stefani Hensley

Kali Sarcinella And Stefani Hensley Compete

The staff at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave., teaches hundreds of kids to skate every year. This year, two of the arena's home-grown skaters will have the opportunity to skate overseas in international competitions.

Chicago resident, Kali Sarcinella, age 14, performed in the Kempen Trophy Figure Skating Competition in Turnhout, Belgium, Jan. 16-17. The Kempen Trophy is a competition for single skating with figure skaters from 17 countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Italy, Luxemburg, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and Canada. Sarcinella placed third in her long program, sixth in her short program and fourth overall out of a group of 16 skaters.

"Kali skated well and had a great experience overall," says Camille Pinotti, Oak Lawn's skating-school manager.

As Sarcinella is returning from Belgium, fellow Oak Lawn Ice Arena skater, Stefani Hensley of Chicago, is preparing for her trip to the Crystal Ice of Espoo International Competition in Espoo, Finland, April 2-4. The Crystal Ice event is a competition for young women and girls under age 20. Hensely, 13, is skating at the novice level in a short program to music by Big Band Voodoo Daddy and in the free segment to a selection from the ballet, *Pineapple Pole Suite*.

According to Pinotti, both girls have skated exclusively at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena since they were tots under the guidance of instructors Kerry Vanick-Vihnanek, Kristen Vanick-Jamison and David Jamison.

"To skate overseas in these competitions is the opportunity of a lifetime," she says. "Only 10 skaters from the entire U.S. are chosen for these trips. We are very proud of our skaters."

For more information, call the arena at (708) 857-5173 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Undelivered Refunds

The Internal Revenue Service has provided an undelivered refund list for residents in Oak Lawn.

Check your records to see if you are due a refund. If so, contact the IRS at 1(800) 829-1040 to provide a correct address.

Named are: Anthony A. Bilus, Virginia T. Connors, Daniel R. Ehler & Gina M. Valela, Monica D. Green, Roselleah M. Haderly, Delores Johnson, Sophie M. Kratochvil, Gjergji & Irene Kristo, Jacqueline D. Lawing, Song H. Lee, Howard S. & Caroline M. Merchantz, Lance M. Metzger, Abdul Q. Mizyed &Elsa V. Vargas, Enrique Oliva & Maria E. Romo, Gintautas Petrikas & D. Petrikiene, Abdel Raheem & Nawal Nasir, Violeta M. Rey, Donald J. Russell, Edin Saric & Sanja Brekalo, Melvin Terpstra, Jamie Topolski, Joseph J. Zaborac, Stanislaw & Gracie Zieba and Maxine V. LaFaire.

Tournament

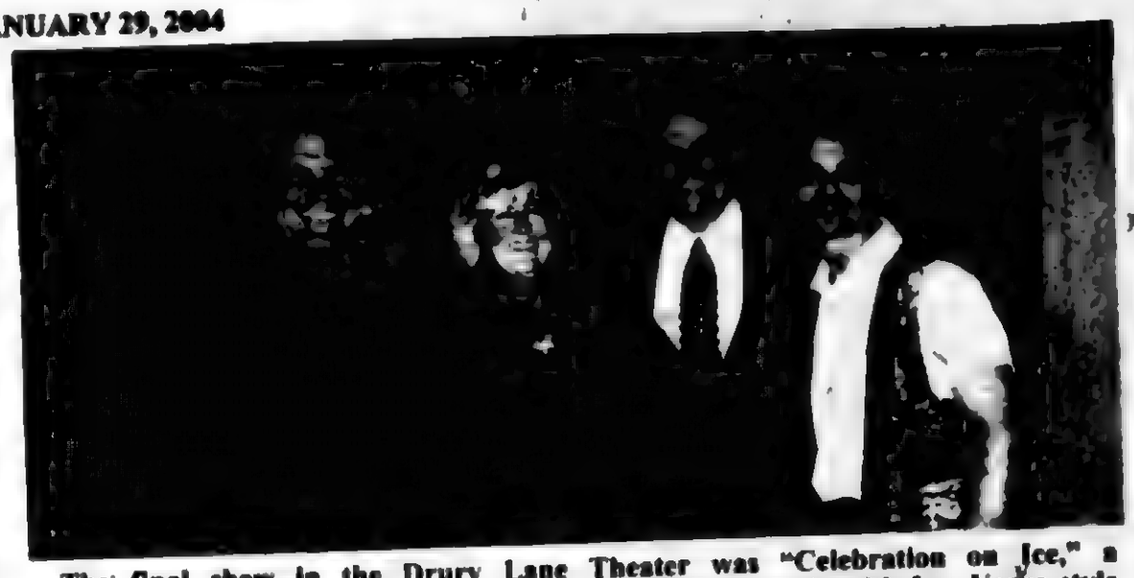
North American Youth Sports announced recently that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Bolingbrook area at the Bolingbrook Park District Recreation Center from April 2nd to 4th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is March 12th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265 or tournament director Joe Morelli at (630) 759-5874.



The final show in the Drury Lane Theater was "Celebration on Ice," a performance featuring ice skating and ice dancing to music with Las Vegas style costumes, a comedian, a singer/impressionist, and other special acts of entertainment. The packed theater in the round welcomed CEO/Chairman John Lazzara as he made special remarks to open the final show on Sunday, Jan. 11. His business partner and brother, Raymond Lazzara, who serves as president, was introduced to the group. John's daughter, Priscilla, was also recognized. A selection of ice skaters from past performances flew in to surprise the current cast. After the show, special guests, including (left to right) attorney Vincent Cainkar of the law firm of Louis Cainkar and Associates, Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, who is also a member of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce, and Louis Viverito, state senator, visited with the stars, such as Bobby Hunt, performing as Circus Boy, and the owners. The prior evening, Saturday, Jan. 10, Laura Shallow, as the installation/awards night chairman, presented the Lazzara's with an award for community involvement from the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce. In addition to providing wonderful arrangements for events and fundraisers of charitable, civic, and community organizations at special prices over the years, they have financially supported and contributed to important causes and groups in the area through their 16 years here. The Lazzaras will continue to be involved through their establishment in Burbank, known as the New Martinique.

Mayors Held Legislative Breakfast Meeting

The Southwest Conference of Mayors held its annual Legislative Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10th, in the Village of Chicago Ridge.

The meeting was well-attended by Municipal Officials as well as Legislators. "I am elated with the number of State Legislators who were present at the meeting which demonstrates the spirit of cooperation between the Conference and its Legislators," stated Mayor Jerry Bennett (City of Palos Hills), Conference President. "It was an honor to have Speaker Mike Madigan present at meeting."

The Mayors and the Legislators tackled many important issues during the meeting. They discussed school funding reform. It was agreed that the public school funding system needs to be reformed to fulfill the State's responsibility to provide an acceptable basic education for every child in the State. It was agreed that school funding reform is a difficult issue to address but a very necessary issue to address.

"The Mayors and the Legislators agreed that we need to be partners and have a unified front to accomplish what is best for our residents," stated President Gene Siegel (Village of Chicago Ridge), Conference Vice President.

The Conference Members discussed with the Legislators their 2004 Legislative Priorities. The 2004 Legislative Priorities include: Protecting Municipal Revenues, Unfunded Mandates, Property Tax Reform, Labor Issues, etc. Also discussed were a number of the Conference's Transportation Projects/Issues they support: Central Narragansett Corridor; Harlem Avenue Corridor Project; I-355 Extensions; etc.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayors/Presidents and the Legislators agreed to stay in constant communication with one another on matters of concern and to continue to work together.

High School Marine Biology Program

Come test the waters this summer with Shedd Aquarium's crew for a unique kind of summer school and experience firsthand what it's like to be a marine biologist. Shedd Aquarium is accepting applications from high school students for this summer's High School Marine Biology (HSMB) program. The HSMB program offers 30 high school students a three-week long educational experience with "hands-on" experiments, classroom time and a research excursion to the Bahamas.

"This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity lets students test the waters of a career as a marine biologist," said Nicole Pierson, coordinator of the HSMB program. "Students will encounters aspects of life they've never imagined, and we hope they take this knowledge and experience back with them to influence their future decisions and promote conservation."

High school students will have an opportunity to learn and apply basic concepts of marine biology, both at the Shedd and aboard the aquarium's 85-foot research vessel, the *R/V Carol Reed II*. The vessel will serve as home and as floating laboratory for seven days as students take the role of scientists and crew members.

Class activities include discussion, lectures, and laboratory exercises. While on the research vessel in the Bahamas, students will explore local habitats such as reefs, turtle grasses, mangroves and shipwrecks, as well as conduct team research projects on tidepools, invertebrates and currents.

"It gave everyone a greater respect for the water because you actually see what's out there. Textbooks only tell you so much," said Lisa Jawor, former HSMB participant and Senior at Crete-Monee High School.

To qualify for Shedd's HSMB program, applicants must have completed one year of high school science, possess good swimming skills and have a sincere interest in marine science.

This year's HSMB program costs $1,600, excluding airfare to and from Miami. However, full and partial scholarships are available based on financial need.

Shedd Aquarium is accepting applications until March 12. To obtain an application packet, call (312) 692-3159 or check out www.sheddaquarium.org (click on "teach & learn" and "summer teen programs").

The HSMB program is offered through Shedd Aquarium's Education department, which, in addition to Mentor Program like HSMB, offers diverse educational activities and programs.

Research Projects

NIDA is one of three components of the National Institutes of Health encouraging researchers to submit applications for research projects that focus on severely mentally ill and/or homeless persons, with special attention to developing, implementing, evaluating, disseminating and translating effective HIV interventions to the community and to public health service organizations.

Research is needed to better understand the prevalence of HIV and AIDS among homeless persons with severe mental illness and drug abusing behaviors.

Examples of research topics that may be considered for funding under this program announcement include:

- Epidemiologic multisite studies of population-based samples of at-risk and HIV-infected people with diagnosed mental illness and a history of alcohol or drug abuse;
- Evaluation of potential therapies for preventing and treating HIV-associated infections and co-infections, and research on treating comorbidities;
- Research on mental health or substance abuse service needs or service system organization, and assessment of the most effective methods for providing and financing services for homeless HIV-infected people with severe mental illness.

For additional information about this program announcement (PA), go to http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-024.html.

Dr. Dobson Responds To Bush's Address

Dr. James Dobson, founder and chairman of Focus on the Family, issued the following statement in response to President Bush's State of the Union address:

"I am immensely encouraged by President Bush's unequivocal support for the sanctity of marriage. The President believes, as does the overwhelming majority of Americans, that marriage is the exclusive union of one man and one woman.

"Marriage is under attack today, not because the American people are eager to intentionally deny children a mother or father, but because unelected, unaccountable judges are arrogantly legislating a radical social experiment from the bench. I applaud President Bush's recognition of the grave danger facing our nation – and his courage to stand firm in support of a constitutional solution to judicial tyranny. I call upon the members of Congress to pass the Federal Marriage Amendment this session to ensure that the democratic process and marriage do not become obsolete.

"I am also pleased that President Bush has unashamedly endorsed abstinence education and programs as the single best way to prevent our children from paying the awful price that sexually transmitted diseases extract from those who are sexually active outside the bounds of marriage. Our children need to hear the life-giving message that abstinence before marriage and monogamy after marriage are the safest and most rewarding expressions of intimate love."

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

All citizens and interested groups in Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois, are invited to attend an open Public Meeting on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **VILLAGE HALL BOARDROOM**, 9418 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois.

The Village intends to submit Applications for projects that are eligible for Block Grant Funding. These Applications will be presented to the Village Board for review and acceptance. The Board may also authorize execution of these Applications for submittal to the Block Grant Office in timely fashion.

Public input is invited at the scheduled Public Hearing.

BY ORDER OF:

MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK
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By: Catherine T. Apare, Clerk (s)

It's hot and it's happening! Join over 800 single men and women at Zazz, Park Lawn's annual single's auction and party, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6th at the Ashton Place in Willowbrook. This year's event promises to be the hottest single's party in town. The main attraction of the evening is a live auction of date packages with eleven dazzling bachelors and bachelorettes. The date packages include a variety of activities such as dinner, a Bulls game, a night at a comedy club, or music at a blues club. Other attractions of the evening include a silent auction, raffles, food, dancing and socializing.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the live auction begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $32 in advance or $37 at the door. Tables of ten can be reserved for $300. Contact Park Lawn at (708) 425-6067 or visit www.parklawn.com. Checks are payable to Park Lawn, 10833 S. LaPorte, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. All major credit cards accepted, must be 21 to attend.

Bachelors and Bachelorettes pictured left to right: Tim Carlson, Colette Cusack, Michele Lemarios and Mike Iglesia.

Ten Star Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antwan Jamison. Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Champaign, IL; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Greencastle, IN; Atchison, KS; Baltimore, MD; Ypsilanti, MI; Hamilton, NY; Hickory, NC; Bluffton, OH; Lock Haven, PA; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; Blacksburg, VA; Poultney, VT; Olympia, WA; and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANYTIME.

World-Class Soccer Stadium Comes To Bridgeview

After months of reviewing stadium proposals from more than 20 Chicagoland communities, AEG President and CEO Timothy J. Leiweke and Chicago Fire General Manager Peter Wilt recently announced that they have signed an agreement with the Village of Bridgeview to build a $70 million, 20,000 to 25,000-seat, world-class soccer stadium in Chicago's Southland region that will house the Major League Soccer team permanently with a targeted move-in date of Spring 2006.

"I am proud to announce today that AEG will develop a world-class venue in Bridgeview that will be more than just a home of the Chicago Fire and other soccer matches, featuring the U.S. National Team and match-ups of the best collegiate and international teams. This state-of-the-art stadium will also be a showplace for concerts and other sporting competitions," said Leiweke. "We thank Mayor Landek for his tremendous support and commitment which has created a true partnership for AEG and the Village of Bridgeview. This development will serve as a resource for the community providing programming, facilities and assistance for organizations who share our vision of supporting the communities where we live and work."

The new stadium will be located at 79th and Harlem on approximately 60 acres. The Fire will operate as the stadium's primary tenant, and the site will house the team's offices and official team training center with an additional training field to be built adjacent to the stadium. The stadium is expected to create more than 700 construction jobs, and nearly 350 new jobs – 100 of them full-time – will be required for the operation of the facility once it opens. In addition, the activity brought by the stadium is expected to help inject more than 200 jobs in the local economy.

The stadium will be a multi-purpose facility that can be used by the fast-growing youth soccer communities in the Southland region for camps, clinics and games. Additional planned uses are for NCAA and international soccer matches, high school football and concerts.

The new site will also be the center point of a re-development that is expected to include restaurants, theaters and other commercial establishments. A new 110-room AmeriSuites Hotel is planned adjacent to the proposed site to supplement the existing 7,000 hotel rooms in the area.

"This is a tremendous day for soccer in Chicagoland," said Wilt. "Bridgeview and AEG stepped up and invested in the future of this community and the future of soccer. This stadium will allow Chicago-area soccer fans to watch the beautiful game in an appropriately sized stadium. It will allow the team to standardize its schedule on weekends. It will also allow us to host major MLS events such as the All-Star Game and MLS Cup as well as World Cup Qualifiers and other major international games."

Village of Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek applauded the Fire's decision.

"We are absolutely thrilled that the Chicago Fire has selected Bridgeview as its new home and the soccer capital of the Midwest," said Landek. "This decision is a testament to the appeal of the Village of Bridgeview and the entire Southland as a great place to do business because of our energy, our ability and our diversity."

"Bridgeview and the southwest suburbs are diverse communities that will help expand the Fire's fan base. We look forward to giving fans across the region a sports and entertainment complex and fan experience that are simply the best in Chicago and around MLS."

"Having represented this area for 30 years, I couldn't think of a better place for an entertainment and sports company that is looking for supportive communities and a large untapped market," said Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan. "Bridgeview and the Southland will make Chicagoland and Illinois proud as the new home of the Chicago Fire."

"The stadium is critical to the team's long-term economic viability," said Wilt. "It is important to have a stadium where we can control our own destiny. In addition to the obvious need to control revenue streams, it is critical that we control scheduling and additional programming."

The stadium site is easily accessible by car and public transportation and is served by two of Chicago's main expressways, I-294 (Tri-State) and I-55 (Stevenson). Nearby exits include I-294 at 95th St. and Harlem Ave. and I-55 at Harlem Ave. and 52nd St. The CTA's (Chicago Transportation Authority) Orange Line connects with direct bus service to the site at Midway Airport. Metra provides service to nearby Summit and Worth with connecting CTA bus service directly to the site.

During the construction process, the Fire will spend its 2004 and 2005 seasons at New Soldier Field, where it hosted two regular season games and two playoff matches last Fall, averaging more than 22,000 fans during those four games.

The agreement is captured in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Chicago Fire/AEG and the Village of Bridgeview, which is contingent upon the approval of the Village of Bridgeview Village Council at a meeting scheduled next month. Pending such approval, the site is expected to break ground in the Fall of 2004.

"My gratitude goes out to many people who have worked tirelessly on this search process," said Wilt. "Special thanks to Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek, House Speaker Michael Madigan and Congressman Bill Lipinski, who had the vision and the dedication to get this done, former Fire captain Peter Nowak, who initially discussed the stadium idea with Mayor Landek almost two years ago, and Paul McDermott from the Fire's Development Services partner, Mesirow Stein, who added organization and direction to the search process. The Illinois and Indiana soccer associations were instrumental in this effort as well. I also want to thank Jim Garrett of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, who has already made us feel welcome and with whom we look forward to partner to market our team and the stadium."

"Finally, I'd like to thank Tim Leiweke, whose tremendous vision and endless support will allow this dream to come true for the Fire and our fans."

The Fire and Village will be hosting a reception for the general public on Friday, Feb. 20th at 6 p.m. at Bridgeview's Sports Dome, 8900 S. 77th Ave. Fire players, coaches and officials are expected to attend, as well as various Bridgeview and Chicago Southland dignitaries and leaders from Chicagoland soccer organizations.

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Call 1(800) 344-5764 for more information on the details of this program.

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All Secretary Of State Offices Closed

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Thursday, Feb. 12th, for Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Secretary of State Jesse White announced. They will resume normal hours Friday, Feb. 13th.

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Hynes Released His Foreign Policy Plan

Last Friday (1-23), Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes released his detailed foreign policy plan titled The Hynes Agenda for Peace, Safety, and Security in our Homeland and our World.

"President Bush's approach to foreign policy has alienated our allies, lessened our respect in the world and made it harder for us to finish the job in Iraq and get out troops home," said Hynes.

"Bush has sent a message that it is our way or the highway and with all that we need to accomplish in the new world, we must act as the world leader we promote ourselves to be. We need the help of our allies in our efforts to eliminate terrorism, promote democracies in other countries and help fight AIDS and world hunger. If elected to the U.S. Senate, I will work to restore our relationships and our respect in the world so that we can foster peace and promote prosperity across the globe."

The Hynes Plan includes the following:

Re-engage Multilateral Institutions and Prevention

- Establish a Pacific Rim Treaty Organization
- Strengthen America's Commitment to Multilateralism
- Double Our Efforts to Contain Loose Nukes
- Restore Statesmanship to Our Foreign Policy
- Resume Our Leadership in The Middle East Peace Process
- Engage Our Central and South American Neighbors to Promote Stability in Our Hemisphere

Protect Our Soldiers and Finish the Job in Iraq

- Reconstruct the Reconstruction Plan
- End the No-Bid Boondoggle for Insiders

Secure Our Homeland Against Terrorist Attack

- Implement a Detailed Homeland Security Preparedness and Response Strategy
- Overhaul the Decision-Making Structure for Homeland Security
- Make Homeland Security Funding a Higher Priority
- Focus the Department of Homeland Security on Homeland Security.
- Address Under-Appreciated Risks
- Develop Alternative Energy Sources

Preserve the Supremacy of the United States Military

- Build a Military to Face the Challenges of the 21st Century
- Value the Contributions of Our Armed Forces
- Fully Investigate the Intelligence Failures Preceding the War in Iraq

Strengthen the World Economy to Stabilize Struggling Democracies, Promote Human Rights and Create Economic Hope

- Promote Worker Rights and Freedoms Around the World
- Leverage American Power to Fight for Women's Equality
- End Child and Forced Labor
- Honor Our Commitment to Fighting AIDS

Hynes has released several detailed proposals during his campaign for the U.S. Senate including a plan to Create Jobs in America, Provide an Excellent Education for Every Child and Secure America's Retirement Savings and Establish Corporate Accountability.

Abortion Opinion Surveys

The Jan. 22 observation of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decisions handed down in 1973 legalizing unlimited abortion – *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* – warrants an honest assessment of public opinion, particularly among women, regarding abortion in the United States. Focus on the Family Senior Policy Analyst for Bioethics Carrie Gordon Earll issued the following statement in conjunction with the *Roe* and *Doe* commemoration:

"Two recent public opinion surveys reveal that abortion advocacy groups are out of touch with American women. A poll released in June by the Center for the Advancement of Women found that a majority of women – 68 percent – favor more restrictions on abortion, while 51 percent favor banning abortion altogether or allowing it only in rare cases. This poll finds even greater support for pro-life policies among American women than did a similar poll conducted previously by the same organization. In September, another poll of U.S. women found nearly 87 percent consider it important for non profit women's health centers to provide pregnant women with access to ultrasound technology.

"In tandem, these polls indicate what the pro-life movement has known for years: Pro-abortion groups that claim to speak for American women regarding abortion do not represent mainstream thought in this country. Pro-abortion organizations like NARAL, the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood oppose even the most moderate limits on abortion and decry the use of ultrasound as a 'weapon' in abortion counseling. These polls confirm that pro-abortion groups are out of step with American women who want both abortion restrictions and ultrasound-based counseling. Pro-abortion groups are moving in the opposite direction of the constituency they claim to represent."

"The growing support for the pro-life position among U.S. women may also be attributed, in part to the willingness of more women to speak out about how abortion has impacted their lives. For so many women, abortion is a choice that lasts a lifetime. We know first hand that abortion hurts women, either through personal experience or by watching our sisters and friends bleed emotionally long after the physical aftermath of abortion is complete. Women know intuitively that it's unnatural to kill their children. Our challenge is to help them see that it's also unnecessary.

On Dean's List

Lindsey Ogorzalek of Evergreen Park was named to the fall 2003 semester Dean's List at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester while carrying a load of at least 12 semester hours.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This past Sunday (Jan. 25th) the Village of Bridgeview signed an agreement with Chicago Fire General Manager Peter Wilt and AEG President and CEO Timothy J. Leiweke to build a $70 million, world class soccer stadium at 79th and Harlem Ave. The stadium will be the permanent home to the Major League Soccer Chicago Fire team. The stadium will seat 20,000 to 25,000 fans on its 60 acre site.

This acquisition of a professional "Major League" franchise is a boon to the Chicago Southland region and kudos are certainly in order for Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek and his trustees; Congressman William Lipinski, Speaker of the House Rep. Michael Madigan, Jim Garrett, President and CEO, Chicago Southland Visitors and Convention Bureau and countless officials who helped make this vision a reality. The Fire expect to break ground for the new stadium in the Fall of 2004, with a targeted move in date of Spring 2006.

According to club officials, the Fire will operate as the stadium's primary tenant with the stadium being built as a multi-purpose facility. The new site is also the center point of a redevelopment that is expected to include theaters, restaurants and commercial establishments. An additional 110-room AmeriSuites Hotel has been proposed on an adjacent site.

The stadium is expected to create over 700 construction jobs and nearly 350 new jobs, 100 of them full-time, for the operation of the stadium facility once it opens. Estimates suggest that an additional 200 jobs will be injected into the local economy. Additional high school, college, and youth games and concerts are expected to thrive in this environment.

According to Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek, "we are absolutely thrilled that the Chicago Fire has selected Bridgeview as its new home and the soccer capitol of the Midwest. This decision is a testament to the appeal of the Village of Bridgeview and the entire Southland as a great place to do business because of our energy, our ability and our diversity." We couldn't have said it better! (For complete coverage see story on Page 3.)

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Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Hon. David Maher and Hon. Patrick Maher and the Southwest Suburban Hynes for Senate Committee will host a reception honoring Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes, Candidate for the United States Senate on Friday, Jan. 30th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Palos Country Club. For more information or tickets, call Ivy Mackin at (773) 472-8493.

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The Oberweis for U.S. Senate Campaign got a local boost when they announced that their candidate has been endorsed by former U.S. Secretary of Veteran's Affairs Edward Derwinski. Secretary Derwinski will serve as the liaison to the Republican Congressional Delegation in Illinois for the Oberweis campaign.

During his distinguished public service career, Secretary Derwinski served in the United States House of Representatives (Congressman) for 24 years, representing the 4th District of Illinois. Secretary Derwinski served as Secretary of the Department of Veteran's Affairs from 1989 to 1992 in the Bush administration.

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Often time we are asked "what do those politicians do for the money they are paid." Well, rather than get into a lengthy diatribe as to the merits of each elected office holder, we thought a glimpse of a "normal day" in the life of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan might shed some light on the subject. Bare in mind that we've selected yesterday, Wednesday, Jan. 28th, for your perusal.

According to her press secretary, Attorney General Madigan has an early morning (8 a.m.) staff meeting to review Wednesday's pressing legal matters...either on today's court calendar or in the upcoming weeks. After reviewing previous and future cases, phone calls, and correspondence she heads out to visit a number of locations in South Suburban Cook County.

Madigan is scheduled to appear at the following events, where she will speak with local residents and elected officials:

11:30 a.m. – Madigan is scheduled to speak at the Thornton Township Senior Luncheon in Calumet City.

2:00 p.m. – Madigan is scheduled to visit the Chicago Heights Park District Senior Group in Chicago Heights.

3:30 p.m. – Madigan is scheduled to visit the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood.

5:00 p.m. – Madigan is scheduled to attend a coffee meeting with local officials, including hosts State Representatives George Scully and Robin Kelly in Olympia Fields.

7:00 p.m. – Madigan is scheduled to speak at the Southwest Council of Mayors meeting in Blue Island. About 25 mayors, as well as other municipal figures and village trustees are expected.

Lord only knows when Lisa Madigan finally gets home for the evening – 10 p.m. seems like a safe bet. In politico-speak, she only had five stops today. Guess we'd hate to see her on a busy day.

So much for the overview. Most of us wouldn't last, or our marriages wouldn't last six months. Hopefully the next time somebody asks us about those darn politicians, we'll hand them a copy of the aforementioned exercise!

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Our editorial department has received several inquiries from curious or angry residents of Consolidated High School District 230 (A.A. Stagg, Carl Sandburg and Victor J. Andrew High Schools), asking about a proposed two-year contract extension for the present Supt. Patrick McMahon. The superintendent, whose base pay is $193,536 this school year, was hired by Dist. 230 in 2002. His original contract would expire at the end of the next school year. The alleged two year contract extension would keep McMahon in charge of the district until the 2006-2007 school year.

Sources suggest that the board has indicated a willingness to consider a 20 percent raise over two years if a proposed contract extension is approved by the board. Supt. McMahon would receive a salary of $253,000 during the 2006-2007 school year if the contact extension is approved and accepted by him.

Several board members have been contacted but none are speaking to this possible action. What seems strange to us is that this proposed extension could be considered as early as this evening at the Thursday, Jan. 29th regular board meeting. This issue is bound to create volatility considering contracts for the district's teachers and support staff unions are up at the end of the year. Interested residents of Dist. 230 are encouraged to attend tonight!

Clean School Buses

As part of Governor Blagojevich's Illinois Clean School Bus Program, Illinois EPA director Renee Cipriano announced the launch of a website to assist Illinois school districts in applying for and receiving funding to reduce air pollution from existing diesel-powered school buses.

School districts or anyone interested in the Illinois Clean School Bus Program can access the new website: www.epa.state.il.us/air/cleanbus.

The Illinois EPA has already been contacted by 30 school districts interested in implementing clean diesel and fuel options. Enabling districts to obtain the necessary materials on-line will not only provide convenience for hundreds of Illinois school districts, but will reduce time needed to complete and submit a funding application.

School Districts or anyone interested in the Illinois Clean School Bus Program can access the new website. Any further questions can be directed to the Illinois EPA at (217) 524-4947.

College Enrollment Data

A report released by the Illinois Community College Board shows community college statewide enrollments setting records. The ICCB's annual Student Enrollments and Completions Report for Fiscal Year 2003 covers various statewide enrollment data shows some big numbers for community college. Statewide enrollment is up 2.5% from FY 2002 and has shown an increase of 6.6% over the past five years. These figures are for total headcount in credit-bearing classes, 693,285 students for the past fiscal year.

One of the biggest jumps in enrollment was among Latino students. That population's headcount enrollment increased nearly 39% since FY1999, from almost 88,000 to more than 110,000. The black student enrollment increased nearly 8% in the same period.

"We are incredibly pleased about these figures, especially with minority students," said Joseph J. Cipfl, president and chief executive officer of the ICCB. "The quality of education offered by community colleges coupled with their accessibility makes them a very attractive way to begin a college education for everyone."

Other data showed that the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment for the past fiscal year set a record with more than 238,000 FTE students. The FTE is measured by dividing the number of credit hours being generated by 15, the number of credit hours determined as the minimum to be considered a full time student during a semester.

"We have been seeing these growing numbers for the past couple years," said Cipfl. "The boost in FTE really means that more students are taking more credit hours than ever before."

Pappas Places First

Maria Pappas, candidate for the United States Senate, placed first in her age group (53 and up) in the 5th annual MultiplexCLUBS Indoor Triathlon Series on Saturday, Jan. 17th.

"Coming in first during this race was not a surprise," Pappas said. "When I enter a race, including this election to become the next U.S. Senator from Illinois, I'm in it to win and that's the message I'm taking throughout this state: I get it, and I get it done."

The event held at Union Station Multiplex required participants to swim, bike and run, testing athletic endurance and stamina. Pappas, 54, was awarded a gold medal for her efforts, covering the most total distance of any participant in her age bracket.

Pappas, an avid cyclist and tri-athlete, is the only candidate for U.S. Senate in either party with experience both in the legislative and executive branches of government.

Pappas, who has been serving as Cook County Treasurer since 1998, has successfully reformed and modernized a previously troubled agency that manages $8 billion in collections, the second-largest system of its kind in the nation. As a County Commissioner from 1990 through 1998, Pappas fought for budget and tax reforms and won the first human-rights ordinance, the first ethics legislation, and built a reputation as a budget hawk.

In a recently published poll, Maria Pappas stood at the top in a three-way tie for the nomination. Each of the top three candidates drew 14% of support among voters likely to vote on March 16th in the Democratic primary in Illinois. The poll also found that Pappas holds the highest name recognition as "nearly 6 of every 10 Democratic voters said they knew of her – more than any other candidate."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sirs:

America ignored or tried to ignore for many years the realities of terrorism. We all know that sooner or later our denial and inattention would get us into trouble, but we kept looking the other way in hopes that people like Osama Bin Laden would go away. Well, so much for that.

Unfortunately, Osama is not the only person we've ignored. In denying the existence of evil we also denied the existence of genuine good. We denied it because genuine good has zero tolerance for evil, and that scared us. So, we have placed everything and everyone in a nebulous area of gray. But just as evil exists after all, so does good, and by that I mean the embodiment of good which is God. We've managed to skate around the subject of God for quite a while now, giving Him lip service at the appropriate times (usually election season or after tragedies) but this will not satisfy Him, nor does it meet our own needs. For hundreds of years God was such a part of America that the Supreme Court noted in the 1950s that America is a Christian Nation!

Either God is, or He is not. There is no middle ground. If He is not, then anything goes and I mean ANYTHING! If there is no God, then the man (or woman) with the most money, the biggest gun or mightiest army rules and those who are weak lose or die! Some atheists will deny this, but it is reality. Anything else is merely wishful thinking. On the other hand, if God is, even the guy with the biggest gun or the most money will face HIM sooner or later. As we look back in history we see that bad guys with big guns inevitably lose. This can only be explained by the existence of God.

Right now, here in America we have been living as if there is no God. The most glaring example of this is the fact that we've allowed Big Money to win against helpless babies in the womb for 31 years. Knowing God and history assures me Big Money won't win forever. But it is ungodly that we have let it win this long.

If 9/11 taught us anything, it taught us that ignoring evil often has a very high price tag. What price might God place on 44 million innocent babies' lives?

Sincerely,
s/s Thorin Anderson
Pastor
Parkwood Baptist Church

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Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. You will learn to write a solid business plan, mandatory when seeking a loan and necessary for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

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SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

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Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, also Chairman of Finance, for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department of Greater Chicago, will be honored at a party on Thursday, Feb. 5. It will be held at O'Brien's Restaurant, 1528 N. Wells St., from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be on hand.

Tickets are $75 and further information is available by calling (312) 751-5665.

PPCA Endorse Skinner

Nancy Skinner, progressive candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, has announced that her campaign has earned the endorsement of Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area (PPCA) and the Illinois Planned Parenthood Council (IPPC) for her "100% pro-choice stance."

"I think it is particularly apt that this endorsement comes on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade," said Skinner. "With anti-choice organizations continuing to gain strength and with recently passed dangerous law criminalizing safe medical procedures, it's more important than ever that Democrats work to protect women's right to choose. This issue is not going away. And I plan to work to advance women's interests in Washington as Illinois' new Senator."

Scholarship Applications

Applications for college scholarships are available to students of Italian American heritage from the offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. The JCCIA is a not-for-profit organization, established over 50 years ago by a group of dedicated Italian Americans.

For application(s) a self-addressed stamped envelope must be mailed to the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, 3800 Division St., Stone Park, IL 60165.

Singles Club Holds Socials

Kuisine & Konnections, a social club for singles, is offering a Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Chuck's B-B-Q, food critic James Ward winner, at 7900 Central Ave., Burbank. The cost is $35 per person.

For reservations, or more information, call (708) 802-1000 Ext. 2.

Agriculture Scholarship Program

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is encouraging all Illinois high school seniors who plan to enroll in agriculture related studies to apply for the Treasurer's Office Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program. Over the past two years Treasurer Topinka has awarded $25,000 in agriculture scholarships. "These students wished to pursue a challenging career in agriculture, whether it is traditional crop and livestock production, agribusiness, agriculture research or alternative agriculture. I wish them success and look forward to a rewarding response from the Class of 2004," Topinka said.

The program offers five $2500 scholarships, which will be awarded annually to students who are committed to pursuing a career in agriculture related fields of study in college. The deadline for applications is April 16th.

A non-partisan committee consisting of representatives from various agriculture-related associations, agencies, financial community and the Office of the State Treasurer will judge each scholarship application. All decisions of the committee are final. Submitted applications will be carefully screened for conformance of requirements, appropriate grammar, punctuation, etc.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Illinois State Treasurer's office at (217) 558-6215 or online at www.state.il.us/treas.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before April 16th and mailed to: Office of the Illinois State Treasurer, Agriculture Programs-Division of Economic Opportunity, 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 814, Springfield, IL 62701.

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"Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies program has done so much to raise awareness of leukemia and blood-related cancers, in addition to generating important funding for research and services," said Nancy Allen, interim executive director of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Illinois Chapter.

This year, schools in Cook, Kane, Lake and Will counties will participate in the Pasta for Pennies program from Feb. 2nd through 27th. The class collecting the most money in each school receives a pasta party, courtesy of Olive Garden. Olive Garden also hosts kick-off lunches in restaurants for representatives of participating schools in each city and provides marketing support and materials for the program.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Symphony Concert

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra continues its 40th anniversary season on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th at 8 p.m. at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights. The evening concert will feature the *Russian Easter Overture* by Rimsky-Korsakov, *Unfinished Symphony* by Schubert and *Symphony No. 8 in G Major* by Dvorak.

Come for a relaxing and fun evening with prizes (including a gift certificate for dinner at Whitney's at the Oak Lawn Hilton) and surprises this Valentine's Day. Ticket prices start at $5 for students, $15 to $19 for seniors and $16 to $20 for adults. Children under 12 are free. For a brochure or further information, call the SSO at (708) 802-0686.

Business After Hours

St. James Hospital & Health Centers Heart & Vascular Institute will serve as the host of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Business After Hours will be held at St. James Hospital & Health Centers new Heart & Vascular Institute located at its new campus in Olympia Fields, 3800 Edmund M. Burke Road (203rd St.). Individuals are invited to enjoy food and refreshments in a relaxed networking atmosphere while they tour the healthcare facilities and learn more about St. James Hospital's new Heart & Vascular Institute's services in Olympia Fields.

Admission to the BAH, which is open to the business community, is $5 for Chamber members and $15 for non-members. Admission is payable at the door.

For reservations or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950, ext. 118.

"I Remember Mama"

Sisters Christine (Jenny Taylor of Evergreen Park, center), and Katrin (Sarah Siewkiewicz of Beverly, at right) share a laugh with friend Madeline (Erin McGinnis of Beverly, left) during rehearsals for the Beverly Theatre Guild's winter production of the heartwarming classic "I Remember Mama." The show will be performed Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Beverly Art Center, 2047 W. 111th St. in Chicago. For tickets, call (773) 445-3838. Group rates are available. (Photo by Bob Brodsky).

Faculty Recital

Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts will present a free faculty recital by clarinetist Carolee Smith with special guest violinist Elaine Skorodin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the seventh-floor Ganz Hall, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

The recital will feature a solo performance by Smith, a member of the CCPA faculty who has performed with many of the country's top orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Skorodin, the winner of the Paganini International Violin Competition in Italy, will accompany Smith. A resident of Glencoe, Skorodin is an alumna of Roosevelt and Chicago College of Performing Arts. She has performed extensively for more than 40 years throughout the United States, Europe and locally in the Chicago area.

Also performing during the recital will be cellist Judy Stone, a CCPA faculty member who has performed as a soloist with numerous orchestras including the Chicago Symphony, and is a founding member of the Orion Chamber Ensemble.

Program for the evening includes works by composers Chick Corea, Paul Hindemith and Robert Muczynski. The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call (312) 341-2238.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Francis de Paula class of 1954 is seeking classmates and others for a Sept. 25th, 2004 reunion. Call Patty at (847) 342-3616 or Evelyn at (708) 422-8806.

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John Harlan High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 264-5775 or (630) 707-8000.

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Calumet High School class of 1944 will hold their 60th year class reunion on Oct. 3rd, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip. Call Gladys Mountford at (708) 424-1063.

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Morrell School class of February 1945 seeks alumni. Contact Howard, 695 Ivylog Terrace, Matteson, IL 60443.

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Elihu Yale Elementary School (7100 Princeton) – looking for classmates from class of 1954 for 50th reunion in 2004. Call Carol at (708) 499-0178.

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates. Call Carolee (Fokta) Michalek at (815) 407-1934.

Sr. Bernie's Bingo Bash

The Evergreen Park Community High School Boys Basketball Program is sponsoring a fundraising event which is sure to tickle your funny bone. On Saturday, Feb. 14th at 8 p.m. Standby Productions, Inc. will present the audience participation, interactive comedy, "Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash," in the auditorium at the high school, 9901 S. Kedzie Ave. Enjoy the hilarious look at the ups and downs of charitable fundraising, starring Mary McHale as Sister Bernie. Tickets are $20 and include a bingo dinner. For tickets, call (708) 424-7400, ext. 264.

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Death Penalty Reform Package Signed

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed into law the final piece of the state's most comprehensive death penalty reform package ever, helping to restore confidence in Illinois' troubled criminal justice system.

"Our criminal justice system carries two vital responsibilities: It must punish the guilty, and it must protect the innocent. In every criminal case, these are weighty tasks. But never is the system required to be more thoughtful, more careful and more certain than when a defendant's life is at stake," Blagojevich said. "As you know, Illinois has had a troubling history of wrongful convictions in capital cases – one that has drawn the eyes of the nation, and even the world, to our state's criminal justice system. We have been challenged, and rightly so, to prove that our criminal courts can treat all defendants with fairness and integrity."

Since Illinois reinstated the death penalty in 1977, 12 death row inmates have been executed and 17 have been exonerated and released, giving Illinois the highest rate of overturned capital convictions of all 38 states with the death penalty.

"Today, I am proud to say that Illinois is on its way to becoming a model for the nation as we reform our death penalty system. I applaud the many lawmakers and advocates who worked diligently to make sure we learn from the problems of the past and restore integrity and fairness to our criminal justice system," the governor said.

During the 2003 legislative session, Blagojevich and members of the legislature focused on reforming Illinois' broken death penalty system.

The bill signed by Blagojevich, House Bill 576, establishes procedures for dealing with police officers accused of perjury. The new law provides for decertification of police officers by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board if the officers are determined by the Illinois Labor Relations Board to have knowingly and willfully made material false statements in relation to a murder case. House Bill 576 is the final piece in a comprehensive package approved by the General Assembly this fall. Many of the reforms were recommended by a death penalty review panel established by former Gov. George Ryan when he put in place a moratorium on executions in Illinois in January of 2000.

The primary bill, Senate Bill 472, contained a number of provisions, including:

- Prohibiting the execution of people judged to be mentally retarded;
- Requiring prosecutors to disclose promises made to witnesses in exchange for their testimony;
- Permitting the court to decertify a death penalty case if the sole evidence is uncorroborated testimony of a jailhouse informer or accomplice;
- Creating procedures for line-ups, to make sure the right suspects are identified;
- Requiring the court to consider a defendant's background as a victim of extreme emotional or physical abuse in passing sentence and whether he or she suffers from a reduced mental capacity;
- Permitting a trial judge to set forth reasons for not concurring with a death sentence;
- Allowing the state Supreme Court to overturn death penalties if the sentenced is deemed fundamentally unjust;
- Mandating investigators turn over all evidence to prosecutors; and .
- Allowing for DNA testing for any criminal matter.

In addition, SB 472 created a 15-member Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee, which will report annually for five years to the governor and General Assembly on the impact of reforms that are being made to the capital punishment system.

In July, Blagojevich signed another monumental piece of criminal justice reform legislation that makes Illinois the first state in the nation to require by statute that police record all custodial interrogations and confessions in homicide cases. Two other states – Minnesota and Alaska – were forced to adopt similar requirements in response to court decisions.

"As I have said in the past, the previous system was broken and in desperate need of reform. Before the State of Illinois imposes a sentence of death, we must have actual proof that these reforms are effective. We must convince the people of this state that they can put their faith in their system of justice," Blagojevich said. "I firmly believe these new safeguards will work to create a fair and equitable system. This bill gives us the mechanisms we need to make sure these reforms work effectively – before we reinstate the death penalty in Illinois."

Hynes Said Bush Is Out Of Touch

Monday, Jan. 25th, Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes spoke to more than 300 union members from the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco – Grain Millers Local 1 who are currently in contract negotiations with Tootsie Roll.

"We have lost 3 million jobs since President Bush took office and what is he focused on – making tax cuts for billionaires permanent and spending billions of dollars to go to Mars," said Hynes. "President Bush is out of touch with what is really happening in our country. He is more interested in Mars than he is in America."

"Bush is telling us everything is fine but things are not fine. An increase in GOP and the meager 1,000 jobs we created last month does not mean much to the 8.4 million people on the unemployment rolls. In the month of December 300,000 people gave up looking for work - they have given up hope. I have not given up hope that with the right leadership and priorities, we can make America work again and put Americans back to work - that is what I will be fighting for in the U.S. Senate."

In November, the 750 union members at Tootsie Roll were told that their contract would be terminated on Jan. 12th. Talks on a new contract began last September. Tootsie Roll is asking employees to pay more for health care.

"Across the country, workers are being asked to work for less, work longer hours, pay more for health care and cut back their benefits," said Hynes. "I have been with you. I am here today, and you can count on me to always be fighting for you."

Hynes was the first candidate in Illinois' U.S. Senate race to propose a detailed jobs plan to get Americans back to work and Hynes is the only candidate to make job creation the cornerstone of his campaign. Hynes' 22-point plan to create jobs in Illinois calls for a dollar-for-dollar match - for every dollar we spend rebuilding Iraq we must match it with a new dollar spent at home, increased investment in our states and infrastructure, a national manufacturing policy, and worker protections in past and future trade agreements.

Three Businesses Charged With Fraud

Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed charges against three businesspeople for fraud, theft and money laundering. The two men and one woman allegedly used their medical transportation company as a front for a $3 million Medicaid fraud and money laundering operation.

Two of those charged in Cook County Circuit Court had faced civil fraud charges only a few years earlier. Those defendants, Ilya Lubenskiy and Irit Gutman, agreed with federal prosecutors in 1999 to stay out of any business involving Medicaid reimbursement. However, a 2003 investigation by Madigan's office found that Lubenskiy and Gutman were again operating a non-emergency transportation company and collecting Medicaid money with a third defendant, Mike Tishel, as the apparent owner and operator of Universal Public Transportation (UPT), Inc.

"The state will continue to be vigilant in its efforts to uncover criminal activity by those who do business with the state," Madigan said. "At a time of fiscal crisis, every penny must be accounted for. We will not allow anyone to steal from our taxpayer-funded programs."

The company billed the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA) for approximately $6.2 million in a one-year period. While the state paid UPT $3 million in claims, the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA) refused to pay the remaining $3.2 million because of suspected fraudulent activity. UPT subsequently sued the state for non-payment. Madigan's office is representing IDPA in that civil case in addition to filing these charges.

Lubenskiy, Gutman, Tishel and Universal Public Transportation, Inc., each have been charged with one count of Vendor Fraud, one count of Theft and one count of Money Laundering. The 12 counts are all Class 1 felonies, punishable by up to four to 15 years in prison.

Deputy Bureau Chief Timothy Nimrod and Assistant Attorney General Patrick Murray are handling the case for Madigan's Medicaid Fraud Bureau. The Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit conducted the investigation.

The public is reminded that these charges are accusations. The defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Free Tax Preparation

The Tax Counseling Project, which helps low and moderate income working families claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), will offer free, confidential tax preparation services at 13 sites in the Chicago area. The service is for working families with household incomes of less than $35,000 and individuals with incomes of less than $15,000.

The Project's volunteers will provide free tax preparation services at 13 sites throughout the Chicago area and 28 sites throughout Illinois through April 15th.

For more information about all of the 28 sites and hours of operation, call (312) 409-6511 in Chicago and (888) 827-8511 outside of Chicago.

NAEIR Accepts Donations

NAEIR, The National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources, takes donations of new, overstock or discontinued product and redistributes that product to schools and nonprofit groups nationwide.

These materials and supplies not only benefit deserving organizations, but companies can receive an enhanced income tax deduction that could be up to twice the cost of the goods. This option is made possible by the Internal Revenue Tax Code Section 170 (e)(3).

NAEIR accepts donations of general, consumer goods such as school and office supplies, toys, games, building materials, clothing, tools, and so much more. After a donation is made, NAEIR will provide the donor with paperwork stating the donation was made to aid in filing taxes.

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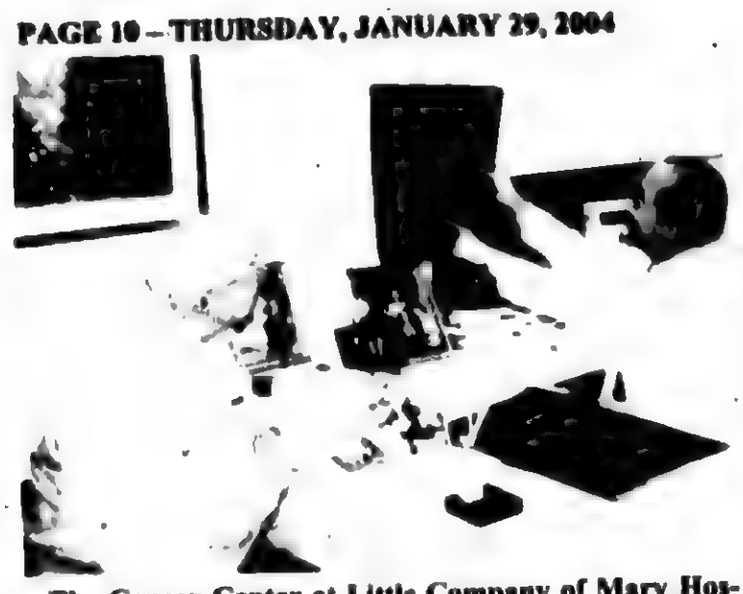

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers now offers its patients the benefits of the latest in cancer therapy technology: radiofrequency ablation (RFA) and intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT).

RFA spares the patient's normal tissue and decreases the pain level. It does this by killing tumors with heat. The radiologist begins by examining the tumor on an ultrasound or CT scan image. A thin electrode (similar in size to a needle) is then placed through the skin and directly into the tumor. The electrode is connected to a generator that sends radiowaves and this wave energy creates heat in the electrode that spreads out to destroy the entire affected area. The treated tumor begins to die immediately and the results can be seen on a CT scan (http://www.bidmc.harvard.edu/home.asp).

"My liver cancer was treated with radiofrequency ablation," and Little Company patient, Charles Cullinan. "The recovery time was remarkable. I experienced no after effects and I felt like my usual self the very next day. I can honestly say I am 100 percent satisfied with the treatment."

According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Health, "Radiofrequency ablation has been used to successfully treat thousands of tumors around the world in the past few years with very few complications. It is a relatively new application of an old technology."

Another specialized cancer treatment performed at Little Company is IMRT. Using computer-generated images, IMRT helps plan, and then deliver tightly focused radiation beams to cancerous tumors. With laser accuracy, the radiation beam is focused on the tumor and away from surrounding healthy tissue.

"In the past, a large field was designated for radiation treatment," said Dr. Corbin Johnson, radiation oncologist at Little Company. "IMRT has improved the accuracy of the radiation and is used to treat tumors that were once thought to be untreatable due to close proximity of vital organs, such as the spinal chord."

IMRT allows very precise external beam radiation treatments. Rather than having a single large radiation beam pass through the body, with IMRT, the radiation is effectively broken up into thousands of tiny, pencil-thin radiation beams.

The Cancer Center's treatment modalities and program services reinforce the Hospital's commitment to the community's health and cancer care.

Pictured: Dr. Danilo J. Martinez, director of Interventional Radiology for Little Company as he reviews an x-ray with patient, Charles Cullinan.

Financial Aid/Admission Month

For the 15th consecutive year, Illinois will celebrate the month of February as Financial Aid/Admission Awareness Month (FAAM). Across the state, students and they families will be taking advantage of services offered to them through numerous FAAM activities. All activities sponsored by FAAM are free and open to the general public. FAAM provides information, resources and services that help thousands of Illinois residents with their college plans, focusing on the college admission and financial aid processes.

Students enrolling for the 2004-05 academic year are presently closing in on their selection of a college and should begin the financial aid process. Students – from high school seniors to adult learners – and parents needing help with understanding or completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) will have the opportunity to receive individual assistance from financial aid professionals at any of the 100 FAFSA Workshops scheduled at various sites throughout the state. The U.S. Dept. of Education provides the FAFSA, free of charge, on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov and in the paper form to high schools, colleges and libraries. Completing the FAFSA accurately and on time is the first and most important step to obtaining state and federal financial aid.

Although planning for college is a year-round process, families attending these workshops will receive current information on many important topics, including electronic filing of the FAFSA; changes to the 2004-05 FAFSA; early awareness issues such as academic preparation and planning for college costs; *College Illinois!*, the Illinois 529 prepaid tuition program; and general information about federal tax credits and benefits for higher education. Students will also gather information on financial aid sources, such as student loans, grants and scholarships, including the Illinois Future Teacher Corps Scholarship, initiated by Gov. Blagojevich last year to encourage and support students pursuing a career in teaching.

Methamphetamine Abuse Is Grave Problem

Results of a new study indicate that people who have recently stopped abusing the powerfully addictive drug methamphetamine may have brain abnormalities similar to those seen in people with mood disorders. The findings suggest practitioners could improve success rates for methamphetamine users receiving addiction treatment by also providing therapy for depression and anxiety in appropriate individuals. The study is published in the January 2004 issue of the journal *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

"Methamphetamine abuse is a grave problem that can lead to serious health conditions including brain damage, memory loss, psychotic-like behavior, heart damage, hepatitis, and HIV transmission," says Dr. Nora D. Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health, which funded the study. "Currently, no medication exists to treat abuse or addiction to amphetamines or amphetamine-like compounds; however, drug counselors and other health professionals have successfully used behavioral interventions to treat addiction. Treatment outcomes may improve if associated mental conditions are addressed concurrently with addiction."

Dr. Edythe London and her colleagues at the University of California Los Angeles, the University of California Irvine, and NIDA's Intramural Research Program used positron emission tomography – PET, a technology to image brain activity – to compare glucose metabolism in the brains of 17 methamphetamine abusers who had stopped using the drug 4-7 days before their participation in the study, and 18 non-abusers. The methamphetamine abusers averaged a 10-year history of drug abuse that included consuming an average of 4 grams of methamphetamine per week. They said they had used the drug at least 18 of the preceding 30 days.

All participants responded to questions about their drug use, and underwent a PET scan to measure how their brains used glucose while they performed an attention task. On the day of the scan, participants rated their symptoms of depression and anxiety. The methamphetamine abusers also rated their cravings for the drug within 48 hours of the scan. The scientists found that methamphetamine abusers reported higher ratings of depression and anxiety than non-abusers.

The PET scans showed that the two groups exhibited significant differences in glucose metabolism in specific brain regions. In methamphetamine abusers, glucose metabolism was lower in brain regions linked to depressive disorders, depressed mood, and sadness. It was higher in brain regions linked to anxiety and drug cravings.

Named To President's List

Students from Hometown have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College. Qualification for the President's List is a semester grade point average of 3.75 to 4.00.

Named are Krysten Ballard, Stephen Banasiak, Andrew Duleba, and Randall Weyhe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

The governor presented a controversial idea when he proposed minimizing the duties of the Illinois State Board of Education, which was created by the Constitution, and replacing it with a new Department under his direct control. The merits of his proposal will be debated both pro and con throughout the spring legislative session and most likely beyond. Promised paperwork reduction and cutting through the bureaucracy would most likely be welcomed within the school community. But, one may conclude that 'the devil is in the details.' Will this new Department become another bureaucratic haven for political cronyism now and in the future? Will the costs involved in local oversight override any savings the governor indicates? Where is the governor getting his facts and statistics regarding economies that would result from his proposal? Many school districts have already incorporated economies that the governor seems to have just discovered. School districts have been 'pulling rabbits out of hats' for years as their funding sources have dwindled. Caution is urged before the legislature, or anyone, embraces the governor's proposal to create this new DIVERSION.

Other aspects of the governor's proposal such as providing remedial reading specialists where needed [if full funding, meaning salaries and benefits, are provided], drop-out prevention programs; required community service prior to high school graduation [already a local requirement in some high schools]; technological education options for high school graduates [didn't we just drop support of some of those programs?]; expansion of early childhood education opportunities and teacher in-service education requirements in the area of reading appear very worthwhile.

However, as the legislative debate ensues, one cannot help but feel that the proposal to create a Department responsible to the governor is a very calculated DIVERSION in directing attention away from the very real crisis facing our schools throughout the state. There are still a vast majority of local public school districts facing financial distress. There will be public school districts again this year facing insolvency. There is still a huge spending gap with regard to per pupil expenditures between public school districts throughout the state whereby the quality of a child's education is determined by where he or she lives. Real estate taxes continue to be a major topic of concern as indicated by assessed value limiting proposals currently being put forth before the legislature.

No Child Left Behind legislation has left school districts throughout the state with the quandary of doing the best they can with limited resources. Certainly this litany of inequities and lack of adequate funding could be expanded by residents in each school community. THE FIRST REAL EDUCATIONAL ISSUE THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE MUST ADDRESS IS SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM. Scores of public school districts cannot wait any longer while the political rhetoric continues in Springfield. Let's not fall for the governor's DIVERSION!

Sincerely,
s/s Charles J. Thier, Legislative Director
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Blood Donors Are Needed

Heartland Blood Centers officials urge all eligible donors – particularly those individuals with "Rh-Negative" blood – to donate at one of their 10 area centers or at a community blood drive. The Blood bank is currently experiencing a shortage in all negative blood types, including O-, A-, B- and AB-.

Donors with O- blood are especially in demand, as people with this blood type are potential universal red blood cell donors. This means that their red blood cells can be transfused to patients with all types of blood. About seven percent of the population has O- blood.

If you are at least 17 years of age (16 with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you may be eligible to donate blood. If you have traveled outside the U.S. in the last 12 months, call Heartland Blood Centers at 1(800) 7TO-GIVE so that they can verify your eligibility. All blood donors must present a photo ID.

Affordable Preschool

If you are looking for a preschool for the first time, remember that your local schools are not your only option. The Oak Lawn Park District has been offering affordable, quality preschool for 3 to 5-year-olds for nearly 30 years. The district's 2004-05 preschool programs - *Learn As You Grow I, Learn As You Grow II, Play School* and *Prep School* - are offered at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., and the Little White Building in Lake Shore Park, 96th St. & East Shore Drive, by qualified instructors, who have been with the district an average of eight years.

According to Maura Kennedy, recreation supervisor, the programs for ages 3 and 4 offer a balance of structured and free-play activities that are ideal for the young child; story time, singing, art and holiday celebrations. The programs for ages 4 and 5 are the stepping stones to kindergarten, emphasizing all readiness skills (numbers, colors, letters, shapes, printing). The programs will run August 2004 through May 2005

"Best of all," says Kennedy, "our preschool classes are on average $500 cheaper than other preschool programs in Oak Lawn, making them a very affordable and sensible option for many parents."

Registration for these programs will begin in May. For immediate information or to schedule a preschool visit, call (708) 857-2200.

Penny Social

Johnson-Phelps VFW Auxiliary 5220 will hold a Penny Social at the VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to spend an afternoon of fun and fellowship

For further information, call Dorothy at (708) 423-5220, before 12 noon.

GI Meal

Hometown-Murray VFW is having its annual GI Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Mess Hall at 9092 Main St., Hometown from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and the "soldier's Special" SOS chipped beef on toast, coffee and juice. Adults $5, seniors $4.50, and children 8 years old and under $3.50 per serving

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POLICE CALLS

On Jan. 24th Jose Gonzales, 17, of Burbank was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Value City Security attempting to exit the store without paying for six video games valued at $114.94.

On Jan. 24th James Trivigno, 35, and Sylvia Tarocha, 28, both of Tinley Park were arrested and Tarocha was charged with deceptive practice and Trivigno was charged with possession of a controlled substance. Tarocha attempted to cash a $400 check at Midwest Bank on an account that had been flagged for fraud. The teller notified her supervisor, who contacted the owner of the account, who denied writing the check. The owner of the account stated that he suspected a relative had stolen a book of blank checks. Tarocha left the bank and walked to a car in the lot, Trivigno, was waiting in a car for Tarocha. During the custodial search, police discovered a bag containing a white powder that field tested positive for cocaine.

Zoo's Dolphin Calf

Tapeko, a 21-year-old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at Brookfield Zoo's Seven Seas exhibit, gave birth to a female calf on Oct. 30th. The approximately 30-pound, 3-foot-long calf appears healthy and strong, but needed a little assistance during its birth.

Following the birth, Melinda Pruett-Jones, curator of marine mammals, said, "We are cautiously optimistic. Tapeko is an experienced mother, and even became the surrogate for her grandson, Micco, who turned 2 just last month. However, a dolphin birth is not considered successful until the calf is at least a year old." But, staff has observed encouraging behaviors that indicate a good start for the newborn. She is nursing regularly and stays close to her mother. Keeping the calf in her "slip stream" or hydrodynamic wake as she swims, Tapeko uses her energy so the calf does not need to expend so much of its own.

Zoo staff will continue with daily observations of early development for the next several months.

Library Events

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Feb. 11 to discuss "Lying Under the Apple Tree" by Alice Munro and March 10 for "The Concert Player Who Saved Ireland" by Frank O'Connor. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet Feb. 25 to discuss "My Antonia" by Willa Cather and March 24 for "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708) 422-4933.

Honorees

Students from Hometown have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College. To qualify, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 to 3.749.

Earning this honor are: Mark Henninger, Andrea T. Kaplan and Joanne Limberopoulos.

Dean's List

Named to the Dean's List at Millikin University for the fall 2003 semester from Oak Lawn are Deanne L. Drechsler, a junior, and Andrew J. Trojanowski, a senior. Both students are in the College of Arts and Sciences.

OL Chamber Luncheon Meeting

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for its next monthly luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The featured speaker will be Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Networking begins at 11:30 am., and lunch is served at noon. To make a reservation, call (708) 424-8300.

For additional information, visit the Chamber web site at www.oaklawnchamber.com

St. Paul Learning Fair

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School invites you and your family to its annual Learning Fair and Open House on Thursday, Feb. 12th, at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium, 4660 W. 94th St.

St. Paul Lutheran School is a well-established school with 200 students ranging in age from three to 14 years. St. Paul offers first through eighth grades, with extended hours before and after school, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m., plus full- and half-day daycare and kindergarten classes. St. Paul students are some of the highest-achieving student in the Oak Lawn community

Come to the Learning Fair and Open House, and take this opportunity to observe the facility, and to meet and talk to some of the students, parents and teachers. Call Aaron Landgrave, principal at (708) 423-1058 for more information.

Essay Winner

Ashley Gomez, a student at St. Bede's School, was awarded a U.S. savings bond for her winning essay, "My Dream for America," in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary's *Patriot's Pen* essay contest, sponsored by Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Aux. #9773

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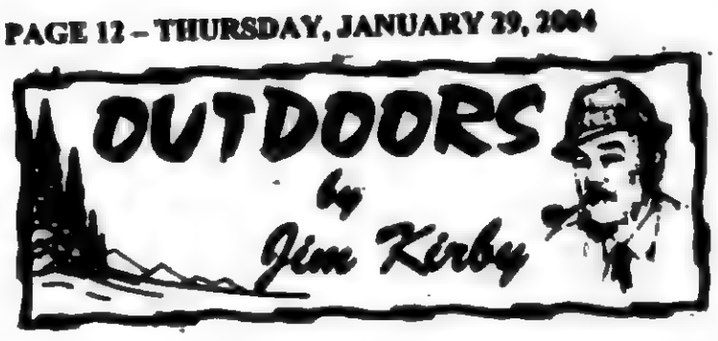

FISHING AND OUTDOOR SHOW CLOSE TO HOME: Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7th and 8th will bring the 11th annual Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoor Show. This is a not-for-profit fundraiser for the student athletes at Tinley Park High School.

At the show, visitors will see the latest in fishing tackle, charters from Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, fishing resorts and even some hunting outfitters. A number of local fishing will be represented, as well as companies with outdoor specialties.

This year the show has over 80,000 square feet of exhibitor space. With so many exhibitors, show-goers should be prepared to walk through three full-sized gymnasiums and numerous hallways full of fishing and outdoor gear.

There will be numerous seminars on fishing local lakes and rivers, with presentations on bass, crappie, walleye, muskie, pike and panfish fishing. But this show is not only for the avid outdoor person, the kids will enjoy it as well. A special seminar will be held for teaching kids the right way to fish. There will also be demonstrations on duck and goose calling, and dog training. All of these seminars and demonstrations will be held on both Saturday and Sunday.

The annual shore lunch is a big draw for the fishing show, and kids love to catch live trout in the trout pond sponsored by **Cubby Lures.** Free products will be given away at the door while supplies last.

On Saturday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. avid hunter **Chris Bates** will host a live broadcast of his Hunting the Midwest radio show, live from the demonstration stage, the show can be heard on WRHL, 1060 AM. Hunters who bagged a trophy deer can bring it in on Saturday to have an official Boone and Crockett measurer check it out to see if it can make it into the record books.

The Tinley Park Fishing and Outdoor Show will be on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7th and 8th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for seniors, $2 for children 7 to 13, and kids 6 and under will get in free. The show is held at Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., just east of Ridgeland, in Tinley Park. Ample free parking is available. For details, visit the web site at www.tinleyparkfishingshow.com.

"This is a show I try to take in. It has something for everyone, and gives me a chance to talk one-on-one with some very knowledgeable outdoor professionals."

■**EYE ON THE ANTI'S:** In a letter to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, Old World Industries, Inc., the company that makes PEAK and SIERRA antifreezes, said that it "made a decision to sever our sponsorship with the American Humane Association (AHA)," an organization that opposes all hunting and trapping.

Old World Industries has been running a rebate program that allowed consumers to donate their funds to the AHA. Sportsmen nationwide, alerted about the partnership by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance; Hunters, Anglers, Trappers Association of Vermont; *Outdoors Magazine* and others, were furious about the sponsorship and flooded the company with phone calls, faxes and letters of opposition.

PEAK Products Manager Ed Powderly stated that the sponsorship was not intended "to alienate the hunting and outdoor community." He said Old World Industries was not aware of the stances AHA had taken against sportsmen's rights.

■**MOONLIGHT HIKES:** The Forest Preserve District of Will County offers the following: "Do things really get crazy when the moon is full? Do you want to find out? Then join us 'by the light of the silvery moon' for a howling good time.

Night is more than just the period between dusk and dawn. It is a magical time to explore the fields and forests of the winter woods. Snow or no snow, a hiking we will go. If conditions permit, we'll use one of the earliest inventions to help us get around…snowshoes!

So bring your family and friends and share in the mystery as we heighten our senses to uncover the natural wonders of winter. Afterwards, warm your bones by a fire and your blood with a cup of hot cocoa. Just remember that animals are born prepared for winter, so dress warmly with a hat, gloves, boots and a smile."

Snowshoe hike – Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6th and March 6th. Monee Reservoir, 7 p.m. – ages 7 and older – fee: $3 per person. For information, call (815) 727-8700.

■**CANAL BIKE TRAIL COMPLETED:** Governor Blagojevich announced the opening of the final 12.1 mile segment of the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Trailway – a new north-south segment extending from the Hennepin Canal feeder line's bridge 56 on Illinois Rt. 92 south to the Feeder Basin.

The Hennepin trail system now includes 03 miles of surfaced trail for bicycles, 73 miles of equestrian trails, 172 miles of hiking trails, and 90 miles of snowmobile trails. The main stem of the Hennepin Canal State Trail is part of the 500-mile Grand Illinois Trail, and the Illinois route of the 6,800-mile coast-to-coast American Discovery Trail.

Dwyer Will Play At Eastern

Brother Rice High School announces that senior wide receiver Tom Dwyer has verbally committed to play football at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. In 2003, Dwyer, a 6'2", 175-lb. receiver and defensive back from Evergreen Park, helped lead Brother Rice to an 11-2 overall record, a share of the Chicago Metro Blue title and a trip to the Class 8A semifinals.

Named Champions Of Character

The National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has named St. Xavier University a Champions of Character Institution. St. Xavier was one of an exclusive group of 193 colleges and universities nationwide to receive this distinction for the 2002-03 academic year.

The NAIA Champions of Character program was founded in 2000 with a goal to create an environment in which every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through five tenets: respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship. To be considered as a Champions of Character Institution, a college or university has to implement at least one aspect of each of the five character values, through activities such as conducting community outreach projects, reporting student-athlete graduation rates and delivering neutral and information-based announcements at athletic competitions.

"St. Xavier is honored to receive this recognition from NAIA. Our athletics program strives to educate the mind, body and spirit of our students. We pride ourselves on shaping student-athletes who demonstrate leadership, integrity and strong character and who serve as role models for others," said St. Xavier President Judith A. Dwyer. "I extend my gratitude and congratulations to our coaches and to all Cougar athletics teams for this achievement. St. Xavier will continue its commitment to an athletics program that promotes success in the classroom and in the community, as well as on the field."

Expressing his pride on the NAIA distinction, St. Xavier Director of Athletics Bob Hallberg credited the award to university values that go beyond the statistics column of its athletes.

"The coaches and athletic staff at St. Xavier University believe that sports are much more than just wins and losses," Hallberg said. "We believe in the development of the student-athlete. It is very important that as educators, we prepare our players for life after college. The Champions of Character core values help instill personality traits that last a lifetime."

Key to St. Xavier's mission are the ideals of its founding order, the Sisters of Mercy, whose values instilled in St. Xavier a commitment to respect, justice, caring and hospitality to all. These core values help make possible St. Xavier's status as a Champions of Character Institution, a distinction which the university has received for both 2001-02 and 2000-01 – the inaugural year for the Champions of Character program.

For more information on Cougar Athletics, visit the St. Xavier Web site at www.sxu.edu/athletics or call (773) 298-3000. More information on NAIA is at www.naia.org.

Special Olympics Winter Games In Galena

More than 365 athletes from around the state will participate in the 24th annual Special Olympics Illinois State Winter Games in Galena, Illinois and Dubuque, Iowa from Feb. 3rd to 5th. Competition is scheduled to begin at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd and will conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5th. Illinois Knights of Columbus is the Presenting Sponsor.

Opening ceremonies for the Winter Games again will be in downtown Galena on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Opening ceremonies – from 5:30 to 6 p.m. – are a highlight of the Winter Games. At opening ceremonies athletes will recite the Special Olympics oath. Community members are invited to attend opening ceremonies and the competitions to cheer on the athletes.

The parade of athletes will move through downtown Galena before ending in front of the Old Post Office on Green St. for opening ceremonies. Athletes, coaches, family members and volunteers will have time to shop and take in the sites of historic Galena before opening ceremonies and then eat dinner at local restaurants after the ceremonies.

Winter Games is one of 175 Special Olympics competitions held each year throughout the state. Competition gives athletes the opportunity to demonstrate the sports skills they have developed through training. To compete in the Winter Games, athletes must have trained for at least eight weeks and qualified through one of 17 areas in the state.

Add Four Transfers To The Cougar Roster

Head coach Mike Feminis and St. Xavier University football program added four transfers from around the area to help strengthen an already strong 2004 Cougar roster. SXU finished in a five-way, first-place tie for the MSFA Midwest League title in 2003 with an overall record of 7-4.

Rey Lang joins the SXU program as a junior fullback after playing for MSFA rival University of St. Francis (Ill.). He played high school football at Oak Forest High School under Brian McDonough.

Steve Strimel will start his career at SXU as a sophomore running back after a short playing stint at Joliet Junior College. Prior to playing at Joliet Junior College, Strimel was a running back at Lincoln-Way Central High School under Rob Gliemi.

Jake Lowell transfers to SXU from Joliet Junior College as well and will serve as a freshman offensive lineman for the Cougars in 2004. Lowell also played at Lincoln-Way Central High School under Gliemi.

Levi Adams joins the Cougars after attending Kennedy-King College in Chicago. Adams was a defensive back at Bogan High School and is projected to garner the same position at SXU.

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Laurie Felton, a senior forward-center at Oak Lawn Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at SXU as a member of the Cougar women's basketball program.

Felton, who resides in Oak Lawn, is currently coached by Janet Haubenreiser at Oak Lawn Community, where she has been a three-year varsity player and a two-year starter. She is the daughter of Ken and Laura Felton. She is planning to study elementary education at SXU.

"Laurie will add a lot to our program," said SXU head women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg. "She is a hard worker and a fierce rebounder. Her style of play will definitely fit into our system."

SXU Suffers Loss To Barat

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a team-high 23 points to keep the St. Xavier University men's basketball team perfect in CCAC play with a 4-0 record following a 83-77 win over Barat College (Ill.) recently at the Shannon Center in Chicago. SXU is currently riding a five-game winning streak.

Junior guard Phillip Watson had an impressive all-around performance for the Cougars with 19 points and seven assists, including an 11-of-12 showing from the free-throw line. Junior forward Mike Rojas just missed a double-double performance with 15 points and eight rebounds, while reserve guard Rick Romeli turned in nine points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Cougars pulled away late in the first half extending their lead to 10, 43-33, at the halftime break. However, the Bulldogs came out firing to open the second half and narrowed the lead quickly. Barat shot an outstanding 18-for-28 from the field (64 percent) in the second half to make things interesting down the stretch. However, SXU was able to convert its free throws in the waning minutes to seal the victory.

SXU Women's Team Defeats IIT 93-39

Behind the strong play of sophomore center Veronica Kristie, who tallied game-highs of 18 points and 10 rebounds, the No. 22 St. Xavier University women's basketball team defeated Illinois Institute of Technology, 93-39, in CCAC action recently in Chicago.

Besides Kristie's 18 points, two other Cougars scored in double figures. Senior guard Stephanie Wright shot an efficient 5-for-7 from the field, including 2-for-3 from three-point range, for 12 points. Senior guard Jessica Joyce scored a season-high 10 points to help SXU capture the victory.

Holmes On Lewis Team

Senior Sidney Holmes (Chicago/Brother Rice H.S.) is a leader on the Lewis University's men's basketball team that has risen to No. 12 nationally in NCAA Division II and No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region with the help of a school-record 14-game winning streak.

Holmes averages 11.4 points per game, leads the Flyers in overall rebounding (8.6 per game) and offensive rebounding (3.5 per game) and is second to field goal shooting (54.3 percent), steals (1.5 per game) and blocked shots (0.63 per game).

He ranks second in overall rebounding and offensive rebounding, 11th in steals, 13th in blocked shots, 14th in field goal shooting and 24th in scoring in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC).

Lewis owns records of 15-1 overall and 9-0 in the GLVC.

Snowshoeing By Moonlight

"Snowshoeing by Moonlight," a family program for persons at least seven years of age, will be on Friday, Feb. 6th at 7 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. Registration and a fee of $3 per person, which includes the rental of snowshoes, are required for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

Experience the serenity that is winter at night. This unique evening program invites participants to strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore Monee Reservoir's natural areas. Under the light of the full moon, we will traverse the snowy landscape, enjoy the quiet of evening, and experience the tranquility of the season. Bring your own snowshoes or call Monee Reservoir to reserve a pair of ours (numbers are limited). In the event there is no snow, the program will take place on foot.

To register or to receive additional information, call (708) 534-8499.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-19-04
Showdown at North Park
Proviso West 49, Morgan Park 42
Julian 42, Thornwood 37
Mather 51, DuSable 27
Curie 66, Corliss 40
Tuesday, 1-20-04
Chicago Blue-South
Ag Science 66, Fenger 61
Bogan 82, Calumet 52
Chicago Red-South
Simeon 59, Morgan Park 51
Catholic League
Brother Rice 75, St. Francis de Sales 45
Fenwick 56, St. Ignatius 40
Hales Franciscan 83, De La Salle 71
Mount Carmel 57, Providence 33
St. Rita 69, Gordon Tech 67 OT
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 63, Notre Dame 37
Independent School League
Lake Forest Acad 79, Morgan Park Acad 39
Non-Conference
Beecher 62, Illiana Christian 55
Bolingbrook 49, Stagg 40
Chicago Christian 62, Evergreen Park 35
Hillcrest 61, Thornton 56
Homewood-Flossmoor 59, Rich South 56 OT
Joliet 67, Kankakee 49
Lemont 56, Westmont 53
Lincoln-Way East 48, Oak Forest 40
Lockport 62, Bradley 54
Reavis 66, Eisenhower 41
Shepard 73, Crete-Monee 52
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Chicago Blue-Central
Tilden 71, Kennedy 57
Non-Conference
Andrew 56, St. Laurence 44
Thursday, 1-22-04
Chicago Blue-South
Ag Science 54, Calumet 45
Bogan 98, Brooks 29
Fenger 65, CICS-Longwood 62
Friday, 1-23-04
Catholic League
Brother Rice 67, Leo 60
Fenwick 68, St. Rita 37
Hales Franciscan 79, Loyola 58
Mt. Carmle 80, Bishop McNamara 38
Providence 61, Gordon Tech 55
St. Ignatius 50, De La Salle 45
St. Ignatius 55, St. Francis de Sales 33
East Suburban Catholic
St. Patrick 49, Marist 40
Notre Dame 64, Joliet Catholic 39
Independent School League
Francis Parker 77, Morgan Park Academy 29
Private School League
Luther North 64, Illiana Christian 62
Rockford Chris. Life 74, Chicago Christian 63
Timothy Christian 79, Luther South 34
SICA Central
Eisenhower 64, T.F. South 52
Hillcrest 80, Bremen 68
T.F. North 46, Tinley Park 44
SICA East
Bloom 53, Shepard 37
Homewood-Flossmoor 46, Thornton 45
Thornwood 53, Thornridge 44
SICA North
Bolingbrook 62, Oak Lawn 57
Reavis 52, Argo 40
Richards 63, Romeoville 48
SICA West
Joliet 75, Stagg 42
Sandburg 46, Lincoln-Way East 44
Lincoln-Way Central 61, Andrew 54
Suburban Prairie South
Plainfield Central 71, Lemont 64

Saturday, 1-24-04
Public Red South
Carver 65, Morgan Park 62
Suburban Prairie East
Elmwood Park 52, Evergreen Park 43
Non-Conference
Bloom 54, Marian Catholic 34
East Aurora 73, Lockport 41
Luther South-70, Seton 50
Reavis 65, IMSa 30
Thornwood 46, New Trier 45, 2 OT

BOYS BOWLING
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Catholic League Shootout
Teams: De La Salle 2,748; Brother Rice 2,725; Notre dame 2,719; Loyola 2,716; Gordon Tech 2,579; St. Laurence 2,503; St. Rita 2,445; St. Ignatius 2,427; Mt. Carmel 2,426, Fenwick 2,385.
Thursday, 1-22-04
Hinsdale South 2,935, Lincoln-Way East 2,864
Saturday, 1-24-04
IHSA Sectionals
Note: Top 2 teams and top 3 individuals not on qualifying teams advance to state tournament. Additionally, 4 at large bowlers will be chosen from the 12 sectionals based on highest scores.
At Hinsdale South
Final Team Standings: 1, Lockport 6,057. 2, Hinsdale South 5,951. 3, Sandburg 5,756. 4, Minooka 5,517. 5, Plainfield South 5,493. 6, Lincoln-Way East 5,486. 7, Hinsdale Central 5,358. 8, Plainfield Central 5,173. 9, Lincoln-Way Central 4,998. 10, Kennedy 4,903. 11, Stagg 4,601.
Individuals: 1, Kurt Freiding, Hinsdale South 1,346. 2, Ryan McDaniel, Lockport 1,277. 3, Dave Pew, Lockport, 1,258. 4, Bryan Sobkowiak, Sandburg, 1,228. 5, Chris White, Minooka, 1,227.
Other State Qualifiers: Joe Niewiadomski, Sandburg 1,186.
At St. Ignatius
Final Team Standings: 1, De La Salle 5,433. 2, Young, 5,154.
Individuals: 1, Brian Ginger, De La Salle, 1,246. 2, Keenan Ballo, Yuong 1,203. 3, Bryant Ross, Hales Franciscan, 1,155. 4, Mike Smith, De La Salle, 1,205. 5, Mike Podlasek, De La Salle, 1,079.
Other State Qualifiers: Anthony Johnson, Jones, 1,057. Max Mari, St. Ignatius 1,041.
At Bremen
Final Team Standings: 1, MorganPark, 5,935. 2, Brother Rice, 5,893.
Individuals: 1, Nick Palanyk, Brother Rice, 1,281. 2, Dave Campbell, Tinley Park, 1,269. 3, Evan Jones, CVC, 1,255. 4, Jeremy Carter, Morgan Park, 1,236. 5, John Savoy, Morgan Park 1,236.
Other State Qualifiers: Ryan Tracz, Andrew, 1,230.
At Oak Lawn
Final Team Standings: 1, St. Laurence 4,862. 2, St. Rita 4,817. 3, Mt. Carmel 4,789. 4, Oak Lawn, 4,746. 5, Hyde Park, 4,527. 6, Bogan 4,464. 7, Simeon 4,457. 8, Curie 3,966. 9, Leo 3,648. 10, Harper 3,244.
Individuals: 1, Jay Sulek, St. Rita, 1,172. 2, Craig Salerno, St. Laurence, 1,161. 3, Devon Radford, Mt. Carmel, 1,114. 4, Lebarron Barlow, Bogan, 1,087. 5, Tobias Randles, Hyde Park, 1,066.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, 1-20-04
Fenwick 273, St. Patrick 179, St. Ignatius 142
Lincoln-Way Central 97, Andrew 86
Loyola 103, Brother Rice 83
T.F. South 58, Tinley Park 35
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Lincoln-Way East 115, Lockpor 60
Sandburg 104, Homewood-Flossmoor 82
Thursday, 1-22-04
Stagg 121, Thornton 59
Lyons 93, Oak Park 92
Friday, 1-23-04
Fenwick 205, Loyola 202, Mt. Carmel 80, Notre Dame 43
Saturday, 1-24-04
Evergreen Park Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Bradley 266. 2, St Rita 240. 3, Reavis 188. 4, Plainfield 155. 5, Evergreen Park 144. 6, Oak Lawn 129. 7, Mt Carmel 87. 8, Thornton 72. 9, C-High 68
Hinsdale Central Invitational
Final Teams Standing: 1, New Trier 417. 2, Hinsdale Central 288. 3, St. Charles North 206. 4, Palatine 198. 5, Champaign Centennial 166. 6, Lincoln-Way East 119

WRESTLING
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Curie 62, Morgan Park 6
Curie 69, Kelvyn Park 6
Mather 48, Bogan 27
Mather 42, Dunbar 30
Mather 48, Phillips 27
Thursday, 1-22-04
Bolingbrook 33, Andrew 25
Curie 56, Ag Science 27
Hinsdale South 50, Lemont 18
Homewood-Flossmoor 48, Crete-Monee 29
Homewood-Flossmoor 52, Rich South 10
Hubbard 57, Ag Science 31
Hubbard 53, Curie 39
Oak Lawn 36, Richard 31
Providence 49, Marist 7
Reavis 63, T.F. South 4
Friday, 1-23-04
Argo 67, Oak Forest 7
Lockport 40, Lincoln-Way Central 12
Notre Dame 45, Marian Catholic 23
Shepard 38, Stagg 26
Saturday, 1-24-04
Andrew 70, Oak Forest 9
Joliet 30, Reavis 28
Joliet 79, Tinley Park 0
Bradley Quad
Lockport 58, Bradley 10
Lockport 42, Waubonsie Valley 25
Lockport 40, Wheaton South 18
Oak Park Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Lyons 242.5. 2, Notre Dame 242. 3, Argo 217.5. 4, Oak Park 205. 5, Hubbard 165. 6, Lake View 79. 7, Kelvyn Park 26. 8, Northside Prep 20
Marian Catholic Quad
Homewood-Flossmoor 39, Marian Catholic 32
Homewood-Flossmoor 59, T.F. North 19
Marian Catholic 52, T.F. North 22
Stagg 34, Homewood-Flossmoor 26
Stagg 64, T.F. North 9
Romeoville Quad
Lincoln-Way Central 32, Naperville North 27
Lincoln-Way Central 49, Romeoville 24
Chicago Catholic League Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, St. Rita 260. 2, Providence 223. 3, Fenwick 134. 4, Mt. Carmel 117. 5, Gordon Tech 93.5. 6, De La Salle 86. 7, St. Ignatius 18. 8, Brother Rice 15. 9, Bishop McNamara 11. 10, St. Laurence 8. 11, Loyola 6.
Championship Matches
103-John Starzyk, St. Rita d. Ron Uccardi, Providence 4-3. 112-Mario Morgan, Mt. Carmel d. Kyle Hutter, Providence 6-5. 119-Dontae Brown, Mt. Carmel d. Thomas Webster, De La Salle 6-2. 125-Ken Jordan, Mt. Carmel, d. Dan Ruettiger, Providence 4-2. 130-Nick Bertucci, Fenwick d. David Murphy, Providence 6-2. 135-Albert White, St. Rita d. Scott DeChant, Providence, 17-6. 140-Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Gerry Starzyk, St. Rita 3-0. 145-Khris Argue, Mt. Carmel d. Marty Engnell, Providence 2-1 (OT). 152-Abolade Abioye, Gordon Tech, d. John Drabeck, Providence 16-5. 160-Brett Wolniakowski, St. Rita d. Tim Golden, De La Salle 7-5 (OT). 171-John Murphy, St. Rita d. Matt Harmon, Fenwick 4-1. 189-Mike Tamillow, Fenwick d. Scott Sands, St. Rita 8-5. 215-Brendan McElligott, St. Rita d. Mike Najerowica, Gordon Tech 21-7. 275-Freddie Deramus, St. Rita d. Alex Contreraz, Gordon Tech 2-1 (2 OT).

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-19-04
Private School League
Timothy Christian 40, Illiana Christian 32
SICA North
Richards 58, Romeoville 37
Non-Conference
Resurrecton 62, Marist 49
Sweet 16
New Trier 90, Mother McAuley 41
Tuesday, 1-20-04
Chicago Public Central
Kennedy 62, Phillips 27
Chicago Public Metro South
Brooks 45, Ag Science 42
Chicago Public Windy City
Hope 48, Morgan Park 37
GCAC Red
Mother McAuley 70, Maria 38
Trinity 61, Regina 46
SICA Central
T.F. South 54, Bremen 44
Oak Forest 52, T.F. North 20
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 53, Thornton 26
Shepard 64, Bloom 46
SICA North
Bolingbrook 61, Oak Lawn 29
SICA West
Andrew 34, Lincoln-Way Central 30
Lincoln-Way South 58, Lockport 24
Sandburg 56, Stagg 46
Non-Conference
Joliet Catholic 58, Plainfield Central 40
Queen of Peace 46, Reavis 41
Seton 51, De La Salle 36
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Chicago Public South
Bogan 58, South Shore 41
Vocational 40, Fenger 18
East Suburban Catholic
Benet 56, Marist 36
Joliet Catholic 56, Marian Catholic 53
St. Viator 67, Providence 60
Fenwick 43, Carmel 30
SICA Central
Hillcrest 72, Tinley Park 30
Thursday, 1-22-04
Morgan Park 65, Simeon 43
GCAC Red
Resurrection 53, Queen of Peace 34
Loyola 54, St. Ignatius 40
SICA Central
Bremen 52, Eisenhower 49
Hillcrest 77, T.F. North 35
Oak Forest 47, T.F. South 30
SICA North
Reavis 44, Argo 39
SICA West
Lincoln-Way Central 46, Lincoln-Way East 30
Sandburg 44, Joliet 37
Non-Conference
Mt. Assisi 46, Gordon Tech 30
Oak Lawn 58, Oak Park 53 OT
Richards 48, Andrew 47
St. Benedict 56, De La Salle 39
St. Francis de Sales 48, Illiana Chris 43 3 OT
Seton 45, Maria 31
Timothy Christian 53, Chicago Christian 48
Friday, 1-23-04
Independent School League
Francis Parker 55, Morgan Park Academy 36
SICA West
Stagg 72, Lockport 36
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 44, Plainfield 42, 2 OT
Non-Conference
Ag Science 54, Cristo Rey 19
Saturday, 1-24-04
East Suburban Catholic
Marian Catholic 61, Marist 47
Fenwick 54, Benet 48
Carmel 52, Nazareth 43
GCAC Red
Loyola 68, Queen of Peace 24
Private School League
Illiana Christian 53, Luther North 20
Suburban Prairie East
Evergreen Park 59, Elmwood Park 46
Riverside-Brookfield 81, Westmont 24
Non-Conference
Glenbard West 66, De La Salle 36
Glenbrook South 51, Morgan Park 31
Hillcrest 52, Downers Grove South 48
Lemont 39, Bremen 22
Montini 52, Mt. Assisi 31
Northside Prep 45, Maria 29
St. Francis de Sales 36, Francis Parker 26

GIRLS BOWLING
Tuesday, 1-20-04
Andrew 1,297, Sandburg 1,237
Brooks 2,278, Morgan Park 2,144
Joliet 1,616, T.F. South 1,602
Peotone 2,475, Tinley Park 2,001
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Bremen at Oak Forest
Teams: Bremen 1,715, Rich Central 1,561, Andrew 1,466, Tinley Park 1,346
Lockport at Strike and Spare
Teams: West Aurora 2,686, Lockport 2,451, Crete-Monee 2,217, Oak Lawn 2,075
Thursday, 1-22-04
Lemont 2,577, Evergreen Park 2,283
Lincoln-Way C 1,288, Lincoln-Way E 1,280
Stagg 1,462, Andrew 1,418
Saturday, 1-24-04
SICA North Central Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Bremen 4,758. 2, Reavis 4,751. 3, Eisenhower 4,353. 4, Argo 3,962. 5, Oak Lawn 3,902. 6, Richards 3,886. 7, Stagg 3,009. **Individuals:** 1, Sam Ruglio, Bremen, 1,134. 2, Carmella Tritto, Oak Lawn, 1,063. 3, Jocelyn Bradley, Eisenhower, 1,006. 4, Judy Iichacek, Reavis, 1,000. 5, Lorri Gurnak, Bremen, 977. 6, Jill Szlarski, Reavis 968. 7, Bridget Blake, Eisenhower, 962. 8, Julie Thompson, Reavis, 942. 9, Lauren Hajduk, Reavis, 923. 10, Kristine Jutzi, Reavis, 918
SICA West Central Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Lockport 5,521. 2, Lincoln-Way Central 4,992. 3, Joliet 4,562. 4, Lincoln-Way East 4,407. 5, Tinley Park 4,163. 6, Hillcrest 3,885.
Suburban Prairie North Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Lemont 5,721. 2, Sycamore 5,602. 3, Fenton 5,323. 4, Kaneland 5,074. 5, Evergreen Park 4,794. *Lemont and Sycamore shared conference championship based on dual meet and tournament results.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Wednesday, 1-21-04
Sandburg 140.6, Lincoln-Way 111.4
Saturday, 1-24-04
York Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Conant 149.125. 2, Lake Park 139.72. 3, St. Charles East 138.35. 4, Glenbard West 138.215. 5, Sandburg 137.9. 6, Hinsdale Central 135.325. 7, Barrington 134.725. 8, Naperville North 134. 9, York 128.975. 10, Andrew 114.1. 11, Lincoln-Way Co-op 102.6. 12, Rock Island Alleman 66.175
Local Winner: Vault – 2nd Carling Butler, Sandburg, 9.45

Speed Skating Event

Lace up your skates, it's time to compete for the medal at the annual Winter Delights Speed Skating Classic at McFeteridge Sports Center, 3843 N. California Ave. On Feb. 8th, skaters of all skill levels will take to the ice to participate in this annual competition.

From beginners to longtime competitors, all skaters need to do to compete is pick up an application and send it in before registration ends on Feb. 2nd (applications must be postmarked by that day). Applications are available by calling (312) 744-1179. The entry fee is $15 (checks should be made payable to the City of Chicago). Every participant will receive a goody bag, T-shirt and official certificate of participation. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

The competition is sanctioned by the Amateur Skating Assn. of Illinois. Recreational skaters will need to arrive by 9 a.m. to check in, ASU-A and B skaters will need to check in by 10 a.m. and racing begins at 11 a.m.

All ages are welcome, and skaters may use any kind of ice skates. Skates will be available for rental at the rink. All participants must wear gloves, long sleeves and a helmet when they compete. Family and friends of skaters are encouraged to come and cheer on the competitors (free admission).

Special Winter Delights Speed Skating Classic hotel rates are available for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7th and 8th, at the Lenox Suites, 616 N. Rush St. Call (312) 337-1000 and ask for the Winter Delights Speed Skating offer to receive the $79.99 per night rate.

Telander Scores

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a game-high 26 points to lead the St. Xavier University men's basketball team to its fourth consecutive victory with a 94-55 CCAC win over Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in league action recently in Chicago.

In addition to scoring 26 points, Telander also contributed six rebounds and five assists. Three other Cougars scored in double figures in the win. Junior forward Michael Rojas had 17 points, while senior forward Raphael Morris contributed 14 points. Junior guard Phillip Watson was the other SXU player in double figures scoring recording 11 points, in addition to five rebounds and three assists.

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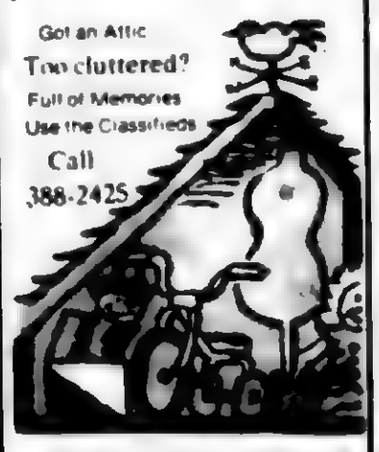

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4899.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor Southwest Corner (nearest Corner to Clark and Washington Sts.) Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
207287C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank N.A. a Division of ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Tyrone Henderson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10383.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 7965 South Kildare, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $177,639.39.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michelle D. Hardy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11275.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3038 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,931.43.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6334.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

204437C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA, f/k/a Bancoklahoma Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar H. Zayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11516

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8891 W. 93rd Street, Hickory Hills, IL 60457

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,788.26.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6774.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

204436C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by corporate merger to Great Western Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Issa Sweiss, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4195

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9415 S. McVicker Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $159,493.67.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-2581.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

204431C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Moreau, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-3130

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 155556

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of the Daley Center immediately outside the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3307-3311 W. 147th St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $126,398.12.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

212036C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. John Johnson a/k/a John M. Johnson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10188.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 3, 2003 in the amount of $25,031.18, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on March 8, 2004 outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/K/A: 6243 Rio Verde Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties, sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

207101C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. James S. Antkowski, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12046

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 1, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5520 W. Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,326.50.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33804.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203993C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Jozef Brejcak, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-7653

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5850 W. 87th Street, #3A, Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $83,654.73.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-4508.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

206130C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Willie E. Stephen, Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-14854. Sheriff's No. 030298.

Public Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a Judgment entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on February 15, 2001

Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of COOK County, (Sheriff's # 030298-001F), will on February 5, 2004, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, in the hallway outside Room 701, 7th Floor of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash (10% at the time of sale and balance within 24 hours subject to interest), the following described premises situated in COOK County, Illinois.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff.

Upon the sale being made and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon Court confirmation of said sale.

Commonly known as: 8218 South Richmond Street, Chicago, IL 60652.

Improvements: Residential Structure - Unknown; Units - Unknown; Bedrooms - Unknown; Garage - Unknown; Bathrooms - Unknown; Other - Unknown.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,348.25. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.

For Bid Amount contact:
Sales Clerk
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, LLC
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, IL
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205346C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-01-98, Plaintiff, vs. Davie L. Sevier, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01C-9186

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 48354

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/12/2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 18, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at southwest corner of Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 14343 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469.

The improvements on the property consist of 4 unit, wood frame, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $190,324.99.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205452C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael Ratulowski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9757.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14405 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $96,369.50.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205069C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Ida Scruggs, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11122.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 16, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 3863 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60658.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $123,523.81.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205072C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for the GRMT II Mortgage Loan Tr. 2000-1 dated 9/1/2000, Plaintiff, vs. Mike E. Switalski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11310.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4645 W. 89th Place, Hometown, IL 60452

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Laurence V. Hudson, Jr. a/k/a Lawrence V. Hudson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8121 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $92,302.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
205048C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sharron Carrethers, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-1849.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 54833
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on February 11, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner of Daley Center, immediately outside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3515 W. 77th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family home.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $134,628.75.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America The Assignee of Fifth Third Bank the Successor in Corporate interest to Old Kent Mortgage the Assignee of Pacor Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Michael T. Richard, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-11754.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 10, 2003 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 16200 S. Grove, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $240,128.61.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28164.
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REAL ESTATE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $40,090.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.
204168C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Perlikiewicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14770 Waverly Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $56,538.73.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5983.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Its Successors and Assigns, as nominee for Wachovia Bank, N.A. f/k/a First Union National Bank as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Nagel, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9132 S. Tulley Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $135,167.12.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6304.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Keith A. Neideen a/k/a Keith Neideen, Defendant. No. 03Ch-8799.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 13, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 15124 South Raday, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $86,131.53.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny Bunch Jr., et al., Defendants. No 01Ch-21259.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9140 S. Saint Louis Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family two story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $178,196.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0109473.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Mark Sirianni a/k/a Mark L. Sirianni, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10937.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14728 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, townhouse/rowhouse with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $107,779.45.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305404
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NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not an itself an expression of a preference limitation specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Celebrate Wildlife

Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day, and members of the Chicago Wilderness consortium invite the public to join them in marking the occasion with events celebrating local wildlife. Local organizations will offer a variety of fun wildlife-related activities including storytelling, crafts for kids, and guided nature walks. The event provides a fun connection to nature and an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about local wildlife.

According to the legend, if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on Feb. 2 and sees its shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks. However, if the day is cloudy and the groundhog doesn't see a shadow, spring will arrive soon. Brad Semel is a natural heritage biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He says that the Chicago region is home to a healthy population of groundhogs.

Horizon Hospice Sessions

Horizon Hospice, Chicago's first hospice service, was established in 1978 by four volunteers to provide compassionate comfort care to the dying. Horizon now serves about 600 terminally ill patients throughout the Chicago area annually. Visiting physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers and volunteers deliver home-based end-of-life care focused on relieving the pain and respecting the dignity of each patient. Specifically trained volunteers offer companionship and practical assistance to hospice patients and their families.

Horizon Hospice is conducting a six-session, 18-hour training program for adults interested in becoming volunteers for Horizon. Topics covered include:

- The philosophy of hospice care
- The role of the volunteer
- Listening skills and hands-on skills for hospice volunteers

Horizon Hospice will be held six weekday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Feb. 25th at 833 W. Chicago Ave. (just west of Halsted), 3rd floor, Chicago. To interview for volunteer training, call the volunteer coordinator at (312) 633-9490, Ext. 260.

Senior Trips

The Worth Township Seniors will start their senior day trips for the new year on March 4th. It will be a trip to the Fireside Theatre to see Guys & Dolls. The trip will include a delicious lunch and travel via a deluxe motorcoach. You can call Worth Township at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. To make reservations.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Due to the death of her father, Messenger Publisher Walter H. Lysen, Ms. Lysen's column will return in February.

2003 Tax Bills Are Being Mailed

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced the mailing of 1.6 million tax bills Monday, and she urged taxpayers to use a new web-site system to see if they were among more than 100,000 who applied for the homeowner exemption two years ago, but not last year.

The tax bills being mailed are for the 2003 first installment taxes that are due March 2. Payments may be made:

- By mail by sending one check per payment coupon.
- Online by following the instructions at www.cookcountytreasurer.com
- At any of the more than 130 LaSalle Bank sites by presenting an original copy of the bill with payment. Taxpayers do not have to have LaSalle accounts to use this option.
- Expanding on a pilot program from last fall, more than three dozen area community banks will allow their customers to pay by direct debit from their bank lobbies.

As with last year's bills, taxpayers, are being encouraged to use the automated phone system at (312) 443-5100 or the search engine at www.cookcountytreasurer.com to see if any properties they have owned in the last five years are among the 125,000 with $135 million in overpayment and double-payment refunds available.

In addition to checking for such overpayments, Pappas said that taxpayers should check their tax bill from last fall (due Oct. 1, 2003) or a new system at the website to verify that they received all exemptions they were entitled to receive. "We received data this month that more than 100,000 properties that had the homeowners exemption the year before did not have it last fall, because the homeowners did not apply to the Assessor for the exemption. That exemption is worth $300 to $500, depending on local tax rates," Pappas said.

"This is why at www.cookcountytreasurer.com the 'Payment Status' section for taxes due last year now also features exemption information – in case people did not keep their tax bill or never saw it because it was paid through a mortgage," Pappas said. "If taxpayers see a red 'no' next to an exemption and they qualified for it, they may still apply now to the Assessor's Office for an adjustment. The Assessor issues all exemptions and adjustments, and if the Assessor grants the adjustment on a tax bill that was already paid, it results in a refund from the Treasurer's Office."

The first-installment bills due now are estimated equal to one-half of the prior year's total tax and do not reflect final exemptions, assessments, appeals and tax rates. The second-installment bills in the late summer reflect the final data, including exemptions.

Pappas noted that when the Assessor's Office sends exemption applications later this year, homeowners should be sure to apply for all their exemptions to be credited in the fall.

Tomato Frog Cake

Whether you say tomato or to-mah-to, Brookfield Zoo has a great Valentine's Day gift idea that is sure to make that special someone leap with love. In honor of the amorous holiday, the zoo is offering a Share the Care package featuring the tomato frog.

Your $30 contribution will help Brookfield Zoo care for a tomato frog for one year. In return, your significant other receives a mini plush tomato frog, a color photo of a tomato frog, a personalized certificate, tomato frog fact sheet, an invitation to Brookfield Zoo's Share the Care Evening in August and a window decal.

A gift card carrying your name and Valentine's message can accompany the gift. To ensure delivery by Feb. 14th, orders must be received by Feb. 10th. Or stop by the zoo's Administration Building (near the south entrance) to get your Share the Care package. It may also be purchased on the zoo's Web site, www.brookfieldzoo.org, under the Share the Care section.

For more information, call (708) 485-0263, ext. 341.

Schedule A Healthy Heart Exam

While women are more vigilant than ever about having an annual mammogram, they need to be equally as vigilant about their heart health. That's because women are far more likely to experience heart disease than breast cancer, according to Robert Iaffaldano, M.D., cardiologist and medical director of the cardiac catheterization program at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island.

"The communication effort behind the breast cancer detection movement has been admirable, and very effective," said Dr. Iaffaldano. "However, it is equally as important that women are keenly aware of the very real and imminent threat heart disease presents to millions of women in this country."

One in eight women develops breast cancer in her lifetime, but one in three women dies from heart disease. That's more than the next seven causes of death combined – about one-half million American women each year – and most were unaware they had heart disease.

In response, St. Francis is making it a priority to inform women about these alarming statistics and to act on the information by scheduling a Healthy Heart Exam when they have their routine mammogram.

At $45, the Healthy Heart Exam is a cost-effective way to get basic yet telling information about the health of the heart. It includes:

- EKG-monitored exercise test.
- HDL and LDL cholesterol levels.
- Triglyceride level.
- Blood sugar level.
- Blood pressure.
- Percentage of body fat.
- Cardiac risk factor analysis.

"We are confident that our effort to encourage women to pay as much attention to their heart disease risk as their breast cancer risk will prove beneficial and potentially lifesaving to women in our community," Dr. Iaffaldano added.

At mammography appointments, St. Francis provides information urging women to "take a deeper look" at their heart health. The information notes the higher risk of heart disease, encouraging women to make an appointment for the Healthy Heart Exam, and to make a regular commitment to both of these early detection opportunities.

"This isn't an 'either or' proposition," Dr. Iaffaldano clarified. "It is important for women to have personalized information about their health and to know the risks for heart disease and breast cancer. We simply want to help women make it a habit to check both."

For more information about the Healthy Heart Exam at St. Francis Hospital, call (708) 597-2000, ext. 4900.

Distribute Equipment

Continuing his effort to keep the state's first responders safe during an emergency involving nuclear, biological or chemical hazards, Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced recently that by mid-February virtually every law enforcement officer outside the City of Chicago will have received equipment that could save their lives during a response.

"Police officers and firefighters would be the first on the scene of a terrorist attack," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Illinois is the first state actively seeking to ensure that all of these frontline defenders have the protection they need to do their jobs in life-threatening situations involving chemical, biological or radiological hazards."

Distribution of the equipment began in August 2003, and to date more than 20,000 law enforcement officers have received basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), with another 1,000 units to be distributed by mid-February. That will complete the first of three phases in the distribution program.

Emergency management and public health responders will begin receiving PPE this month, with 11,000 units expected to be distributed by April. The final stage of the distribution, to around 20,000 fire services responders, is expected to start in April and be completed in June. At that time, more than 54,000 first responders will have PPE.

The effort to distribute PPE to every first responder in the state is being coordinated by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). Funding for the distribution program, which totals $20.8 million, comes from federal terrorism funds received by the state.

The City of Chicago receives separate federal terrorism funds and is planning a similar PPE distribution to its first responders. Once that distribution is complete, approximately 80,000 first responders throughout the state will have the equipment.

Law enforcement responders are receiving the Avon FM-12 mask, which includes a nuclear/biological/chemical filter, carrier and a monocle eyepiece. The military and the Illinois State Police use the same mask. Each PPE unit costs approximately $260.

Equipment for law enforcement officials was selected by the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), the mutual aid organization formed by the Illinois Sheriff's Assn. and the Illinois Assn. of Chiefs of Police. PPE for fire services personnel is being selected by the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

McShane Construction Corporation maintains its aggressive construction schedule amidst chilling winter conditions at Hanover Place, a 150-unit senior rental community, located at 16909 Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park. The three-story, 163,000 square foot residential structure, under development by Oberon Development Co., will include 94 one-bedroom, one-bath, and 56 two-bedroom, two-bath units. McShane Construction, and project architect, Arete 3, Ltd., began the sitework and pre-construction services for the project in August 2003 with resident occupancy scheduled for September this year.

Southwest Area Obituaries

William J. White, Sr.

Mass was said Monday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for William J. White Sr., 94, a veteran and husband of the late Kathryn. He was a 75 year member of I.B.E.W. Local 134.

He is survived by his children Bill, Cathy (Jack) Robinson, and Mary Beth (Mark) Krause; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

William J. Rafferty

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Stephen Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William J. Rafferty, a retired Chicago Police Officer and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife Toni; his children Michael, Patricia (John) Hughes, Matthew (Carrie), Lawrence (Stacy) and Cecelia (Brett) Oftedahl; and 10 grandchildren.

Richard R. Glatz

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, for Richard R. Glatz, 60, of Beverly. He was the owner of R.R. Glatz Realtors and a member and past officer of the Chicago and South Suburban Real Estate Boards.

He is survived by his wife Pattye; a son Richard M.D. (Jennifer); one grandchild and a brother Edward (Jane).

Pauline Gesmondi

Mass was said Monday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Pauline Gesmondi, 92, wife of the late George.

She is survived by her daughter Josephine Wensel; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Jacquelyn Pikes

Services were held Tuesday at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, for Jacquelyn Pikes, wife of the late Theodore. She was a past member of the McDonald Linn VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children Pamela (Donald) Kraft, Kimberly (Donald) Zitska and John (Barbara); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister Nancy (Dick) Nelson.

Ruth E. Whetham

Services were held Wednesday at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery for Ruth E. Whetham, 83, of Oak Lawn. She was retired from Illinois Bell Telephone Company with 44 years of service. During that time she was a member of the Bell Chorus. She was politically active with the Republican Party and attended President Richard Nixon's inauguration and inaugural ball in 1969. She was a member of the Englewood Outdoor Club.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Virginia Osier

Services were held Saturday at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Virginia "Dorothy" Osier.

She is survived by her husband George J. Osier; her children Mark (Donna), Barbara (Randy) Davis, Jerry (Kari), and Desiree (Edine) Kedjour; six grandchildren; brothers David (Louise) and John Newland and a sister Marilyn (Junior) Blessing.

John Fedora Sr.

Services were held Monday at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Oakland Memory Lanes, for John Fedora, Sr., 85, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a 35 year employee of Wisconsin Steel and a member of the Bremen VFW Post 2791 in Tinley Park and the 37th Division 149th Infantry Ohio.

He is survived by his wife Julia A.; his children John Steven Jr. Margaret and Julie; and a brother Joseph.

Marilyn C. Herman

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 29th at 9:45 a.m. from Kenny Brothers, 3600 W. 95th St., to 10:30 a.m. mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 Lawndale Ave., for Marilyn C. Herman, wife of the late Michael. Visitation Wednesday from 3 to 9 p.m.

She is survived by her children Michael and Joseph; her mother Mary McPartlin; and brothers John, Michael and Patrick (Denice) McPartlin.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

John J. Pontano Jr.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for John J. Pontano Jr. 35.

He is survived by his children J.J., Ashley, Jessica, Stacie, Vinnie and Michael; his mother Sally (William) Smolen; his father John; brothers Anthony and Leopold, sister Constance and his wife Kimberly

Frank L. Hefeli Sr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Frank Lawrence Hefeli Sr., formerly of Orland Park, a veteran and husband of the late Lillian

He is survived by his children Sharon (Robert) Richards, and Frank Jr (Maribel), and seven grandchildren

Mary Skalka

Mass was said Saturday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Mary Skalka, 88, of Alsip, wife of the late Alexander.

She is survived by her children Edward and Patricia, two grandchildren; and sisters Sue Boron, Frances Kocian and Dorothy Polacek.

Johanna S. Skoglund

Services were held Saturday at the Blake-Lamb Becvar Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Johanna S Skoglund, 99, wife of the late Olof

She is survived by her children Harold, Warren (Peggy), and Elaine Dorris; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Irene M. Rathnau

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Irene M Rathau, 76, former employee of the Illinois Central Railroad.

She is survived by her sister Alice Simkins.

Matilda Deanne

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 21st, at the East Valley Church of the Nazarene in Apache Junction, AZ, for Matilda "Tillie" Deanne, 74, formerly of Crestwood. She was the former owner of Tillie's Health Hut in Crestwood from 1975 to 2000.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; daughter, Sheila Carlson; son, Bruce (Chris); six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, John (Grace) and Ronald (Joyce) Spano.

William E. Bernard

Services were held Monday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William E. Bernard, a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife Adeline; his son Carl William (Joyce); two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Donald (Bobbye), Patrick (Carol) and Chuck (Lou); sisters Shirley (Al) DeLuca, Barbara McDougall and Betty Rogers; and a stepsister Linda (Jack) Coan.

Evelyn T. Demanuele

Mass was said Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Oakland Memory Lanes Cemetery, for Evelyn T. Demanuele of Hometown, wife of the late Charles. Longtime member of Our Lady of Loretto Parish.

She is survived by her children Joseph (Renee), and Angie (Jay) Brooker, and four grandchildren.

Kathleen R. Emmering

Services were held Wednesday at Damar Funeral Home, Justice, for Kathleen R. Emmering, 44.

She is survived by her husband Russell; her children Rosalie and Lisa Paleczny; her father Vito (Earlene) Pecoraro; brothers, Jim (Eileen) and Vincent (Carey) Pecoraro and a sister Kim (Bill) Felmon.

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Kathleen E. Carroll

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Kathleen E. Carroll, a graduate of Loyola Dental Assistant School and a CCD Instructor at St. Damian School.

She is survived by her husband Mark T.; her children Jason, Elizabeth, Courtney and Evan Bay; stepchildren Allison, Caitlin and Parker Carroll; her parents James and Joyce Jesk; and sisters Kristi (John) Buihner and Kimberly (Andy) Lindemann.

Robert K. Fuka Sr.

Robert K. Fuka Sr., 75, a Korean War veteran of Oak Lawn, passed away on Jan. 22nd at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL. He was the former owner of Fuka Mens Wear, Back of the Yards in Chicago and husband of the late Rae.

He is survived by his children Robert K. Jr. (Sharon), Kim R (Suzanne), Linda R. (Jack) Thompson, Jeffrey W. (Dena) Jayne B. (Danny) Sundseth, Gail H., and Ted F. (Laurie); 24 grandchildren.

Timothy T. O'Donnell

Mass was said Saturday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Timothy T. "Tim" O'Donnell, a longtime employee of the Burbank Park District. He was a member of the Stickney Township Democratic Organization, 3rd degree member of St. Fabian Knights of Columbus as well as many St. Fabian Parish organizations.

He is survived by his sisters Kathleen (Leon) Briick, Colleen (Tom) Murray and a brother Kevin S. (Anita).

Theresa Klikuszewski

Mass was said Saturday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Theresa Y. Klikuszewski, 43, building technician and computer aid at Kolmar Elementary School.

She is survived by her husband Michael; her children Michael and Mark; her mother Vivian Valluzzi; her father Robert Wilmot and sister Roberta Wilmot and Rhonda Kallenborn.

Theresa G. Muma

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Theresa G. Muma, 92, wife of the late Lester.

She is survived by her son Lester Jr.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

June A. Stephans

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for June A. Stephans, wife of the late James Doyle and Michael Stephans.

She is survived by a daughter Judy Piech; daughter-in-law Cindy Doyle; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and a sister Evelyn Mack.

John J. Gilmore Sr.

Services were held Sunday at the Hills Funeral Home, Ltd., Palos Hills, with graveside services on Monday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Elkhorn, WI., for John J. Gilmore Sr., a World War II Army veteran and husband of the late Mary Jane. He was a member of American Legion Post 45 and VFW Post 6375 in Elkhorn.

He is survived by his children John Jr. (Nancy), Thomas Sr. (Susan) and William; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

George Gombis

Visitation will take place Thursday, Jan. 29th, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (Wheeler Dr./155th & Harlem) for George Gombis, 100. He will be lying in state Friday, Jan. 30th, at Grace Fellowship Church, 15150 S. Oak Park Ave., from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. services. Interment will be private at Chapel Hill Gardens—South Cemetery. Mr. Gombis was a well-known street evangelist for over 50 years in the Southwest suburbs and Greek Town area of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Theodore S. (Niki), Dr. Leon G. (Kathryn) and Ruth M. (Martin) Ozinga; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Vincent Hattimer

Services were held Tuesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Vincent Hattimer, 80, a World War II Army veteran, Pacific Theatre Purple Heart Recipient and husband of the late Mary.

He is survived by his children Paul (Deborah) and Suzanne (C.J.); one grandchild; two stepgrandchildren; and a brother Howard (Bernice).

George J. Welling

Mass was said Saturday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for George J. Welling a World War II Navy Armed Guard veteran. He was a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580, American Legion Post 714 and Calumet Region Model "A" Restorers Club.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; his children Georgette (Larry) Ryan and James (Darlene); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Michael R. Sheahan

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael R. Sheahan, 44, who fought a long and courageous battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was the co-founder of the Catholic Charities Golf Invitational, a board member of the Eric Bohne-Pace Foundation and vice president of Soderlund Brothers.

He is survived by his wife Marlene; his children Rory and Michael; his father Harry; sisters, Carol (Mike) Burke and Mary; and brothers Joe and Jim (Carol).

Rose A. Keane

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park with interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, for Rose A. Keane, 85.

She is survived by her husband James J.; her children James M. (Janice) and Anthony J.; and three grandchildren.

Helen Lunter

Mass was said Monday at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, Homer Glen, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Helen Lunter, 80, of Palos Heights.

She is survived by her brothers John and Paul (Eileen) Lunter.

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Ten Free Spruce Trees

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of February.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29 or go online to arborday.org.

Representatives of the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) Southeast Chapter recently presented US Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-2nd Congressional District) with a plaque to commemorate their appreciation for his support of the World Council of Credit Unions' (WOOCU) efforts to further the global reach and stability of the credit union industry.

Speaking on behalf of several credit union officials in attendance, the league's Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs Don Edwards thanked Congressman Jackson for his support of appropriations of funds to the US Agency of International Development (USAID) to support the development of credit unions in South Africa. Congressman Jackson also supported technical assistance programs that enable credit union members in the Philippines to receive remittances from their families in the U.S.

"We are very pleased and appreciative by the ongoing support that the global credit union movement has received by Congressman Jackson and other legislators," said the ICUL's Don Edwards. "It is wonderful to see so many, including all those gathered here today, working together to further the credit union movement's 'People Helping People' philosophy."

Also attending the event were representatives of several southeast suburban credit unions, including: South Division Credit Union's President/CEO Geraldine Burek, H-F Credit Union's CEO Christine Dickover, and Sherwin Williams Credit Union's Branch Manager John Strantz.

Tax Return Donation

Illinois taxpayers have the opportunity this year to contribute to a variety of special funds through their 2003 individual state income tax returns, including six administered by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health.

Three of the Department funds are new this year – Asthma and Lung Research Fund, Leukemia Treatment and Education Fund, and the Lou Gehrig's Disease Research Fund – while others have been included on the state income tax returns for at least several years.

"Illinois taxpayers have been very generous in giving to these funds and this year they have some additional choices," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director. "I hope they remain committed to these important causes for each dollar donated brings us closer to improved treatment options and to finding a cure."

A fund must generate a minimum of $100,000 each year in order to appear on the next year's tax form. Any amount of $1 or more can be given to the funds by writing in a donation amount on the appropriate line. The amount contributed will either be deducted from any refund or added to the amount due.

Direct contributions also may be made to the Department's funds by sending a check, payable to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, to P.O. Box 4263, Springfield, IL 62708. The designated fund should be clearly noted on the check.

Information On Obtaining Scholarships Is Available

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from $10,000-$30,000; high cost colleges can run from $40,000-$100,000. Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or needbased, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied toward tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Lansdowne, VA 20165-0067.

CHICAGO RIDGE PARK DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

4th Grade

St. Mary Star of the Sea White defeated Da Dawgs 20 to 4. Billy Izzo and William McNamara led St. Mary Star of the Sea with 8 points each. Kyle Joy tossed in 4 points for Da Dawgs.

Lemont beat Cardinal Bernardin (2) 15 to 2. Lemont's Jeff Worsech tallied 8 points. Cadan Canavan and Kyle Heneghan scored 1 point each for Cardinal Bernardin (2).

St. Mary Star of the Sea Blue took a 20 to 8 victory over Cardinal Bernardin (1). Marc Pitowski led St. Mary Star of the Sea Blue with 8 points. Cardinal Bernardin (1) was led by Evan Grober (6 points).

Zack Kutsulis and Austin Mastela scored 6 points each to lead the Heat to a 16 to 5 victory over Cardinal Bernardin (3). Joe Cairo and Doug Murdaugh tossed in 2 points each for Cardinal Bernardin (3).

5th Grade

The T-Bolts defeated St. Mary Star of the Sea 34 to 8. Dustin Douma and Tony Durkin led the T-Bolts with 8 points each. Jacob Pikowski and Conrad Chlebek tallied 4 points apiece for St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Anthony Baldassano (15 points) led the Jr. Mustangs to a 26 to 19 victory over the IL Hoopla. Mike Kaiser was lead-scorer for the IL Hoopla with 6 points.

The T-Bolts took a 39 to 12 win over St. Symphorosa. Tony Durkin scored 12 points to lead the T-Bolts. Arman Castillo tallied 8 points for St. Symphorosa.

The Jr. Mustangs beat the Steger Wildcats 33 to 22. Anthony Baldassano tallied 15 points for the Mustangs.

The IL Hoopla defeated St. Mary Star of the Sea 31 to 16. The Hoopla's Sean Fewkes and St. Mary's Jake Pikowski tallied 9 points each for their teams.

6th Grade

Niko Sheinfeld and Kevin Koziol (10 points) each led the IL Hoopla Gold to a 43 to 6 victory over St. Patricia. Sean Hehir led St. Patricia with 4 points.

The Panthers took home a 20 to 13 victory over the IL Hoopla Navy. Colby Gill contributed 9 points for the Panthers. Shawn Scaduto tossed in 6 points for the Hoopla Navy.

The Falcons outscored the Nomads 25 to 22. The Falcons were led by Jeremy Clark (12 points). Tom Janowiak contributed 9 points for the Nomads.

The Hawks defeated the Steger Wildcats 32 to 23. Chris Smith led the Hawks with 20 points. Philip Andrade and Matt Finnin tallied 9 points apiece for Steger.

7th Grade

The Steger Wildcats took a close one 28 to 25 against St. Patricia. Alex Frazier led Steger with 7 points. Tommy Byline, Scotty Taloff and Xavier Torres scored 6 points each for St. Patricia.

Tony Stramaglia tossed in 17 points to lead the Orland Park Swish to a 48 to 35 victory over St. Symphorosa. Richie Fischer tallied 24 points for St. Symphorosa.

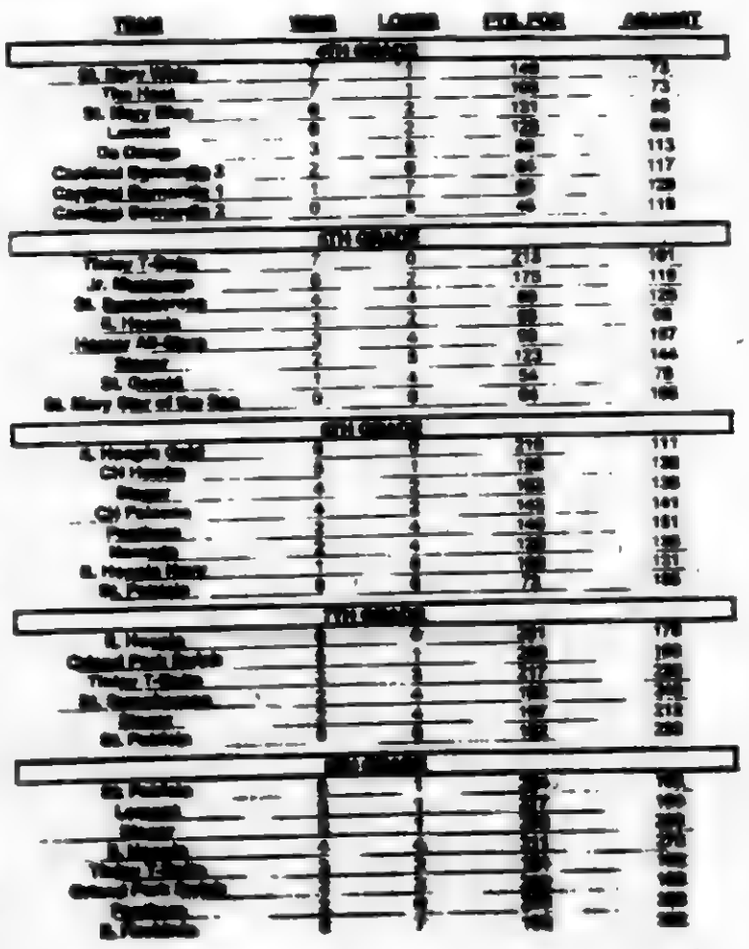
The IL Hoopla beat the Tinley T-Bolts 51 to 25. Chris Bragg led the Hoopla with 13 points. Kevin Busch and Paul Townsend scored 6 points each for the T-Bolts.

8th Grade

Scott Smith contributed 9 points for Steger's 27 to 18 win over the T-Bolts. Mike Pernai (9 points) paced him for the T-Bolts.

The Orland Park Swish beat the IL Firebirds 53 to 29. Neil Sullivan put in 10 points for the Swish. Jeremy Kappel contributed 8 points for the Firebirds.

The IL Hoopla was victorious 56 to 45 over the Panthers. The Hoopla's Mike Frigo tallied 16 points. Devin Thompson contributed 14 points for the Panthers.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Owner: Evergreen Park
Township: Worth
County: Cook
Project No. 03182

I. TIME AND PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS:

Sealed Proposals for the improvement described herein will be received at the office of **Clerk** of the **Village of Evergreen Park, 9418 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805**, until **9:45 a.m., February 17, 2004**, and publicly open and read at **10:00 a.m.** that same day. Please note that Bids must be sealed and marked "WALLMART/STANDARD BANK 94th PLACE OFF-STREET PARKING".

II. DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The proposed work is officially known as:

"WALLMART/STANDARD BANK
94th PLACE OFF-STREET PARKING"

and includes excavation; curb and gutter removal and replacement; pavement removal and bituminous replacement; sidewalks; retaining wall; handrail; striping; electrical streetlight relocation; landscaping; and all appurtenant construction.

III. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

A. All work will be in conformance with the "Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction", dated January 1, 2002.

B. Plans and Proposal forms may be obtained from the Project Engineer, **FRANK NOVOTNY & ASSOCIATES, INC., 825 Midway Drive, Willowbrook, Illinois, 60527, (630) 887-8640**, for a non-refundable fee of **$50.00**.

C. Only qualified Contractors who can furnish satisfactory proof that they have performed work of similar nature as Contractors will be entitled to receive Plans and submit Proposals. In order to meet this requirement, at the request of the Engineer, bidders will be required to submit a "Statement of Experience" consisting of a list of previous projects of similar nature in order to receive Plans. The Owner reserves the right to issue Bid Documents only to those Contractors deemed qualified.

D. All Proposals must be accompanied by a Bank Cashier's Check, Bank Draft, Certified Check, or Bid Bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid, or as provided in the applicable sections of the "Standard Specifications".

E. No Bid may be withdrawn after opening of Proposals without the consent of the Owner for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time of opening of Bids.

F. The Contractor will be required to furnish a labor and material "Performance Bond" in the full amount of the Contract.

IV. REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive technicalities, and to accept the Proposal deemed to be most favorable to the Owner.

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Dated: January 21, 2003 **Catherine T. Agro (s)**
Village Clerk

St. Gerald School Honor Rolls

The following children are on A/B honor rolls at St. Gerald School:

Awards Room 303:

"A" Honor Roll: Christine Puchalski.

"B" Honor Roll: Janet Alvarado, Courtney Daly, Kathleen Eck, Daniel Harrington, Anna Hoban, Thomas Mann, Michelle Nudo, Kellie Ruane, Jessica Rubio, John Sheedy.

Awards Room 304:

"A" Honor Roll: Andrew Dudczyk, Morgan Kelly, Luci Mikuta, Ashley Nowdomski, Jessica Wierdak

"B" Honor Roll: Christopher Batzel, Katherine Bojko, Joseph Brand, Terrance Coughlin, Daniel Drag, Rebecca Egan, Luke Lally, Kelly Loftus, Ronald Pollak, Meredith Rivera, Justin Schilling

Awards Room 305:

"A" Honor Roll: Nicholas Chabarria, Beata Dziedzic, Nicole Frederick, Tom March, Shelby Synski, Clare Teeling, Juha Thomas, Kaylee White, Amanda Wojcik

"B" Honor Roll: Timothy Bernier, Jennifer Colesby, Gabriela Hernandez, Sean McHugh, Brenden O'Donnell, Steponas Saulis

Awards Room 306:

"A" Honor Roll: Andrew Bernier, Courtney Blouzdis, Elizabeth Puchalski, Jessica Wyka

"B" Honor Roll: Ryan Altenburg, Martin Bobak, Marilia Gallegos, Caitlin Hanno, Sean Leslie, Michael Mullen, Carolyn Scannell, James Schramm

Awards Room 307:

"A" Honor Roll: Danielle Arnold, Elizabeth Bobak, Nick Gulino, Nicki Janik, Mara Kelly, Kate Newhart, Jennifer Nudo, Brian Schick, Valerie Stelcel, Dan Walsh

"B" Honor Roll: Jonathan Colesby, Matt Insalata, Michael Kinney, Michael Mullen, Stephanie Pfister, Conor Sheridan

Awards Room 311:

"A" Honor Roll: Rose DeFrancesco, Elle Opitz, Allison Sheedy, Kristine Valen

"B" Honor Roll: Mark Behnke, Erin Doody, Mary Kochan, Robert McHugh, William Mullen, Natalie Nalepa, Jared Oksanen, Avery Pelech, John Wheaton.

14th Annual Crystal Heart Ball

You are invited to attend Chicago's premier social event of the season, Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation' 14th annual Crystal Heart Ball that will take place on Saturday, Feb. 7th at The Field Museum.

Drs. Daniel and Susan Rowan will chair this year's Ball along with Beverly residents Bob and Nancy Barrett. Dr. Dan Rowan is a cardiologist who practices at Little Company who began his medical career as an orderly in the hospital's E.D. This year's proceeds benefit Little Company's newly renovated Emergency Dept.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, a gourmet meal, dancing to the music of The City Lights Orchestra, and extravagant raffle prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased for $50 each or three tickets for $100.

The Little Company medical staff generously donated a "choose your destination prize" – either an eight-night Bermuda cruise and travel package or eight days in London and Paris – as well as a three-night Las Vegas vacation package to be included in the night's luxurious raffle. The big-hearted companies, Florida Plastics and Plass Appliances, donated a 42" Mitsubishi high-definition television. Other lavish raffle items generously donated by community retailers include a Waterford crystal bowl; a Chicago weekend package consisting of luxury accommodations, dining and entertainment; and a Chicago sports package that includes a variety of sports tickets, dining, and sports memorabilia.

Treat your friends and/or clients to a Heart of Gold table for $5,000. These tables will ensure you and your guests a seat near the dance floor at a distinctively decorated table where you will enjoy complimentary champagne service. Not only will you receive recognition on the video screen and in the program, each of your Heart of Gold table guests will receive a complimentary photo and a special gift.

Tickets to this black-tie event are $275. For Ball or raffle ticket information, call (708) 229-5066

Sacred Piano Concert At Elim Church

G. Richard Deal, concert pianist and recording artist, will be presenting a sacred piano concert at Elim Baptist Church, 10800 S. Pulaski Rd., on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 10:45 a.m.

Deal is from the Chicago area and has presented over 2,100 sacred and classical piano concerts in Europe, Asia, North and South America. He has presented numerous solo concerts in the United States. He has performed with symphony orchestras including an appearance at Chicago's historic Orchestra Hall.

Deal is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, the Moody Bible Institute, and the Sherwood Conservatory of Music, all of Chicago. He is an adjunct faculty member of the Sacred Music Dept. of the Moody Bible Institute

Deal has been a participant in several international piano competitions including the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, Russia.

Deal arranges his own sacred piano arrangements and has released six professional recordings. The most recent is entitled *Majestic Piano Praise*, a collection of favorite hymns and praise music.

You are cordially invited to the concert on Sunday, Feb. 15th at Elim Baptist Church. Admission is free.

Preschool Open House

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is inviting prospective students and their parents to an Open House on Monday, Feb. 9 from 12 to 2 p.m. The purpose of the Open House is to view the school, meet the teachers, and learn about the curriculum.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, call Cathy Cepican, Director at 422-0193.

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Cook County Clerk David Orr Reminds Voters To

Register Before Deadline

Cook County Clerk David Orr reminds Illinois residents who want to vote in the March 16 presidential primary election to register before the Feb. 17 deadline.

"Registering to vote gives you the power to make a difference in deciding who will be elected to office and who will represent your interests," Orr said.

Registration applications are available at the Clerk's office in English, Spanish, and Chinese. To receive a voter registration application, individuals living in suburban Cook County can:

- Print an application form by visiting www.voterinfonet.com.
- Call the Clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 and request that the office send an application in the mail.
- Visit their local village or township hall, the Clerk's downtown Chicago office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, or one of the Clerk's satellite office located in suburban courthouses.

After completing the application, prospective voters should return it to the Cook County Clerk's office at 69 W Washington St., Room 500, Chicago, IL 60602. All applications must be delivered or postmarked by Feb. 17

To qualify to vote, an individual must be: a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years old by Election Day (March 16); and a resident of the same voting precinct at least 30 days prior to the election.

During the primary election, some Illinois voters will have to show identification at the polls. According to the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), election officials must verify the identity of first-time voters who have registered by mail after Jan. 1, 2003. New voters can satisfy the requirement one of three ways:

- Provide an Illinois driver's license number on their registration application form.
- Submit a copy of identification to the Clerk's office with their application, or sometime before Election Day.
- Show identification at the polling place on Election Day.

Acceptable forms of identification with your name and current address include: a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and current address.

HAVA also requires that applicants confirm they are U.S. citizens by checking a box on the registration application.

In addition, anyone who signs up to vote by mailing a registration form must vote in person the first time they vote. State law prohibits first-time voters who register by mail from casting a mail-in absentee ballot. However, you may be eligible to cast an in-person absentee ballot before Election Day. Visit www.voterinfonet.com or call (312) 603-0906 for more details.

Orr reminds voters who have recently moved to re-register at their current address. Voters who have changed their name must also re-register.

The Clerk's office will sent a voter identification card to each voter after the applications are processed. The card lists each voter's precinct information and voting districts.

For more information, suburban Cook County residents can contact the Cook County Clerk's office by visiting www.voterinfonet.com or calling (312) 603-0906. Chicago residents should contact the Chicago Board of Elections by visiting www.chicagoelections.com or calling (312) 269-7900.

Majewski Is Chamber Speaker

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski (pictured), with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, Feb. 10 following a 12 p.m. lunch at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

The commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Mundelein College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984 and in 1988 was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. In 1989 Majewski took a leadership role in proposing a voluntary tax-cap on district expenditures. The plan was adopted two years before the State Legislature adopted a mandatory state-wide cap.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6 – Friday – Valentine Dance, Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall, 8925 Kostner Ave., Doors open – dinner 7:30 and music at 8:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7 – Saturday – Big Greek Cooking Class and Luncheon, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 10301 Kolmar Ave., 11 a.m.

FEBRUARY 7 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

FEBRUARY 9 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10 – Tuesday – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 94th and Cicero, Networking 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

FEBRUARY 10 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m

FEBRUARY 10 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Thursday – Learning Fair and Open House, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W 94th St., 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Deliver Park District Program Guide

The Oak Lawn Park District's Spring 2004 program guides were delivered to the residents during the week of Jan. 26th. The guides contain park district news, facility information and program offerings at the park district for the months of February through May, plus a list of summer day camp opportunities.

Registration for spring programs will begin on Monday, Feb. 9th for residents; non-residents will be able to register beginning Monday, Feb. 23rd.

In the program guides, the park district highlights 18 new programs. They are: Learning MicroSoft Excel; Learning MicroSoft Word; Floral Arranging; Flower Arranging Made Easy; Scrapbooking Borders; Fun with Fitness Teen Camp; Circuit-Training Workout; Lunch-Break Burn; All About Roses; Fishing at Memorial Pond; Frogs & Toads; Salamanders; Interesting Amphibians; Spring Seed Swap; State Bird, Fish, Mammal & Tree; Special Recreation Music All-Performance Group; Special Recreation Music Makers; Special Recreation Music & Movement; and Co-Rec Infield/Outfield Skills.

Also this spring the park district is introducing a new special event: the Budding Artist Spring Art Show. This visual arts competition for all ages will be held on Thursday, May 6th at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

For more information or program fees and schedules, call the park district at (708) 857-2200 or visit www.olparks.com.

Library Day Trip Set

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Friday, March 19. An in-person registration is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. The cost of the trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and admission charges, is $20 for Friends members and $25 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Screenings

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on Wednesday, Feb. 11th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th St.

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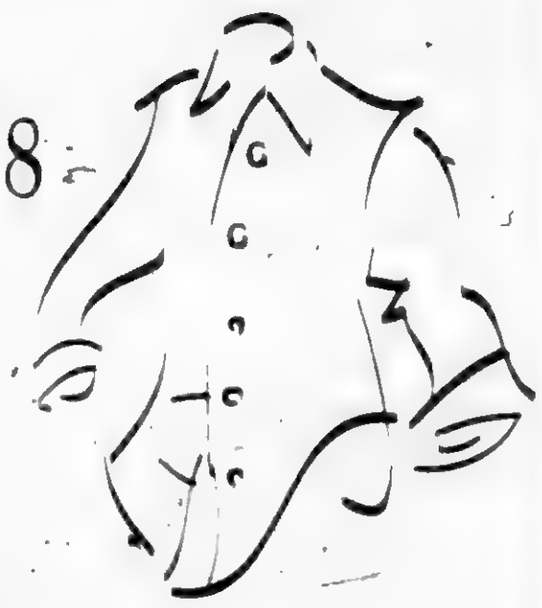

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Ralph DeBartolo, president of the Italian/American Police Association announced the endorsement of two candidates in the upcoming Primary. They are Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski for re-election at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and Jeanne Marie Reynolds for judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Commissioner Majewski was elected first to the office way back in 1984 and Jeanne Marie Reynolds is a prominent Chicago attorney in the field of probate and health care. Majewski attended Mundelein College and Reynolds graduated from St. Mary College at Notre Dame and received her law degree from Loyola University.

Pictured from the left is Jeanne Marie Reynolds, Ralph DeBartolo and Commissioner Majewski.

Hynes Plan To Change Overtime Rules

Illinois State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes has initiated legislation that overrides punitive new federal overtime rules in favor of Illinois standards that would be fairer to workers. Some studies have estimated that up to 375,000 employees in the state, including individuals now deemed "white collar workers" will be negatively impacted by the new guidelines that permit denial of overtime pay based, in some cases, on arbitrary job classification by employers.

"Under the Bush rules, fewer Illinois workers will be eligible for overtime. This is a slap in the face of workers and it is utterly unacceptable," said Hynes. "This administration's favoritism for corporations over workers' rights is not only an affront to those workers and their families who depend on overtime pay but another costly assault on the Illinois economy."

The Hynes plan will be sponsored by State Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-118th).

One significant aspect of the new federal rules involving the so called "duties test" removes certain workers who had previously met requirements for overtime pay after a 40-hour workweek from eligibility due to their classification as "executive or administrative" employees. Another change broadens exemptions for overtime based on educational attainment, essentially penalizing trained and experienced workers. Some of the specific job categories that may be affected include health care providers such as licensed practical nurses, emergency medical personnel and laboratory technicians. The change could impact military veterans, police and fire personnel. Even news reporters and editors could be subject to changes in the law.

Hynes said the net effect of the federal changes, scheduled to go into effect March 31, is that more employees are made eligible for overtime at lower salary levels but that obtaining overtime at higher salary levels becomes more difficult. "Many Illinois families rely on overtime pay to survive in today's uncertain economy," added Hynes. "Employees previously eligible for overtime pay should not be forced to work a long workweek without appropriate compensation and their high productivity and commitment to their jobs should be rewarded."

The legislation to be introduced in the General Assembly would require the state Department of Labor to define overtime eligibility criteria in Illinois in a way fairer to Illinois workers, in much the same manner as the state has adopted a higher minimum wage requirement than the federal government.

"Illinois can and should adhere to he fairest standards possible for protecting our labor force and compensation practices," said Hynes. "When working families enjoy their incomes, our entire economy benefits."

Teacher Training

Moraine Valley Community College will host a Teacher Training program under the auspices of Autodesk Inc for 2004. Classes will start in February and continue through December. Autodesk also has authorized Moraine Valley Community College to offer this Teacher Training program to your school at your site.

The Autodesk Teacher Training program is exclusively for middle school, high school and college CAD instructors. Moraine Valley's highly qualified, industry-experienced instructors will offer solid teaching techniques and use their own applied knowledge to ensure that their students receive a "real-world" orientation to Autodesk software and its many uses.

Autodesk will provide an instructor copy of the software to each participant who attends all of the dates of his or her class sessions. For more information about the programs, the software giveaway, or to register, contact Sandy Rizzo, coordinator of Computer Graphics Training, at (708) 974-5409. All registrations billed to the trainee's school must be paid before the class starts.

Perryman Benefit

Last year, 38-year-old Willie Perryman was stricken with brain cancer and passed away in July, leaving behind his wife Mary and their three small children, Bill (6) and twins Helena & Grainne (3).

Because his family was left with numerous medical bills and very little income, a benefit to help the Perryman family is planned for Sunday, Feb. 8th from 3 to 9 p.m. at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St.

Voluntary donations will be taken at the door and there will be food, continuous entertainment, a cash bar and in-house raffle.

Fannie May Agreement

The 412 Fannie May retail workers who are members of Service Employees International Union Local 1 overwhelmingly ratified an agreement with Archibald Candy Corporation, the parent company of Fannie May. This agreement covers the retail workers who staff the 50+ Fannie May stores in Cook County.

Among the stipulations of the agreement are: 100% pay for every hour worked; 100% of money paid into 401k plans; 100% of pension benefits for the 44 employees in this group that qualify; and 70% reimbursement on unused vacation time.

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Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 10th offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers. This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Nominations

It's that time of year again! Ernst & Young LLP is seeking nominations for Illinois-based entrepreneurs for the 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, one of the most prestigious business award programs in the country. This year, a new category, Realizing Business Potential Award, has been created to recognize up-and-coming entrepreneurs who have demonstrated a creative use of technology.

Nominees for the new Realizing Business Potential Award category must be in business three or more years and have fewer than 100 employees. Entrants must provide a separate essay – in addition to the existing questions – describing how the company uses technology in an unusual, creative way.

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Recreation Access Award Nominees

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has opened nominations for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards, designed to recognize organizations, businesses, individuals and government agencies that have created recreation opportunities for Illinois residents with disabilities.

In making the announcement, Madigan adds a new dimension to Recreation Access Illinois (RAI), her office's ongoing statewide effort to promote recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding efforts and to encourage full access to recreation programs and events for Illinois residents with disabilities.

Public and private organizations, individuals, businesses and government agencies may qualify for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards. Applicants are asked to submit details of activities, programs, facility upgrades, events and other initiatives that illustrate unique and effective approaches to accessibility in recreation. Eight Best Practices Awards will be available, one in each of the following categories:

- Single unit of government (budgets up to $1 million);
- Single unit of government (budgets over $1 million);
- Two or more units of government (budgets up to $1 million);
- Two or ore units of government (budgets over $1 million);
- Commercial for Profit (budgets up to $2 million);
- Commercial for Profit (budgets over $2 million);
- Not-for-Profit (budgets up to $250,000); and
- Not-for-Profit (budgets over $250,000).

Applicants may submit only one award nomination.

A panel appointed by the Illinois Assn. of Park Districts (IAPD) will review all entries and make recommendations for awards. Madigan will chair the panel, which will include a representative of a park district, a special recreation association, a not-for-profit agency, a for-profit firm and two persons with disabilities.

"The Recreation Access Best Practices Awards program has two goals," Madigan said. "We want to recognize the work of those who promote good health and fitness in the disability community. And by doing so, we hope to encourage others to follow their lead and increase the availability of accessible recreation facilities and inclusive programs."

Nominations must be received by March 15th. For qualifications and nomination forms, call 1(800) 900-8086 (voice and TTY).

Funding for Recreation Access Illinois and the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards is provided through the Vitamin Anti-Trust Settlement and administered by Attorney General Madigan's office.

ACT Nationwide Test Date Set

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark, deadline is Feb. 27. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is $26 ($29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

Property Tax Bills Mailed

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is reminding area residents to watch their mail for their 2003 property tax bill. Residential property taxes for 2003 are payable in 2004 by two installments, with the first installment due on or before March 2nd.

For homeowners with mortgages, property taxes are usually paid by the lending institution from the homeowner's escrow account. For all others, property taxes can be paid one of three ways: by mail, in person, or over the Internet. Persons paying by mail are advised to make sure their payment is postmarked by March 2nd, to avoid late penalties. Persons wishing to pay on line can go to www.cookcountytreasurer.com and follow the instructions. There is a $1 fee for paying online.

"For 2004, we offer a new, check-free method of payment," said Commissioner Daley. "Many local banks are now offering electronic property tax payment for their customers. Simply bring your tax bill to any teller at a participating bank where you currently have an account," Commissioner Daley added.

In Commissioner Daley's 11th County District, participating banks include Oak Lawn Bank, Founders Bank, Prospect Federal, Bridgeview Bank, Midland Federal, Loomis Federal, Beverly Bank, and First Personal Bank. A $1 fee is charged for this service.

As in past years, property taxes can also be paid in person at any of the more than 130 branches of LaSalle Bank in Illinois. LaSalle Bank offers this no-free service to all taxpayers, regardless of whether or not they have accounts at LaSalle. An original copy of the tax bill is required, and payment in cash, check, or money order is accepted.

Help With Buying Your Home

If you are trying to achieve the American dream of buying your own home, help is available. **How to Buy a Home With a Low Down Payment** from the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America and the Extension Service of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will help you get the most out of your money. Learn about mortgage insurance, how to qualify for a low down payment loan, and how to calculate how much house you can afford, using the guide's handy worksheet. For your free copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 570L. Or send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 570L, Pueblo, CO 81009.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Now that the extravaganza known as Super Bowl XXXVIII has passed into history, or infamy, a variety of feelings still remain. The New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers put on quite a performance. They treated viewers to an emotional roller coaster which should go down in time as one of the most entertaining Super Bowls to date. That New England won 32-29 on a field goal in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter was anticlimactic. Both squads showed the determination and spirit of champions. Well done.

The television networks estimated that this athletic contest captured over one hundred million viewers. This speaks volumes about the impact that this annual spectacle has on our nation. No wonder that 30-second advertising spots during the game cost $2.3 million each! With the raw volume of viewers come those advertisers hoping to tap into present and future customers.

The same can be said for the half-time entertainers who have caused such a ruckus with their lewd and suggestive, as well as provocative behavior. Is it any wonder that with the continual demands for higher ratings and exposure that an entertainer would expose any part of her anatomy? Believe it or not, the NFL cheerleaders which grace the sidelines each week will not be mistaken for usherettes either. Sex sells...and to that end the powers that be...CBS, MTV and the FCC can commission all the investigations or apologies they want. A group of half-time entertainers were given the opportunity to remind us that a fine athletic contest was just a bit player in a bigger production.

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Representatives of U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald (R-IL) will hold traveling office hours on Tuesday, Feb. 10th in Cook County. Fitzgerald's staff will be available to meet with constituents who need assistance dealing with federal agencies.

Constituents interested in meeting with one of Senator Fitzgerald's representatives, during traveling office hours may do so at any of the following locations: Chicago Region, call (312) 886-3506 for more information; Cook County, 1 to 2 p.m., Tinley Park Public Library, 17101 S. 71st Ave.; and from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Palos Park Public Library, 12330 S. Forest Glen Boulevard.

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As the Republican primary for U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald's seat heats up look for our area to be visited by a number of national notables. For example, U.S. Senate candidate Jack Ryan has announced that former HUD Secretary (and All-pro quarterback) Jack Kemp will spend Saturday, Feb. 7th campaigning for the businessman-turned teacher in the Chicago area. Kemp will be in town for a day of campaigning, including an early-evening fundraiser for Jack Ryan at the home of retired Quaker Oats CEO Bill Smithburg.

Closer to home U.S. Senate candidate Steve Rauschenberger, a three term State Senator from the 22nd District and Hanover Township Committeeman, has received the endorsement of the 2002 GOP Senate nominee Jim Durkin. In 2002, Durkin beat two millionaire opponents, Jim Oberweis and John Cox, with 46% of the vote statewide and 51% in Cook County. According to Durkin "Experience matters. State Senator Steve Rauschenberger is an experienced, respected State Senator. He was first elected to the Illinois Senate in 1993 and has served in various positions, including Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. In 2003, he was appointed Assistant Republican Leader of the Illinois Senate and elected Vice-President of the National Conference of State Legislators. Senator Rauschenberger is ready for the job today, and that's why I am endorsing him," Durkin concluded.

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On the Democrat side of the U.S. Senate primary, former Beverly resident and present Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes continues to earn valuable endorsement capital. Monday, Dan Hynes received the endorsement of 31 elected Latino officials and community leaders at a press conference in the Mexican Fine Arts Museum.

"As a grandson of immigrants, I have a unique understanding and a deep appreciation for America's promise – the opportunities we have in America are what brought my grandparents to this country," said Hynes. "But today, that opportunity and the American dream are slipping away."

"With 8.4 million people on the unemployment rolls, we have a President that is telling us everything is fine and looking the other way when it comes to providing leadership and assistance," added Hynes. "I am running for the U.S. Senate because I have hope that we can turn things around and I have a plan to get it done. If elected, I will work hard every day to make good on my promise to the people of Illinois to get America working again."

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Fellow Democrat and U.S. Senate primary hopeful Gerry Chico has continued the fundraising pace that has made him the most successful fundraiser in either party in the previous six quarters. Raising $600,618 in the fourth quarter of 2003, Chico brings his raise to date total to more than $3.4 million. The Chico campaign had raised more money than any of the competing Democratic campaigns at the end of the third quarter.

"Our fundraising strength means we will continue to communicate and broadcast our message throughout the state," said Chico. "Four thousand donors believe in our message, that we must 'Demand More' for Illinois' families. Our call for better education funding, job creation through infrastructure development, and health care coverage for all resonates from Chicago to Cairo and from Danville to East Moline."

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All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Feb. 16th for President Washington's birthday, Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently. They will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian and Niles facilities that are normally closed on Mondays, will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 14th, as well as Monday, Feb. 16th. These facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

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As the primary election continues to gear up several municipal clerks have reminded All-Points that Tuesday, Feb. 17th is the last day to register to vote in the March 16th primary election.

Snow Removal Efforts

Cook County Board President John Stroger applauded the County's Highway Department for the successful snow removal efforts during the series of storms that moved through the Cook County area from Sunday through Tuesday of last week.

Over the 48-hour period, County Highway Department personnel utilized all of its 80 tandem axle snow removal vehicles equipped with plows and spreaders to effectively fight the storms and keep all of the County's roads open. Nearly 3,000 tons of salt were applied over the 48-hour period.

Tuesday morning was particularly challenging after a period of freezing rain, followed by snow, developed just a few hours before the morning rush hour. As of 9 p.m. Tuesday, all roads were free of snow and ice.

The Cook County Highway Department maintains a 577-mile modern transportation network, including 126 bridges. County highways traverse parts of the city of Chicago and all 30 suburban townships

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students were selected November, 2003 Mustangs of the Month.

Senior Michael Cummings hails from St. Cajetan Parish and is a graduate of St. Cajetan School. He is currently on the Silver Honor Roll and is an Augustinian Peer Minister. As quarterback for the Fighting Mustangs Football Team, Mike helped his squad reach the semi finals in state playoff competition. He will be on the varsity baseball team this spring. Mike also played basketball for St. Rita as a freshman and sophomore. In his free time, Mike helps coach a 7th grade basketball team.

Junior Andrew Olivi also hails from St. Cajetan Parish and School. He is a member of the Gold Honor Roll and the National Honor Society. Andrew is a member of the Yearbook Staff and the Cross Country Team, and received the Wayne Tomas Award for Cross Country his sophomore year. Andrew was also on the Swim Team and Water Polo Team his freshman and sophomore year. He is a member of St. Cajetan's Teen Club.

Sophomore Ronald Zakhem comes to St. Rita from St. Albert the Great Parish and School. He is a member of the Gold Honor Roll, the Scholastic Bowl Team, and S.A.D.D. Ronnie is a member of the varsity Soccer Team and the sophomore Basketball Team. In his spare time, Ronnie lectors at St. Albert Church and volunteers as a coach for his brother's soccer and basketball teams. He also works AIDS charity event with his father.

Freshman Matthew Conrath comes to St. Rita from St. Linus Parish and is a graduate of McGugan Grade School.

Mustang of the Month Awards were presented at an all-school mass.

Pictured from left: Matthew Conrath, Michael Cummings, Activities Director Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Ronald Zakhem and Andrew Olivi.

Propose Changes In Environmental Regulations

Several environmental regulations impacting the printing, auto repair, furniture, dry cleaning and other industries in and around Chicago and the Metro East region would be streamlined and clarified under regulatory changes proposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The EPA's proposed changes would allow many small businesses to operate more efficiently and increase their overall competitiveness, a major priority of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's innovative *Opportunity Returns* initiative – the historic, regional economic development plan that he rolled out for the Metro East region last December. In the coming months, the governor will unveil his plan for Chicago and the Northeast region.

"For far too long, many have viewed business growth and job creation as being in direct conflict with preservation. Sound business practices and sound environmental practices do not have to be at odds. These important EPA reforms will mean lower costs for businesses and their customers, without hurting us or our environment," Gov. Blagojevich said.

The proposed changes include measures such as reducing test times for air admissions reviews, streamlining regulations for several industries relating to the use of chemicals in their production and operation, and eliminating the annual registration requirement for motor vehicle refinishing.

"These changes are part of Gov. Blagojevich's ongoing efforts to reform state government and make it more efficient and responsive. In many cases, these changes will save impacted companies time and critical resources by reducing or eliminating reporting and record keeping requirements that are no longer needed," IEPA Director Renee Cipriano added.

A variety of reporting and regulatory guidelines can be streamlined without compromising standards that guard against negligence to the environment. Streamlining regulations could potentially reduce the costs for more than 300 facilities in the printing, refining, coating, painting and resin, chemical, and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries in both regions.

Other changes that could assist business efficiency include:

Facilitating the implementation of new carbon absorbers and control devices using aluminum and silicon oxides, besides the traditional activated carbon.

Allowing lithographic printing operations to turn off their natural gas fired afterburners outside the ozone season, providing cost and energy savings to the industry.

Repealing the state's volatile organic materials regulation of perchloroethylene ("perc") used by dry cleaners. This is now redundant because perc is now covered under USEPA regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act.

Gov. Blagojevich's *Opportunity Returns* regional economic development plan is the most aggressive, comprehensive approach to creating jobs in Illinois' history. Since a one-size-fits-all approach to economic development just doesn't work, the governor has divided the state into 10 regions – finding areas with common economic strengths and needs, and developing a plan with specific actions for each region. This grassroots effort is a product of significant outreach over several months with business, civic and labor leaders, and elected officials. The specific projects that the governor has or will announce are designed to be flexible and effective. These plans are tailored to deliver real results that local businesses will see, feel and, hopefully, profit from.

Disgusted With Super Bowl Halftime Show

Focus on the Family Media and Sexuality Analyst Daniel Weiss expressed disgust Monday in response to Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show, in which Janet Jackson's breast was exposed by fellow performer Justin Timberlake.

"Last night's (Sunday) Super Bowl halftime show was appalling in its utter disregard for American families," Weiss said. "No child – or adult – should be assaulted by such a profane and indecent performance. It was nothing more than a high-tech striptease foisted on tens of millions of unsuspecting Americans. To make it worse, there are reports that top CBS officials not only knew about the planned nudity, but also approved it. I would expect pink slips to be in the mail today, because CBS has destroyed its family-friendly image and reputation for high-quality entertainment."

Although highly disturbing, Sunday night's show is not completely unexpected. Weiss said the trend toward sexualizing sports has been growing. The NFL kicked off its season in Washington, D.C., with a hyper-sexualized televised concert on the National Mall featuring a writhing Britney Spears, and ended the season with a Super Bowl halftime show in which singers sang about prostitutes and sex and danced like strippers.

In addition to holding CBS, MTV and Viacom (both networks' parent company) responsible, Weiss contended that blame must also be attributed to the FCC.

"After the FCC ruled in October that Bono's use of the 'f-word' was not indecent, we have seen a steady torrent of coarse, degrading, and indecent material on broadcast television. The complete breakdown of enforcement by this agency is virtually guaranteeing that this torrent will soon be a flood. It's not surprising that the FCC has opened an investigation – considering that this gross display is the direct result of decades of institutional malaise at the agency."

Nurses License Renewal

The Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation, State of Illinois, (IDPR) is recommending that Illinois nurses and their employers take advantage of the Department's electronic options in renewing their professional licenses.

"More than 150,000 nurses will be renewing their licenses between March 1st and May 31st," Fernando E. Grillo, IDPR Director, said. "In the past, some nurses experienced an unpleasant last-minute scramble to our Springfield office to renew. Those days are over as the Department has offered three convenient electronic options over the last few years: E-batch; over the Internet; and via the Touch Tone/Credit Card renewal system."

"Nurses with a credit card and a computer can renew in their own living rooms," he said. "They can also renew using our Touch Tone/Credit Card System by calling 1(800) 823-6100."

Named Collegiate Athlete

Senior guard Mark Telander (Evergreen Park/Brother Rice) was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week Monday after impressive performances in two big conference victories for the Saint Xavier University men's basketball team last week against the University of St. Francis (Ill.) and Olivet Nazarene University respectively. The Cougars jumped five spots to No. 19 this week in the latest NAIA National Poll released Tuesday by the league office.

Preschool

Pilgrim Faith Preschool, 9411 S. 51st Ave., announces its Open House on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come visit the school and meet the teachers. Lots of equipment will be set out for children to explore. The staff will be available to answer any questions.

Islamic Association Closed Palos Office

The Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) has closed its office in the 10700 block of Roberts Rd. Reportedly this is being done to pay bills in a civil suit alleging the organization has ties to a militant Palestinian group responsible for killing 17 year old David Boim, in Israel.

Boim, a Jewish seminary student and a U.S. citizen, was shot to death in 1996. His parents filed a lawsuit in May 2000 claiming IAP should be held responsible for their son's death because the group allegedly supports Hamas. Reportedly Hamas sent gunmen who shot their son as he waited at a bus stop in the West Bank with other students. Hamas is a group listed on the U.S. terrorist organizations list. Federal authorities are reportedly investigating IAP for connections to Hamas.

Rafeeq Jaber, president of IAP, and other IAP members deny any connection to Hamas.

Reportedly IAP closed its doors in January but continue to operate on its web site, publish an Arabic newspaper, hold fundraising events and other activities. Closing the office would save the organization money, said Jaber.

Valentine Pops Concert

The award-winning Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Maestro Carmon DeLeone, will perform two dazzling Valentine Pops concerts in a musical serenade to major motion picture composers such as Henry Mancini, John Williams, and Max Steiner on Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8. And if the sweet sounds of the Silver Screen aren't enough, the Orchestra will be accompanied by special guest artists and Championship Ballroom Dancers Igor and Svetlana Iskhakov to complete the performance for a spectacular audio-visual extravaganza.

For more information or to reserve tickets for the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's Valentine Pops Concert, call the IPO box office at (708) 481-7774.

Free CPR Training

If saving a life is the ultimate measure of love, don't miss a beat – show your sweetie how much you care this Valentine's Day by registering him or her for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's free CPR training blitz, *CPR Training Days*. Learning adult CPR is something you can do together, and it's free during the month of March.

Registration begins on Feb. 1st, and classes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Chicago Red Cross hopes to equip more than 1,500 Chicagoland residents with these vital, lifesaving skills. Those interested are encouraged to register as early as possible by calling the American Red Cross at 1(800) 33-SAFETY. Chicago Red Cross representatives will have course dates, locations and times available to assist callers.

In addition to roses and chocolate, consider adding an American Red Cross safety kit to your sweetie's Valentine's Day gift this year. Ranging from $4 to $47, the Red Cross offers a variety of safety and disaster kits to fit everyone's needs. The safety kits are available by calling 1(800) 33-SAFETY. For kit descriptions and pricing, visit www.chicagoredcross.org.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held on six Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 12th at 7 p.m. and continuing through March 18th at the Elim Baptist Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd. Topics include: surviving the changes, dealing with anger and depression, helping the children cope, working toward forgiveness, and thinking about future relationships.

Call (773) 239-2396 on weekdays to request a no-cost brochure or to register.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

MEDICARE REFORM BILL INCLUDES NUTRITION THERAPY

In a major victory for registered dietitians, Medicare reform legislation has been passed that allows for millions more Medicare beneficiaries to potentially lifesaving medical nutrition therapy to both treat and prevent chronic health conditions. This will allow Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions – such as heart and lung disease and some forms of cancer – to sign up for an individualized, chronic care improvement plan. The Medicare legislation, in language supported by the American Dietetic Association, requires that one element of individual chronic care improvement plan be "education for disease management through medical nutrition therapy."

Medical nutrition therapy includes an in-depth assessment of a patient's nutrition status, followed by a nutrition "diagnosis" and appropriate counseling (i.e., an appropriately developed diet plan) provided by a registered dietitian, generally on referral from a patient's physician. The bill represents a significant breakthrough.

Beginning in January, 2005, each new Medicare beneficiary will be given an initial preventative physical examination which will include referral to a registered dietitian for medical nutrition therapy. Beneficiaries with diseases such as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, diabetes, and certain other chronic conditions will have access to medical nutrition therapy beginning in January 2006. (Since 2002, Medicare has covered this for treatment of diabetes and non-dialysis kidney disease.)

Another provision in the reform legislation amends current law to increase reimbursement rates for Medicare providers, such as physicians and registered dietitians.

The Medicare Reform Bill will serve as a model for other health care plans as well, and is expected to set an example for the private sector. This means that you will find more registered dietitians hanging out their shingles in their own private practice settings. Instead of paying "out of pocket" for counseling, an individual will be able to have his insurance claim filed by the dietitian, which opens a whole new world for the patient/consumer, and for the dietetics professional.

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Seniors Exercises

The Worth Township Seniors have an Exercise Class for Seniors every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 to 9:45. These are simple sitting-down exercises using small weights. The class meets in the gym at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, to register or just come in and get started.

FOCUS ON:

by James C. Liang, M.D. -Retinal Specialist

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Concord Extended Care Request Hearing

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health has moved to revoke the operating license of Concord Extended Care and fined the facility $15,000 for failure to prevent a resident from leaving the facility unsupervised. The 134-bed skilled care facility located at 9401 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Oak Lawn.

The owners of Concord Extended Care have requested a hearing to contest the Department's action and, as a result, the revocation action will be delayed until a hearing has been held. A hearing date has not been scheduled.

The Department gave notice it intends to revoke Concord's license as a result of the facility's failure to implement an imposed plan of correction ordered last year to ensure staff thoroughly search all areas inside and outside the building when a resident is missing.

Responding to a complaint, Department surveyors learned a resident, who was wearing an electronic monitoring device, was able to cross a busy street and intersection before he was noticed by members of the local fire department. Local police returned him to the facility unharmed.

Although the resident has made repeated attempts to leave the facility, staff did not revise his care plan to address the behavior.

An employee heard an exit door alarm sound and checked the area where the alarm was triggered, but did not find anyone. The staff member then started a headcount by checking a roster of residents instead of first determining the location of residents equipped with electronic monitoring devices who are prone to wandering. While taking the headcount, the facility received a call from the fire department notifying them of the missing resident.

The administrator said that facility policy called for the search outside the facility and the headcount to be conducted at the same time.

Concord Extended Care had been fined $5,000 in February 2003 for failing to prevent a resident from leaving the facility unsupervised. The resident, who had a history of wandering and wore an electronic monitor, left the facility undetected and was found uninjured about a half-mile from the facility. Following the incident, the facility was ordered to ensure staff were aware that in order to locate a missing resident all areas inside and outside the building must be thoroughly searched.

Save On Meds Offers Low Cost Medicines

It's a political "hot potato," an emotional debate and an issue that affects all Americans, particularly seniors, the uninsured and those on fixed incomes – the skyrocketing cost of prescription medicine. It's driving smart, cost-conscious consumers away from major drugstore chains and local pharmacies and toward alternate sources of safe, FDA approved medications. One of these sources is Canada.

While Congress debates, millions of Americans are heading north, buying brand name drugs across the border and via the Internet and saving, in some cases, thousands of dollars a year. Others who may not be comfortable navigating their way around the Internet use local companies like **Save On Meds** to insure they obtain low prices, personal service and an advocate that explores options for additional savings on an ongoing basis.

Save On Meds, a Deerfield company owned and operated by Martin Portnoy, makes the process easy, safe and convenient. "We partner with our clients and their doctors to make sure clients get the medicine they need, on a timely basis, from licensed Canadian pharmacies. We do the research, the legwork and the follow-up so our customers have peace of mind and save money too," says Portnoy. "We offer savings as high as 80% and help ensure that our customers don't run out of critical medicines by sending them renewal reminders so they reorder on time."

Orders placed through **Save On Meds** are delivered in 3 weeks or less. Original prescriptions cannot exceed a 90-day supply and refills, if authorized by the physician, do not require a new prescription. All orders are sent via First Class Registered and Insured mail and credit card charges appear in US Dollars. Most people use **Save On Meds** for chronic care medications that they must take to sustain or improve their quality of life.

To address concerns about the safety and quality of Canadian drugs, the Canadian health ministry issued a statement saying that it will be responsible for the safety and quality of the large and growing flow of prescription drugs across the border to American consumers, a clarification long sought by US officials. Congressman Bernie Sanders (VT) recently announced that a Congressional research service comparing the US and Canadian systems of distribution found the two systems are virtually identical. The Analysis, Sanders said, "reaffirms that the only real difference between prescription drugs in the US and Canada is the gigantic difference in price."

The practice is supported by AARP, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to improving the lives of people as they age.

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SeniorCare Program

The Illinois SeniorCare Program will help eligible individuals pay for almost all prescription medication and many over-the-counter drugs if a doctor prescribes them.

You may qualify for Illinois SeniorCare if you are an Illinois resident who is 65 years of age or older and you have a total income of no more than $17,960 a year as an individual or no more than $24,240 as a married couple living together and you are a citizen or a qualified non-citizen.

For single persons with income of no more than $8,979 or a married couple with income of no more than $12,119 a year – Senior Care will pay for medications up to $1,750 a year per person with no co-pay. After that, you will pay 20% of the cost of each prescription.

To apply for the SeniorCare Program, you must complete and file form IL-1363 Application for Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance. Eligible individuals are encouraged to file their application before March 31st each year to avoid any lapse in coverage when their current card expires on June 30th, 2004. Forms will be available at the PLOWS office. Trained volunteers are available to provide assistance if help is needed in completing an application. Call (708) 361-0219 to schedule an appointment.

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Actions Kill Illinois Jobs

More than 16,000 jobs and more than $120 million in Illinois business investment – due to companies fleeing the state, being forced to make layoffs and forgoing new hires – have been lost because of extreme business fee and tax hikes implemented in 2003 by the State of Illinois.

According to the scathing survey, *Blagojevich Actions Kill Illinois Jobs*, released by a coalition of Illinois business groups led by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) and the Mid-West Truckers Association, Governor Blagojevich has created a business climate that's compelling employers to rethink doing business in Illinois.

"For months, our governor has insisted that exorbitant business fees and taxes are not affecting employment levels in Illinois," said Illinois Chamber of Commerce President Douglas L. Whitley. "We now have proof that there are real, detrimental consequences – thousands of Illinoisans are losing their jobs."

For the first time, the Illinois Chamber compiled data directly from employers statewide to learn the true cost of doing business in Illinois. The results confirm long-held Chamber assertions that the elimination of business tax incentives, new laws such as the minimum wage increase, and raised state fees – some inflated by as much as 1,000 percent – have damaged Illinois businesses.

Among the startling findings, the survey results shows that at least 30 companies are planning to move out of the state and more than 250 Illinois employers have had to layoff or forgo hiring new employees. In addition to this direct job loss, more than $120 million in future economic growth has been curtailed, resulting in the disappearance of 5,000 future jobs.

"These results represent only a fraction of the negative economic effects being felt by employers throughout the state," said Whitley. "This snapshot of the state of business in Illinois is a harbinger of continued hard times for the Illinois economy because of the governor's actions."

The survey also shows that the business community isn't alone – employees and consumers also are enduring unwelcome side effects of the taxes and fees. According to *Blagojevich Actions Kill Illinois Jobs*, more than 45 percent of employers have increased their costs to consumers by an average of five percent, and more than one in five businesses have shifted costs, such as increased health insurance premiums, to their workers.

According to Don Schaefer, Executive Vice President of the Mid-West Truckers Association, the trucking industry is also falling on hard times.

"The Illinois trucking industry is facing so many pressures in the slow economy, such as the license and tax increases, increased healthcare and worker' compensation costs," Schaefer said. "We're losing good paying trucking jobs in Illinois. Illinois trucking firms are parking some of their trucks, shifting equipment to other states or just giving up and selling out."

The Illinois Chamber is calling for a complete reversal of this devastating attack on Illinois employers.

"We demand a rollback of self-defeating economic policies," said Whitley. "The Illinois economy has 48,000 fewer jobs than a year ago. Our study clearly illustrates that policies that assault employers are making it harder for our economy to recover."

The Illinois Chamber, local chambers of commerce and other partner organizations developed *Blagojevich Actions Kill Illinois Jobs* by asking employers to report the direct impact of tax and fee increases contained in the FY03 state budget and other anti-business legislation enacted in 2003. The Illinois Chamber received responses from more than 400 businesses. Leading economic formulas determined the figures for the results.

Members of the coalition who sponsored this survey include: the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Mid-West Truckers Association, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chemical Industry Association, the Printing Industry of Illinois/Indiana Association, the Illinois Tooling & Manufacturing Association, the Illinois Chemical and Fertilizer Association and a number of local chambers of commerce.

Offer Rebates On Veterinary Fees

Cook County Board President John Stroger urged residents to take advantage of rebates that the Department of Animal Control will offer on veterinary fees for spaying or neutering cats, dogs or ferrets during the month of February.

"We encourage pet lovers to take advantage of this unique rebate program," Stroger said. "By spaying or neutering our pets, we do our part to reduce the stray animal population, which also helps to stem the possible spread of dangerous diseases to pets or people."

Cook County Animal Control Administrator Dr. Dan Parmer said the rebates will be offered through Feb. 28. Pet owners can get spaying/neutering fee refunds up to $40 per animal if their veterinarian or animal care facility is participating in the rebate program, Parmer added. If a facility charges more than $40, the County will provide a $40 rebate; $20 rebates will be granted if a facility charges $40 or less.

To qualify, pet owners must be Cook County residents and their dogs, cats or ferrets must have rabies tags registered in the County's computer database. There is a limit of two pet rebates per household.

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Oak Lawn Liquor Store Trial Testimony

Ricardo Harris of Flint, Michigan is accused of murdering store manager Dipak Patel of Burbank and clerk Ambaial Patel, of Cicero, in a robbery at the Extra Value Liquor Store, 9030 Cicero Ave., on May 13, 1999. He is also accused of wounding Helen Chisnick and her sister, Christina, both of Oak Lawn, who were in the store buying beer at the time of the shooting. Harris, who was captured by the FBI in August 1999, is on trial on charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and armed robbery.

Jesse Lee, Jr., 54, a former delivery truck driver, testified Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, that he was in the store a few minutes before the two employees were shot to death. Reportedly Lee said he saw a suspicious looking man come into the store and another man was outside in a vehicle.

Lee said the one who came into the store was about 32 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall and wore a fishing hat. He had a dark complexion and a lazy right eye, according to Lee. The man reportedly walked to the back of the store and then to the front counter asking where the miniature whiskey bottles were kept.

Lee then said he left the store and stopped for gas about 500 yards away. Not even 10 minutes later he saw several police cars and an ambulance pull up at the liquor store. Lee reportedly returned to the store and told police about the two men. He was taken to the police station and assisted investigators in making a composite sketch of the men. Police said the sketches were made based on descriptions by 6 to 8 people who were interviewed following the shooting.

Police said they turned their attention to Harris after they were tipped off that he was in the area after he escaped custody of a Michigan Deputy Sheriff and that he stole her gun. The gun was the same kind used in the slayings, police said. Police said they became convinced Harris was involved when one of the wounded sisters at the store saw a photo and said she was about 70 percent sure he was the gunman.

Defense attorneys questioned why police did not follow up their investigation of the original suspects and allowed a man they had arrested the night of the slayings to go free. The man reportedly matched the description of one of the suspects and was found wearing a shirt that appeared to be stained with blood. They also questioned why the photo of Harris was released to the media when Helen Chisnick did not give a positive identification when she viewed the photo.

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CAGW Review Bush's 2005 Fiscal Budget

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) criticized the Bush administration's proposed increase if $18 million in the $122.5 million budget for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). A preview of his fiscal 2005 budget shows that President Bush will call for an increase of less than one percent in non-defense discretionary spending and a 9.7 percent increase in defense and homeland security. The NEA would receive a 15 percent hike.

"With a 15 percent increase in the NEA and no offsets to finance this windfall, the White House is saying that promoting the arts is more vital than protecting the nation. This does not bode well for holding overall non-defense spending to a one percent increase, as members of Congress will seize on this increase as an excuse to hike spending on other domestic programs," CAGW President Tom Schatz said.

"As the saying goes, one person's trash is another person's art. However, tax dollars are not as subjective. The administration obviously believes the government should be in the business determining what has artistic value. But it has yet to draw up a list of business that the government should not fund," Schatz added.

In the new budget, NEA is scheduled to receive $140.5 million. The increase will go towards an arts heritage program, "American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius," that will tour communities in all 50 states. There will also be an educational initiative for schools that will include videos and study guides for jazz, Shakespeare, dance, and other forms of art.

In the past, NEA has drawn criticism for funding questionable projects, most notably the works of Andres Serreno and Robert Mapplethorpe. As a result, its budget was slashed to less than $100 million in 1995 after peaking in 1992 at $176 million.

"The NEA should be eliminated rather than enhanced as it does not fit within the proper role of government," Schatz concluded. "With a rising deficit and a war on terror, the President needs to exhibit more fiscal responsibility. This is not the time to be sending astronauts to Mars and displaying artwork. More now than ever, this country needs to get its fiscal priorities straight."

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government.

SCORE Half-Day Workshop

Attend a half day workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 17 offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Hear a guest loan officer discuss the financial elements needed to operate a small business. Cash Flow and Income Statements as well as the Balance Sheet will be included. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to preregister. Same-day registration is at 8:30 a.m. at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Wizard Of Oz Tickets On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's March production of The Wizard of Oz, a family favorite musical about a Kansas girl who is swept away to a magical land during a tornado and journeys to find a wizard who can help her get back home.

In this production, Dawn Schnolis of Chicago will portray Dorothy Gale, and Stan Kastelic of Chicago will portray the wizard, Professor Marvel. Along her journey, Dorothy befriends three unusual characters – a scarecrow (New Lenox's Reid Harrison O'Connell), a tinman (Oak Lawn's Joel Craig) and a cowardly lion (Oak Lawn's Mike Reams) – plus she encounters two witches. The wicked witch will be portrayed by Evergreen Park's Amanda Barclay, and Glinda (the good witch) will be portrayed by Midlothian's Angela Mehalek. The adult cast is supported by a cast of 68 children, who will alternate performances in groups of 34.

The show's producer is Mark Gorka, and the director is Erica Heilmann. Julie Benos is the assistant director, Charlie Misovye is the choreographer, and Marty Rowsey is the music director. The conductor is Bill Hansen, and the set and lighting designer is Gil Oliva. Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Performances are scheduled at: 8 p.m. on March 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th and 19th; at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21st; and at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th and Sunday, March 14th. All performances are at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Ticket prices are $17 for adults and $16 for seniors and children. For more information or to reserve tickets via credit card, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com. Box office hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Michael Segvich (left), Principal of St. Laurence High School, and Mr. Thomas Ondria, President, present the winning $3,000 check to Jackie Blickle of Lisle who was the end of the year winner of St. Laurence's "Everyday is a Lucky Day Raffle." The raffle distributed $50 to daily winners, $300 to a winner at the end of each month, and $3,000 to a final winner at the end of the year. Tickets for the raffle were sold by students as a fund raiser for the school.

Rembrandt's Journey

The Art Institute of Chicago has announced that tickets are now on sale for Rembrandt's Journey: Painter, Draftsman, Etcher, the highly praised first American exhibition to explore the great Dutch artist's brilliant work as a printmaker in the context of his paintings and drawings.

The exhibition – which has garnered glowing reviews during its showing at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, co-organizer with the Art Institute – will be held in Galleries 262-272 of the Art Institute's Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Building, Feb. 14 through May 9.

Rembrandt's Journey offers a rare opportunity for viewers to experience the work of an artist who stands in the pantheon of such giants as Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael, and Vermeer. Few museum collections have his paintings, drawings, or prints in any sizable number, and, with more than half of the prints he produced represented, this exhibition allows a wonderful close-up view of the artist's genius through this powerful yet intimate medium.

Seek Professional Artists

Urban Gateways: Center for Arts Education is calling all professional artists in dance, music, theatre, literary and visual arts who are interested in working in an emotional setting with children in the Chicago metropolitan area. Through a hands-on experience with teachers and students, artists conduct programs that support and extend teachers' efforts in arts education and teach skills that parallel other academic subject.

The applications deadline for all artists is April 5. To receive an artist application, contact Urban Gateways at (312) 922-0440

At The Carraig

Katie Sullivan will be appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub set in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., on Saturday, Feb. 7th at 10 p.m. No cover charge. For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323

Reavis Students In Band Festival

On Thursday, Feb. 19th, the South Inter-Conference Assn. (SICA) Band Festival will be held at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park.

Reavis High School is one of 30 schools from the south suburban area. The participating students from Reavis are: Allison Pepich (flute), Lauren Wika (flute), Emily Gron (clarinet), John Schuetz (trumpet), Chirag Darji (baritone) and Anthony Soyak (percussion).

High school band directors nominate students for participation based on ability and merit. A selection committee consisting of SICA band directors reviewed over 400 nomination forms and selected approximately 230 students to participate in one of four ensembles. The 2004 SICA Festival conductors are outstanding music educators and top professional musicians. Orbert Davis, co-founder and Executive Director of Music Alive!, and one of Chicago's top jazz trumpet players, will conduct the SICA Jazz Ensemble. Terry Redford, Director of Bands at Lemont High School, will serve as the SICA Concert Band conductor, and Dr. Thomas Caneva, University of Illinois Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Marching Illini, will conduct the 2004 SICA Wind Ensemble.

A Jazz Reading band led by a group of SICA High School Band directors, which includes Matt Aukus of Rich South, Dave Griesemer of Bloom Trail, and Matt Kastor of Oak Forest, will perform an afternoon mini-concert for the student participants following the daylong rehearsals. The 2004 SICA Band Festival concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sandburg High School auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Barbara Hines, band director at Reavis High School.

Call For Short Films

The Chicago Film Office announces a call for short films to be considered for the 2004 Chicago Outdoor Film Festival. Selected shorts are screened prior to each evening's feature presentation. The work must be locally produced, under 12 minutes in length and suitable for any audience.

The Chicago Outdoor Film Festival is a presentation of American film classics screened at sundown in Grant Park. In its fourth season, this enormously popular event attracted an average of 30,000 viewers per evening. This year's program begins July 13th for seven consecutive Tuesdays.

"Shorts are a showcase for Chicago's growing independent film community," says Rich Moskal, director of the Chicago Film Office. "Some of these [films] have been award-winning as well as Academy Award-nominated films which have also screened at prestigious film festivals around the world, including Cannes."

Please send submissions on ½" videocassette with contact information to: Chicago Film Office, One N. LaSalle, #2165, Chicago, IL 60602.

Submission deadline is Monday, May 3rd.

For more information on the film festival, contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events, (312) 744-3315.

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Abstinence Until Marriage

The vast majority of American parents want their children's sex education classes to emphasize abstinence until marriage, according to a new poll released recently.

The survey, conducted by Zogby International for Focus on the Family, also found that parents strongly oppose the values and messages of comprehensive sex education, a training model that assumes teens will become sexually active and, therefore, must be given easy access to condoms.

In fact, a significant majority of those surveyed believe that sexual behavior is likely to lead to psychological, emotional and physical problems for teens.

"This poll illustrates that the people most concerned about the health and emotional well-being of America's children – their moms and dads – recognize that abstinence is the only surefire way to protect their kids," said Linda Klepacki, manager of the abstinence department at Focus on the Family. "As hard as the comprehensive sex-education lobby has tried to sell its 'safe-sex' message, it's clear parents aren't buying it."

"It is gratifying to learn that parents agree with the President that the primary message we should give our children when it comes to sexual behavior is abstinence until marriage," Dr. Wade Horn, assistant secretary for children and families at the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, said.

The survey of 1,008 parents of children under 17 featured in-depth questions about the respondents' views of teenage sexual behavior, the messages contained in sex education curricular and sexual activity as it pertains to human relationships. Among its highlights were:

- Sixty-eight percent of parents want schools to teach teens that individuals who remain abstinent until marriage have the best chances of marital stability and happiness. "Abstinence programs," Klepacki said, "support this theme while comprehensive sex ed classes seldom mention marriage and do not criticize casual sex."
- Ninety-one percent want their children to be taught that sex should be linked to the type of love and commitment found in marriage. "Abstinence programs are built upon this message while comprehensive programs present sex as a physical process," Klepacki explained. "The highest aim for comprehensive programs is the avoidance of STDs and unwanted pregnancy. Abstinence programs aim teens toward an enriched life."
- More than 56 percent said that information about contraception should either not be taught as a subject or taught in a class separate from abstinence, such as a health or biology class.
- Only 39.9 percent thought that abstinence and contraception should be combined in a single class. But even on that matter, only 2 percent thought that sex education should focus on teaching teens how to use condoms. "That is a shocking number," Klepacki said, "because the vast proportion of government programs in the past had as their goal getting more teens to use more condoms. It is clear that the public health establishment has been out of step with the will of America's parents. Only with the current administration has funding been dedicated to abstinence."

The Heritage Foundation confirmed that conclusion in an analysis of the Zogby report. The report noted that $4.50 was spent on comprehensive sex education for every $1 spent on abstinence education.

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Kids Clothing Resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., is looking for sellers for its annual Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale on March 13th from 8 to 11 a.m. We will accept up to 50 sellers on a first-come, first-served basis. To be able to pre-shop on Friday before the sale you may do so by donating 3-10 hours of your time by helping with the sale before, during or after for breakdown. There is a $5 registration fee of which $3 will be refunded if you work one hour after the sale. The seller receives 70% of their sales. We are also accepting maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys.

For more information, you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025, or you may come into the office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to register.

Nuel Is Named

Cynthia Nuel, a graduate of Harold L. Richards High School, has earned the honor of being named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List for Academic Excellence at VanderCook College of Music. In honor of this achievement, she will receive $200 toward Spring 2004 tuition costs at the college.

Pictured are the first, second and third place winners in each age category: (left to right, back) 12-13 year olds Dean Danos, Alex Zemke and David Drate; (middle) 10-11 year olds Joshua Tripodi, Hank Pendor and Garrett Jados; (front) 8-9 year olds Dean Danos, Eric Furlong and Jordan Moeller.

Pictured are the first, second and third place winners in each age category: (left to right, back) 12-13 year olds Connie Koslerski, Candace Burton and Virginia Rybicki; (middle) 10-11 year olds Maria Grana, Lauren Gabel and Jill Candos; (front) 8-9 year olds Mary Spedal, Lorissa Sernus, and Emily Larson.

Oak Lawn Elks Announce The 2004 Local Hoop Shoot Winners

The Oak Lawn Elks, 107th and Central Ave., have announced the 2004 local Hoop Shoot winners. The Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest is open to all grammar school children, girls and boys in age groups 8 & 9, 10 & 11, and 12 & 13 years of age. Local School District 122, 123, Catholic school and private schools were represented. The competition was again held at the St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn.

Local first place winners will advance to district competition at South Suburban College and later to Springfield. All Elks Lodges participate in this yearly youth program.

Kindergarten Enrollment Set

Kindergarten enrollment for Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. According to Dr. James Paziotopoulos, Superintendent, parents should enroll resident students who will be five years old before Sept. 1, 2004, for Kindergarten at one of the district's five elementary schools: Covington, Hannum, Hometown, Kolmar and Sward. First grade students who will be six years old before Sept. 1, 2004, can be enrolled at the local school.

Parents are required to present the following documents at registration: an official birth certificate (issued by county), and a copy; photo ID with name and address of parent/guardian/custodian (driver's license, state ID or passport); and four proofs of residence – Category 1 (one document required), real estate tax bill, signed lease, mortgage papers, or sales agreement and Category 2 (three documents showing proper address), driver's license, voter registration, library card, home/apt. insurance papers, most recent gas or electric bill, auto registration, most recent credit card bill, or public aid card

Certificates for children who were born in Chicago may be obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60602, phone (312) 603-7790, or at a participating Currency Exchange. Certificates for children born in other localities may be obtained by contacting the local Village of City Hall.

Golf Team Volunteers

The McAuley Golf Team volunteered for 'Hook A Kid On Golf Foundation' of Illinois at Mayor Daley's annual Holiday Sports Festival. This event took place from Dec. 27th to 29th at McCormick Place in Chicago. McAuley students volunteered the afternoon of Dec. 28th. The festival offers free activities, clinics, skill areas, and entertainment. At the golf station of the festival a SNAG Golf interactive area was set up that offered visitors putting, chipping, full swing and a questions station.

The McAuley Golf Team is coached by Marianne Durham and has 23 members: juniors Mary Kate Boyce, Kimberly Budz, Kathleen Carter, Michele Dikeis, Katherine Durham, Elaine Lood, Kerry McNamara, Cathy Moran, Katie Needham, Maura Reilly, Jessica Roccasalva, Becky Sylve; sophomores Kara Broderick, Mary Kate Cusick, Jenny Foy, Megan Hallaren, Annie McEldowney, Mary Jane Newell, Kristina Quinn, Kirsten Weber; and freshmen Regina Belotti, Danielle Fleckenstein and Meaghan Wirtz.

For Kidney Patients

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) will present "Living Well on Dialysis!" on Sunday, Feb. 29th at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center (Marriott), 1195 Summerhill Dr. in Lisle. "Living Well on Dialysis" is an educational day for kidney patients, family members, friends and dialysis unit healthcare professionals.

The program will begin with lunch and an uplifting NKFI video featuring patients who are living well on dialysis. The afternoon's activities include a program on "Eating Well," tools and tips to better manage and comply with a kidney diet or diabetic kidney diet.

"Living Well on Dialysis" will take place between 12 noon and 4 p.m. The $5 per person registration fee includes program, materials and lunch. Meals can only be guaranteed for those registered by Feb. 24th. To register and for additional information, call Dotty Zecca at (312) 321-1500, ext. 238, or e-mail dzecca@nkfi.org.

POLICE CALLS

On Jan. 27th Kenneth Hood, 38, and Karen Stefferson, 31, were arrested and charged with burglary after police observed Hood exit his car, which matched the description of a car used in a recent burglary in Alsip, and attempt to enter Smoker's Lane, which was closed. The officer observed Hood jiggling the knob and working on the lock. As a car would pass Hood would return to his own car but as soon as it was clear he went back to the lock. The officer then observed Hood toss something into the street and enter the store. When other officers arrived and entered the store, they observed Hood carrying a bag full of cartons and loose packs of cigarettes as he attempted to escape out the back door. Stefferson was arrested as she waited in the car and acted as the look out.

On Jan. 28th Sean Lionberg, 19, of Hometown was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a weapon after a security detector at Rise School indicated he had a weapon. When searched, police discovered an open folding knife in his pocket

On Jan. 29th Michael Mayo, 27, of Chicago was arrested and charged with battery after grabbing the wrist of a Home Depot associate, who was checking his receipt. He refused to release her wrist until she returned the receipt. After bonding out of jail, Mayo returned to the Home Depot and took pictures of associates. A security guard told Mayo he could not take pictures, he shoved a shopping cart into the security officer's legs. He was then charged with a second count of battery.

On Jan. 31st David Prorok, 43, of Tinley Park was arrested and charged with assault and unlawful use of a weapon after he threatened to kill the victim with a knife during an argument.

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Richards H.S. State Scholars

Richards High School announced that 38 members of the 2004 senior class have been named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Roughly 10 percent of the state's high school seniors earn this recognition each year. Eligibility includes:

- Attend an Illinois State recognized high school;
- Be a United States citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
- Be a resident of Illinois
- Take the ACT, SAT I, or Prairie State Achievement Exam during the third or fourth semester prior to graduation from high school (typically between Sept. 1 an June 30 of the junior year);
- Rank in the top one-half of his or her high school class at the end of the third semester prior to graduation from high school (typically as a junior in their sixth semester); and
- Graduate from high school during the academic year in which the student is selected as a State Scholar.

Richards seniors named Illinois State Scholars include: Michael Betsanes, Nichole Boyce, Noelle Brenza, Amanda Burns, Joseph Carden, Cesar Castillo, Patrice Connelly, Tom Czaplewski, Dominick DeBartolo, Scot Denison, Kurt Dietrick, Tim Ferencak, Cathleen Fitzgibbon, Alan Francis, Kevin Galdek, Emily Hawrysio, Stephen Hicks, Katie Hudson, Lubna Judeh, Bill Kenney, Kathryn Kemper, Patricia Koulogeorge, Meghan Lehnhardt, Sean Lewis, Sylvia Maka, John Mallon, Steve Michalkow, Mike Monahan, Trisha Novosel, Bill O'Donnell, Lissette Ortegon, Natalie Pekic, Andrea Pocius, Anne Siska, Dan Szczecinski, Ruba Tadros, Ben Williams, and Stefanie Wycislak

Achievement List

Students from Hometown have been named to the Part-Time Student Scholastic Achievement List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College.

Named are Wendy Aguilar, Kathleen Malas, Julia McGurk, Patrick Moyles, Wendy Murray, Ellen Phillips and Joyce Tyler.

Attending the recent "Seminary Salute to Labor, Business and Government" annual award gala were (left to right) Edgebrook resident Al Faul, director of Labor Relations at the Metropolitan Pier Authority, 2002 Rerum Novarum Award Recipient Brian Hickey of Oak Lawn and Mike Gavin, VP/Organizations with Engineers Local 399, of Joliet. Three prominent leaders from the Chicago labor, business and government sectors were honored at the recent event where Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I. personally presented their awards. The three recipients of the 2003 Rerum Novarum Award were: Bernie Spatz, the secretary-treasurer of Chicago & Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, for his labor leadership; Frank M. Clark, President of ComEd, for his work in the business sector and Jack Hartman who represented government for his work as the Executive Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. All proceeds from the event benefited Saint Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University. St. Joseph College Seminary is the college seminary of the Catholic Arch-diocese of Chicago. Since 1960, the program has been edifying young men interested in being ordained to the Catholic Priesthood. St. Joseph's mission is to provide both the training and environmental needs for college students to answer their call to the priesthood. For more information, call Marie Composto at (773) 973-9721.

Census Bureau Conducts Survey

Field representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will visit 45,000 households beginning in February to conduct the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). One question they hope to answer: Are rates of participation in government assistance programs rising or falling?

The last time the results of this survey were published – for 1996 through 1999 – they showed that 36 million people, or 13 percent of the nation's residents, took part in one or more major means-tested, government assistance programs during each month, on average, in 1999. The programs included Medicaid, food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or General Assistance (formerly known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children), Supplemental Security Income and Housing assistance.

"It is important that those selected for the SIPP participate because the results from this survey will enable policymakers to address a multitude of critical issues," said Stanley D. Moore, director of the Census Bureau's Chicago regional office "Among these are the prevalence of people with lapses in health-insurance coverage; the characteristics of people with disabilities; the presence of provisions for health-care costs in child support agreements, and whether more people enter or exit poverty during a given year."

The survey also tracks changes in the type of work people perform, their educational level and whether they are actively looking for work. Respondents also may be asked about other topics such as how they finance their own or their children's college education, retirement and pension plan coverage, child-care arrangements, payments made for adults living in another household or an institution (such as an elderly parent in a nursing home), visits to a medical doctor, the cost of work-related expenses and fertility history. Since SIPP is designed to measure change over time, selected households will remain in the survey through 2008.

Bless Children

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will celebrate Candlemas by blessing children younger than 3 on Sunday, Feb 8th during the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. Children will receive a blessing and their parents will light a candle, in celebration of Jesus' presentation in the temple as an infant.

Anyone who would like their child to be included in this service may call the church at (708) 422-4200

Class

At Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., we are going to study the New York Times best-seller, *The Purpose Drive Life* by Rick Warren. Please join us to explore its life-changing principles and see how it can transform your life! Class starts on Feb. 8th from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and will run for six weeks. For more information, call Cathy Cepican at 422-0193.

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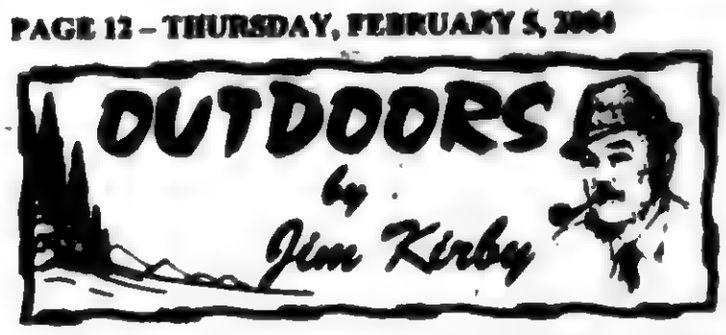

IS THE CITY OF CHICAGO IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS?: At the recent Chicagoland Outdoors Show, IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold unveiled plans for the 1,179 acre World Shooting Complex near Sparta, Illinois in Randolph County.

Somehow, The Amateur Trapshooting Association officials were convinced that Illinois was "not an anti-gun state." This, in spite of the City of Chicago's restrictive gun laws, and Mayor Daley's recent trip to lobby Washington to allow the city to sue gun manufacturers of guns used in the commission of crimes in the city.

The shooting complex is expected to have more than 100 trap stations over a 3.5 mile course, skeet stations, sporting clays, a *pistol range* and 3-D archery range. The site also will offer traditional outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, hiking and camping.

IDNR unveils layout of 1,179 acre "World Shooting Complex" near Sparta, Illinois.

Development of an expanded camping/parking complex will allow the site to attract major motor-home and camping rallies, car shows, conventions and similar activities, attracting thousands of visitors to the area.

Illinois was one of several states in the running to attract the Ohio-based Amateur Trapshooting Association and its major shooting event, the "Grand National." The ATA is the governing body for the sport of American-style-trap-shooting and has more than 100,000 members in the U.S., Canada and other countries. In addition, the National Sporting Clays Association and the National Skeet Shooting Association have committed to bring major events to the site.

This state-of-the-art complex will have an incredible economic impact on the area surrounding Sparta, creating jobs and the revenue created by the thousands of competitors and tourists using the facility.

No credit was given to former Governor George Ryan or past IDNR Director Brent Manning who initiated the project during their tenure, but that's politics.

■**GOOD ADVICE FROM A TOP MUSKY GUIDE:** Just received a newsletter from my favorite Northwoods Musky Guide, **Bruce Shumway**. I would like to share some of the tid-bits in his *Musky Hotline, Lessons of 2003*.

"The longer I fish for these crazy fish and experience days like this, the more I gain confidence when fishing on days deemed 'too nice' by other fishermen. Last year this sunny day pattern had me looking forward to sunny days and good fishing."

"Last year, my guests and I ran into quite a few of those sun worshipper muskies, when we had a one and one-half hour flurry right in the middle of a bright, flat day. When the action ended, Matt had caught two trophie muskies, a 48 inch plus another beauty trophy that I estimated at 50-inches, 33 to 34 pounds. Dad, Fred, also got into the excitement when he raised a 47-incher on a top-water lure."

"Being aware that muskies will bunch up in an area can pay big dividends, especially on those potentially mind-numbing slow days that seem to be a fact of life to musky hunters everywhere. I know it has taught me to keep looking for that one 'bust loose' opportunity that will save our day."

"My Esox Magnum Deep V is a stable, go anywhere boat with more storage than any other 18 ft. boat, and the Mercury 75hp Four Stroke is quiet, fuel efficient, powerful and most important, dependable. Being able to fish the roughest, windiest structures is often a key to our success. Minn Kota's Power Drive line of electric motors allow us to do just that."

Bruce guides on different musky lakes in the Hayward-Cable-Namakagon area, wherever he thinks he has the best chance of putting his fishing clients on 'trophy fish.' To book a fishing trip with Bruce, call (715) 798-3441, or fax (715) 798-3455, or bigmusky@cheqnet.net.

■**PETA PLANS SHAREHOLDER CAMPAIGNS:** PETA has purchased stock in several restaurants and fast food chains and is gearing up to take its animal rights philosophy directly to the shareholders. The animal rights organization has been working to purchase stock in Hormel Foods, Tyson Foods, Pilgrim's Pride, Denny's, Chili's, Outback Steakhouse and Applebee's. It is buying 50 percent over the minimum number of shares required to submit a shareholder resolution.

"PETA won't be satisfied until we're out of business," said Tyson spokesman Ed Nicholson. He said that the animal rights group targets companies with "significant brand identity" because of the attention it will draw.

Present SXU Football Awards

St. Xavier University head football coach Mike Fennis and his staff had plenty of players to recognize and accomplishments to highlight at the annual SXU football banquet on Sunday, Jan. 25th at the Rosewood West banquet hall in Crestwood. The Cougars finished the 2003 season with an overall record of 7-4, including a 5-2 mark in the MSFA Midwest League to claim a five-way share of the regular season championship.

In addition to awarding plaques to the 17 SXU players named to either the 2003 All-MSFA Midwest League First, Second or Honorable Mention Teams, the coaching staff was able to recognize sophomore wide receiver Jarrod Nowman (Manteno/Bishop McNamara) and senior offensive lineman Brandon Kukla (LaPorte, Ind./LaPorte) who were both named NAIA Offensive Honorable Mention All-Americans at their respective positions. Junior strong safety Matt Derry (Rockford/Boylan) was also honored as a Daktonics-NAIA Football All-American Scholar-Athlete.

The coaching staff had plenty of team awards to distribute as well. Nowman was named the 2003 Offensive Player of the Year and the Cougars' Most Valuable Player, while Derry was awarded the 2003 Defensive Player of the Year honor. Freshman wide receiver Greg Gerritsen (Frankfort/Lincoln-Way East) was named the SXU Newcomer of the Year. The Cougar Award for spirit, heart and desire was split between senior running back Danny Duncan (Crown Point, Ind./Lake Central) and senior linebacker Danny Casasanto (Chicago/Mt. Carmel).

Other SXU team awards announced at Sunday's banquet included:

2003 Most Improved Player: senior offensive lineman George Deaton (Mokena/Providence Catholic).

Offensive Lineman of the Year: senior offensive lineman Brandon Kukla (LaPorte, Ind./LaPorte).

Offensive End/Receiver of the Year: senior wide receiver Jimmy Flynn (Lockport/Lockport).

Offensive Back of the Year (quarterbacks included): freshman running back Luke Schillo (Evergreen Park/Evergreen Park).

Scout Offensive Player of the Year: freshman offensive lineman Eric Schreiber (Oak Lawn/Richards).

Defensive Lineman of the Year: junior defensive end Chris Koolstra (Chicago/Marist).

Linebacker of the Year: sophomore linebacker Rick King (Tinley Park/Andrew).

Defensive Back of the Year: junior strong safety Matt Derry (Rockford/Boylan).

Scout Defensive Player of the Year: freshman linebacker Sean Kenney (Palos Hills/Stagg).

Special Teams Player of the Year: junior place kicker Brad Sheehan (Frankfort/Lincoln-Way).

"This was definitely a great event," said Fennis following the banquet. "It tends to be a long night, because of all the players who deserve to be recognized for their achievements. Plus, since the end of the season, we have had two players (one current and one former) sent overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan, so it really puts things in perspective from an honoring the players standpoint."

Finn Earned 500th College Coaching Win

Bill Finn, head coach of Moraine Valley Community College's men's basketball team, earned his 500th college coaching win recently. At age 45, he is one of the youngest coaches in National Junior College Athletic Assn. history ever to reach the milestone.

"It has been my privilege to coach so many talented players and with such tremendous assistant coaches over the years. Moraine Valley and all of its players really own the 500 wins. It is because of them that our college has such a distinguished basketball program and is so rich in tradition," said Finn.

Finn began his coaching career at Moraine Valley during the 1981-82 season at the age of 23. He won his 100th game during the 1985-86 season at the age of 27, his 200th game at the age of 32 during the 1990-91 season; his 300th game during the 1994-95 season at the age of 36, and his 400th game at the age of 41 during the 1999-2000 season.

Finn, whose career record now stands at 500-203, has never recorded a losing season during his 22-year tenure at Moraine Valley. His teams have advanced to the NJCAA Division II national tournament four times, finishing in the final four in 1990 and 1999 and the elite eight in 2001 and 2002. This year's team is 18-2 overall, 6-1 against Skyway Conference competition.

In addition to his many coaching awards over the years, Finn was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame last spring. He has also been named the association's Junior College Division II Coach of the Year four times, Illinois Region IV Coach of the year four times, Skyway Community College Conference Coach of the Year five times, and North Central Community College Conference Coach of the Year five times.

Finn also is serving in his 20th year as Moraine Valley's athletics director. In 2003, he won the Nancy Blane Guerra Service Award, the college's employee of the year award for administrative and professional staff.

As a player, Finn earned all-conference honors while at Richards High School in Oak Lawn. He also was team captain for two years at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he earned National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics all-district honors.

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY SPORTS ROUND-UP

Men's Basketball Team Falls to 3-4 in CCIW Play

The Millikin men's basketball team ran into some stiff CCIW competition this week in Illinois Wesleyan and Augustana. The Big Blue suffered its first home loss of the year against Illinois Wesleyan (85-69) before a road loss to Augustana (88-59) on Saturday. The losses drop the Big Blue to 11-7 overall and 3-4 in the CCIW.

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Wheaton Gets Best of Millikin Women, Ties Big Blue for CCIW Lead

The Millikin women's basketball team suffered their first CCIW loss this season as the league's No. 2 Wheaton Thunder defeated the Big Blue 52-48 on Saturday in Decatur. It also marked the first loss at home for the Millikin women this season after a 9-0 home start. Their record now stands at 15-3 overall and 7-1 in the CCIW.

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Track Team Sees Two School Records Fall in Opening Weekend

The Millikin men's and women's track and field teams opened their indoor season on Saturday at the Illinois College Quad meet in Jacksonville. Both teams finished 4th out of 5 teams. For the women, Rachel Kirneis set a new school mark in the 3,000 meter run (11:33.02) while the women's sprint medley relay also set a new mark (4:55.10). Local members of the relay team are: Seantae Holland, Taylor, freshman Matt Vasquez (Tinley Park, Andrew) and Frank Safranski in 4x200 M relay 1:32.59 (1st); sophomore Amanda Uribe (Bourbonnais, Bradley-Bourbonnais), sophomore Kelli Stratmeyer, sophomore Jamie Virzi and sophomore Cassie Gonzales (Oak Lawn, H.S.) in Distance Medley Relay 14:32.84 (3rd).

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Wrestlers Get Win Over Olivet, Place Second at Monon Bell Duals

The Big Blue wrestling team won a home dual on Sunday over Michigan's Olivet College, 22-15. The Big blue got wins in seven of the 10 weight classes. Winners for Millikin included: 125 – junior Jim Fascetta (Oak Lawn, Mt. Carmel); 133 – freshman Phil Davidson (Lockport, Marist); 141 – freshman Justin Edwards; 157 – senior Jake Rodriguez; 174 – junior Raul Velazquez (Chicago, St. Laurence); 184 – junior Joe Krugler; 285 – junior Bryan Morgan.

At Saturday's Monon Bell Duals, the Big Blue finished second overall with a 3-1 record. Eleven different wrestlers posted .500 records or better in their respective weight classes.

The wrestling team is at the Wheaton Invitational this weekend.

St. Xavier University Basketball Games

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a game-high 26 points to keep the No. 24 St. Xavier University men's basketball team perfect in CCAC play at 6-0 with a commanding 83-65 win over Olivet Nazarene University on Saturday in Bourbonnais. SXU is currently riding a seven-game winning streak.

Junior guard Phillip Watson had an impressive all-around performance for the Cougars with 16 points, five assists and three rebounds, connecting on 7-for-10 of his shots from the field. Junior forward Mike Rojas finished with 13 points for the Cougars, while junior forward Eric Regan rounded out the SXU double-figure scorers with 11.

The SXU men's basketball team is 18-6 overall, 6-0 CCAC as of this writing.

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Despite double-double performances by junior forward Rachel Merkell and senior guard Mary Cain, the No. 22 St. Xavier University women's basketball team dropped its second CCAC game of the season with a heartbreaking 72-64 road loss to Olivet Nazarene University on Saturday in Bourbonnais.

Merkell finished with a team-high 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Cain contributed 11 points and 10 boards in the losing effort. Senior center Jayme Brown was the only other Cougar to score in double figures with 15 points.

St. Xavier University is presently 17-7, 3-2 CCAC.

ThunderBolts Tryout Set

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced that their Tryout Camp will be held on Monday, May 3rd at the Hawkinson Ford Field. Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the camp immediately following at 10 a.m. The cost per player is $25.

Registration for camp and all inquiries should be made through Field Manager Steve Maddock at smaddock@wethunderbolts.com.

Telander Scores 27 Points

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a game-high 27 points to keep the No. 24 St. Xavier University men's basketball team perfect in CCAC play with a 5-0 record following a big 77-68 win over University of St. Francis (Ill.) at the Shannon Center in Chicago. SXU is now riding a six-game winning streak.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-26-04
Non-Conference
Argo 74, Evergreen Park 56
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Blue South
Bogan 86, Fenger 53
Int. Science d. Ag Science, forfeit
Independent School League
Latin 77, Morgan Park Academy 32
SICA Central
Hillcrest 92, Tinley Park 60
T.F. North 62, Oak Forest 51
T.F. South 60, Bremen 42
SICA West
Andrew 68, Lincoln-Way East 61
Sandburg 74, Stagg 53
Lincoln-Way Central 47, Lockport 45
Non-Conference
Bolingbrook 50, Shepard 49
Brother Rice 54, Marist 51
Chicago Christian 67, Illinois Lutheran 31
Illiana Christian 64, Luther East 16
Joliet 71, Providence 50
Riverside-Brookfield 71, Lemont 67, OT
St. Laurence 59, Oak Lawn 49
Wednesday, 1-28-04
Blue Central
Kennedy 96, Hancock 64
Red South
Morgan Park 45, Corliss 31
Non-Conference
Leo 77, Evergreen Park 40
Blue South
Bogan 70, Ag Science 43
Brooks 67, Fenger 64
Red South
Morgan Park 69, Harlan 63
Friday, 1-30-04
Chicago Catholic League
Leo 59, St. Rita 46
St. Laurence 56, Bishop McNamara 52
St. Ignatius 52, Mt. Carmel 50
St. Francis de Sales 65, Providence 60, OT
Hales Franciscan 91, Gordon Tech 53
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 68, St. Viator 44
St. Patrick 55, Marian Catholic 44
St. Joseph 72, Joliet Catholic 41
Independent School League
Lake Forest Acad. 66, Morgan park Acad. 31
Private School League
Illiana Christian 62, Walther Lutheran 51
Luther North 66, Chicago Christian 58
Wheaton Academy 65, Luther South 47
SICA Central
Bremen 68, Eisenhower 51
Hillcrest 55, T.F. North 42
T.F. South 42, Oak Forest 39
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 60, Shepard 38
Thornton 64, Thornridge 51
Thornwood 39, Bloom 38, 3 OT
SICA North
Argo 65, Oak Lawn 55
Bolingbrook 72, Romeoville 62
Reavis 83, Richards 61
SICA West
Joliet 81, Sandburg 63
Lincoln-Way Central 54, Lincoln-Way East 47
Lockport 41, Stagg 40, OT
Suburban Prairie East
Westmont 64, Evergreen Park 59
Suburban Prairie South
Oswego 63, Lemont 45
Saturday, 1-31-04
Non-Conference
Marist 52, Palatine 42

BOYS BOWLING
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Public League Championship
Teams: Morgan Park 2,365, Vocational 2,305, Von Steuben 2,535, Kennedy 2,530
Friday, 1-30-03
Boys IHSA State Tournament
Second Round - Teams Standings: 1. Edwardsville 6,254, 2. Collinsville 6,202, 3. Rockford Guilford 6,159. **Local Teams:** 9. Lockport 5,910, 13. Morgan Park 5,796, 14. De La Salle 5,766, 17. Brother Rice 5,730, 20. St. Rita 5,518, 21. St. Laurence 5,457
Saturday, 1-31-04
IHSA State Tournament Finals
Final Team Standings: 1. Edwardsville 12,337, 2. Lake Park 12,346, 3. Freeport 12,169. **Local Teams:** 9. Lockport 11,916. **Top Local Finishers:** 10. James Carraway, Morgan Park, 2,258. 12. Brian Ginger, De La Salle, 2,247. 16. Dave Pew, Lockport, 2,217. 30. Ronnie Humphrey, Lockport, 2,339. 35. Bob Zacharias, Lockport, 2,012. 42. Javet James, Morgan Park, 1,888. 51. Dave Campbell, Tinley Park, 1,852. 52. Adam Burns, St. Rita, 1,842.

BOYS HOCKEY
Monday, 1-26-04
Kennedy Cup
Fenwick 10, St. Rita 2
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Mt. Carmel 2, Brother Rice 1
Thursday, 1-29-04
Kennedy Cup Quarterfinals
Marist 9, St. Laurence 2*
*Marist wins series 2-0.

BOYS SWIMMING
Monday, 1-26-04
Brother Rice 104, Lincoln-Way East 82
Wednesday, 1-28-04
Sandburg 96, Lincoln-Way Central 79
Thursday, 1-29-04
Brother Rice 149, St. Ignatius 95, St. Rita 79
Lincoln-Way E. 94, Homewood-Flossmoor 91

BOYS WRESTLING
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Notre Dame 68, Joliet Catholic 4
Notre Dame 84, St. Joseph 0
Wednesday, 1-28-04
Wilmington 71, Illiana Christian 6
Thursday, 1-29-04
Providence 52, Mt. Carmel 13
Riverside-Brookfield 56, Yorkville 18
Riverside-Brookfield 39, Lemont 37
Friday, 1-30-04
Illiana Christian 51, Peotone 30
St. Rita 62, Fenwick 6
Saturday, 1-31-04
Providence 52, Mt. Carmel 13
York 30, Lyons 29
Public League Tournament
Final Team Standings: 1. Bowen 138, 2. Austin 107, 3. Washington 106. **Local Winners:** 6. Bogan 93, 7. Morgan Park 92, 13. Fenger 41, 26. tie. Ag Science and Taft 4
SICA Blue Tournament
Champions
103 - Paul Palacios, Joliet. 112 - Brandon Precin, Sandburg. 119 - Thomas Gagan, Lincoln-Way Central. 125 - Matt Cusick, Sandburg. 140 - Dan Hamilton, Homewood-Flossmoor. 135 - Mike Anello, Sandburg. 140 - Eric Kruger, Sandburg. 145 - Brett Ambrosino, Lincoln-Way East. 152 - Adam Solarski, Lincoln-way Central. 160 - Brad Muthart, Lincoln-Way East. 171 - Jim Griffin, Lincoln-Way East. 189 - Jeremy Godina, Lincoln-Way Central. 215 - Bob Sirvid, Sandburg. 275 - Jon Perreiro, Sandburg.
SICA Gray Tournament
Final Team Standings: 1. Romeoville 176, 2. Bolingbrook 152, 3. Shepard 128, 4. Andrwe 111, 5. Stagg 106, 6. Bradley 92, 7. Thornridge 53, 8. Thornton 40
Championship Matches
103 - Scott Normand, Romeoville d. Tony Turn, Andrew, 5-4. 112 - Jeremy Johnson, Romeoville, Jeremy Fisher-Jones, Thornridge, 12-6. 119 - Tim Klahn, Stagg d. Pat Rathburn, Shepard, 9-8. 125 - Kyle Jahn, Bolingbrook pinned Alex Martino, Shepard, 3:15. 130 - Terren Rice, Stagg d. Mike Ryan, Bradley, 8-4. 135 - David Fear, Bradley d. Andrew Guilde, Bolingbrook, 11-5. 140 - Tony Gross, Romeoville, Eddie McKay, Bolingbrook, 8-0. 145 - Mike Lefliere, Andrew, Romeville, 7-4. 152 - Fadie Akileh, Shepard d. Andrew Lewis, Thornridge, 5-4. 160 - Mark Stiehm, Bolingbrook pinned Chris Sizemore, Romeoville, 5:30. 171 - Pat McGovern, Stagg d. Nate Everhart, Andrew, 5-2. 189 - Ryan Bailey, Bradley d. Sean Hannon, Andrew, 16-4. 215 - Kyle Williams, Bolingbrook pinned Aaron McClinton, Thornridge, 5:36. 275 - Ryan Bain, Bradley pinned Dominik Angelom, Romeoville, 2:32.

SICA Green Tournament
At Tinley Park
Championship Matches
103 - Isaiah Tyler, Rich Central pinned Nate Hamilton, Tinley Park, 3:40. 112 - Juan Chavez, Tinley Park pinned Donte Johnson, Rich East. 119 - Marvin Webster, Rich East pinned Jabari Beckford, Rich Central. 125 - Ross Brazzale, Rich East d. Chris Chachakis, Rich South, 12-8. 130 - Cowan Brown, Rich South pinned Maurice Johnson, 3:40. 135 - Tim Burns, Bremen d. Tim Paige, Rich East, 6-4. 140 - Rob Sobotka, Bremen d. Manny Minter, Rich East, 9-2. 145 - Nigel Peteet, Rich Central d. Dave Demro, Bremen 4-2. 152 - Omar Donahue, Hillcrest d. Frank Betancourt, Bremen, 7-2. 160 - Carl Brewer, Bremen pinned Howard Blackman, T.F. North, 5:20. 171 - Terrell Henderson, Hillcrest d. Alex Theus, T.F. North, 6-0. 189 - Jon Stripens, Rich Central pinned Steve Stille, Tinley Park, 5:45. 215 - Alex BArrera, Tinley Park d. Cordell Clemson, Hillcrest, 5-2. 275 - Dontello Crosby, Rich East pinned William Pippen, Rich Central, 1:01.
SICA Orange
At Reavis
Final Team Standings: 1. Reavis 244, 2. Argo 207, 3. Richards 140, 4. Oak Lawn 127, 5. T.F. South 67, 6. Oak Forest 44, 7. Crete-Monee 41. Eisenhower also competed.
Championship Matches
103 - McNaughton, Oak Lawn pinned Thompson, Argo, 3:30. 112 - Robles, Reavis pinned Shahen, Oak Lawn, 1:40. 119 - Weinert, Reavis pinned Robertson, Argo, technical fall. 125 - Robertson, Argo d. Friars, Richards, DQ. 130 - Sparks, Crete-Monee, Perryman, Richards, 12-4. 135 - Hanson, T.F. South d. Rodecki, Richards, 15-8. 140 - O'Toole, Richards d. Maleve, Argo, 7-3. 145 - Rockett, Reavis d. Kalchbrener, Oak Lawn, 10-1. 152 - Mulrenin, Oak Lawn d. Oil, Argo, 8-3. 160 - Kamata, Reavis pinned Robertson, Argo, 5:45. 171 - Swanson, Reavis d. Oil, Argo, 9-8. 189 - Minda, Reavis d. Srpalis, Oak Lawn, 8-1. 215 - Pollich, Reavis pinned Kelly, Richards, 1:40. 275 - Gray, Reavis d. Sellers, Argo 8-1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 1-26-04
East Suburban Catholic
St. Viator 58, Marist 54
SICA Central
Hillcrest 83, T.F. South 41
Oak Forest 38, Bremen 25
Tinley Park 51, Eisenhower 49
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 54, Shepard 30
SICA North
Richards 55, Reavis 53
SICA West
Joliet 46, Andrew 40
Sandburg 70, Lockport 16
Stagg 59, Lincoln-Way East 40
Non-Conference
Bloomington C.C. 69, Joliet Catholic 57
Public League Metro Tournament
Ag Science 50, Prosser 29
Hubbard 29, Fenger 18
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Independent League
U-High 44, Morgan Park Academy 41
Private League
Chicago Christian 66, Walther Lutheran 38
Illiana Christian 75, Luther South 24
Non-Conference
Oak Lawn 48, Maria 27
Seton 70, Bloom 61
Public League
Bogan 66, Jone 12
Kennedy 71, Sullivan 61

Wednesday, 1-28-04
East Suburban Catholic
Benet 73, Marian Catholic 67, OT
Joliet Catholic 64, Bishop McNamara 52
Providence 50, Marist 38
Non-Conference
Evergreen Park 46, Maria 35
Rich South 66, Richards 57
Metro Tournament
Ag Science 29, Hubbard 22
Sweet 16
Sandburg 58, Hinsdale South 35
New Trier 54, Lyons 43
Schaumburg 61, Washington 38

Thursday, 1-29-04
Independent School League
Morgan Park Academy 65, Woodlands 42
Private League
Chicago Christian 61, Wheaton Academy 49
SICA Central
Bremen 40, Tinley Park 37
Eisenhower 55, T.F. North 52
Hillcrest 51, Oak Forest 42
SICA North
Oak Lawn 73, Romeoville 53
SICA West
Lincoln-Way Central 48, Joliet 38
Lincoln-Way East 51, Lockport 42
Sandburg 48, Andrew 16
Non-Conference
Holy Trinity 37, Luther South 31
Homewood-Flossmoor 63, Stagg 41
T.F. South 38, Reavis 26
Friday, 1-30-04
SICA North
Oak Lawn 49, Argo 45
Suburban Prairie South
Oswego 37, Lemont 35
Non-Conference
Marian Catholic 67, Illiana Christian 54
Mother McAuley 45, Hinsdale Central 34
Saturday, 1-31-04
East Suburban Catholic
Benet 84, Providence 46
Carmel 58, Joliet Catholic 48
Marist 72, Bishop McNamara 54
Private School League
Chicago Christian 48, Luther North 30
Illiana Christian 65, Walther Lutheran 53
Suburban Prairie East
Evergreen Park 49, Westmont 23
Non-Conference
Lincoln-Way Central 58, Thornton 33
Sweet 16 Tournament
Sandburg 51, Mother McAuley 34

GIRLS BOWLING
Monday, 1-26-04
Lincoln-Way East 1,446, T.F. North 1,402
Tuesday, 1-27-04
Bremen 1,697, Evergreen Park 1,629
Willowbrook 2,909, Argo 2,432
Thursday, 1-29-04
Evergreen Park 2,308, Lisle 1,958
Oak Forest 1,701, Lincoln-Way Central 1,512
Tinley Park 1,442, Argo 1,333
Saturday, 1-31-04
Dixon Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Dixon 5,225, 2. Reavis 5,220, 3. DeKalb 5,216, 4. Taylorville 5,214, 5. Lockport 5,110
Leyden Invitational
Eagle Division
Final Team Standings: 1. Crete-Monee 5,023, 2. Jacobs 4,959, 3. Vernon Hills 4,907, 4. Eisenhower 4,771
Minooka Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. West Aurora 5,660, 2. Lemont 5,599, 3. Morris 5,314. **Local Teams:** 6. Bremen 5,160, 7. T.F. South 5,122, 9. Evergreen Park 5,019, 10. Oak Forest 4,992

Grand American Event

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced recently that the Amateur Trapshooting Assn. (ATA) has agreed to bring its Grand American event, the oldest and most prestigious shooting competition in the world, to Illinois beginning in 2006 to the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. The World Shooting Complex is a key project in the governor's *Opportunity Returns* economic development plan for Southwest Illinois that he unveiled in December.

"This is great news for Illinois - particularly the Southwest region - where we are developing the World Shooting Complex at Sparta," Gov. Blagojevich said. "*Opportunity Returns*" is giving more people the ability to earn a decent living, and this premier event will create even more jobs and spur economic growth and development throughout the Metro East area."

The ATA's Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to move the Grand American event, which first debuted in 1900, from Vandalia, Ohio to Sparta, Illinois. "We look forward to a great partnership with the state of Illinois and the Dept. of Natural Resources," ATA President Dave Kaiser said. "We believe the new state-of-the-art facility to be built in Illinois will mean the grand traditions of the Grand American will continue and grow."

The Grand American is estimated to bring 150,000 people to the 10-day event in August 2006. Along with other ATA events, the annual economic impact to Illinois is anticipated to be about $13.5 million.

Women Gymnasts Compete

On the weekend of Feb. 6th to 8th, Chicago's best women gymnasts, ages 6 to 18, will be competing against more than 3,400 other young gymnasts representing 156 teams from around the country during the IGI "Chicago Style" 2004 Gymnastics Meet.

The "Chicago Style" 2004 will be staged at Chicago's historic Navy Pier and presented in five sparkling competition gyms filling Festival Hall at the Pier. All gymnastics events begin at 8 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. each day. Sessions for gymnasts representing the USA Gymnastics levels 4 through 10/Elite will run at 8 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

Chicago-area Special Olympic athletes will participate in an exhibition in Festival Hall on Friday, Feb. 6th at 5 p.m. Illinois Gymnastics Institute will donate a portion of its proceeds to the Special Olympics of Illinois.

On Saturday, Feb. 7th, the American Girl Place choir will sing the National Anthem to open the Level 10 competition at 5 p.m.

Admission to IGI "Chicago Style" 2004 will be $15 per day for adults, $6 for seniors and children 5-10, and free for children under 4. For more information on IGI's "Chicago Style," visit the web site at www.region5.com/IGI-gymnastics or www.navypier.com/events.

Cougars Are No. 3

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Thornburg Signs

Caitlin Thornburg, a senior at Lincoln-Way Central High School in Frankfort, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program.

Thornburg, who plans to pursue a degree in education, is projected to play at the defender position for SXU. She is the daughter of Steve and Susan Thornburg of Manhattan and was coached by Dan Ranz at Lincoln-Way Central.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4130 W. 143rd St., Crestwood, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michelle D. Hardy, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11275.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3038 W 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,931.43.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6334.

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204437C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA. f/k/a Bancokoklahoma Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar Sayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11516.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8891 W. 93rd Street, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,788.26.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6774.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence V. Hudson, Jr. a/k/a Lawrence V. Hudson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 8121 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $92,302.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205048C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Wanda Bridges-Thompson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-12365.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2704 W. 96th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,289.33.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: THE SALES CLERK SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-96750

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203383C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leona Roller a/k/a Leona Rollerova, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-6805.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 2, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3404 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a separate 1.5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $163,458.64.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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File No. PA0303290.

203393C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12-01-98, Plaintiff, vs. Davie L. Sevier, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01C-9186.

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C/K/A 14343 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469.

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $190,324.99.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed in a stipulated date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

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205452C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael Ratulowski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9757.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14405 S. Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $96,369.50.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205069C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Ida Scruggs, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11122.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 16, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 3863 W. 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60658.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $123,523.81.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

205072C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for the GRMT Mortgage Loan Tr. 2000-1 dated 9/1/2000, Plaintiff, vs. Mike E. Swiatski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-11310.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14645 W. 89th. Place, Hometown, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms. Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Linda S Lodge-Featherstone, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-13189

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 12760 S. Kenneth Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $93,619.49

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 Please refer to file number 14-03-7885

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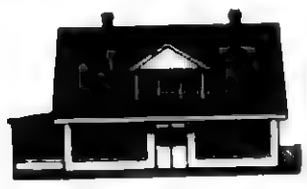

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Mark Siriann a/k/a Mark L Siriann, et al., Defendants. No 03Ch-10937.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14728 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, townhouse/rowhouse with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds

The judgment amount was $107,779.45

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America The Assignee of Fifth Third Bank the Successor in Corporate interest to Old Kent Mortgage the Assignee of Pacor Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Michael T. Richard, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-11754

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 10, 2003 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, February 20, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 16200 S. Grove, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $240,128.61

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9.00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28164.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds

The judgment amount was $40,090.90

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Knones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125

204168C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Perlkiewicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 14770 Waverly Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $56,538.73.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-5983.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

204629C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony M. Winfield, et al., Defendants Case No 03Ch-8583

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 4410 W. 111th St., #203, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a twelve unit building three story brick construction no garage brown

The judgment amount was $78,675.62

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance by certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA03040652.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203398C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Janice Ziola, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 5276.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56445
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 19, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 10, 2004 at the hour of 4.00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 4521 W. 89th Street, Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $87,647.73.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

204459C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Larry E. Leipart, et al., Defendants. No 02Ch-5674.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14641 Spaulding, Midlothian, IL 60445

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $88,383.79

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds balance, by certified funds within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

203440C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny Bunch Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-21259.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9140 S. Saint Louis Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvement on the property consists of a single family two story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds

The judgment amount was $178,196.90

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank F.A., successor in interest to Fleet Mtg. Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Cerullo, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-10621

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/2/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 3/3/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 4541 W. 88th St., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $97,109.21

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 02-33750.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203607C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Donald, et al. Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-1583

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 13631 S. Keystone Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $47,612.30

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-6732D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203380C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Master Servicer c/o ABN AMRO Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas E. Millan, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-16518.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 31, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 1, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11700 Harding Ave., Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $120,390.23.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 02-4367D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202714C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Zeneckis, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12187

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3776 W. Myrick St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $68,309.02.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7129.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203411C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Brenda Myers a/k/a Brenda Louise Myers, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11991.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3301 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $229,016.47.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876, Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7033.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203747C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by corporate merger to Great Western Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Issa Sweiss, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4195.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9415 S. McVicker Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $159,493.67.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-01-2581.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

204431C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its Successors and Assigns, as nominee for Wachovia Bank, N.A. f/k/a First Union National Bank as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Nagel, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11173.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9132 S. Tulley Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $135,167.12.

Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6304.

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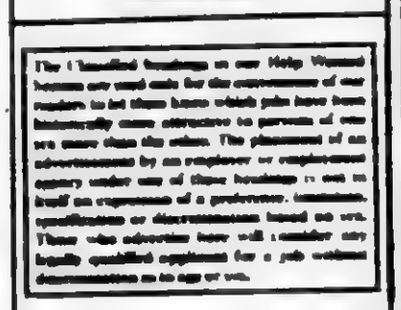

Spiritual

The Carmelite Spiritual Center will offer an Ash Wednesday program for women entitled "Ascending the Mountain" on Feb. 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Susan Lautenbach, a staff member, will direct the program.

For information, call (630) 969-4141.

Honor Roll Students

Queen of Peace High School has announced the students from Bridgeview who have earned "A" and "B" Honor Roll status in academics for the second quarter of the school year. "A" honors are awarded to students who earn a 3.5 or above grade point average; "B" honors are awarded to students who earn a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49.

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Harry E. Retz

Services were held Monday at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Harry E. Retz, 67.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; his children, Kathy (Tom) Andersen, Ken (Debbie), Karen (Jim) Martin and Steve and eight grandchildren.

Barbara Jane Sigel

A memorial visitation was held Wednesday at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Barbara Jane Sigel.

She is survived by her children, Gwen M. Lichneckert and Gregory M. (Barbara) Lichneckert; two grandchildren; her stepchildren, James (Kathy) Sigel, Nancy Grandis and Robert Sigel and two stepgrandchildren.

Clarence Sluis

Services were held Wednesday at Hornburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Clarence Sluis.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie; his children, Michael (Carol) and David (Barbara); six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Charlotte Parrish and his brothers, Arthur, Harold, James and Leonard.

Brian C. Thackston

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Brian C. Thackston.

He is survived by his children, Wayne Sr. (Jane) and Linda (James) Cornfield; his brothers, Wayne Jr. (Sherrie) Thackston, Jeremiah Bong and David Cornfield and his sister, Sheila (Satoshi) Mitsuma.

Irene M. Schmidt

Services were held Saturday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Irene M. Schmidt of Oak Lawn, wife of the late Arthur.

She is survived by her children, Arla (Scott) McWilliams, Karen (Greg) Moss, Carolyn Sluis, Jacqueline Schnur and Harold Sluis, Jr.; seven grandchildren and her sister, Lillian Bregin.

Brian Cummins

Services were held Monday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with interment in Marshall County, Kentucky, for Brian "Obie" Cummins, 41. He had 25 years of service with Romano Brothers and Union Local 3.

Sheila A. Murphy

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Sheila A. Murphy, wife of the late Michael.

She is survived by her children, Edward (Susan), Michael Jr. and John; two grandchildren.

Joseph C. Dietz

Mass was said Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph C. Dietz, 73, member of Jolly Burgenlanders.

Eileen M. La Bash

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Eileen M. La Bash, 64. She was a nurse for Stickney Township for 24 years.

She is survived by her children, Pauline (Edward) Rohn, Lynn La Bash, Amy La Bash, Tracy La Bash and Bert La Bash; four grandchildren and her sisters, Janice (Harry) Milcarek and Judie (Marty) Paryl.

Ann M. Mackovitch

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ann M Mackovitch, 90, wife of the late George.

She is survived by her children, Robert (Janice) and Frank (Susan); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jeanne Mae Marsh

Services were held Tuesday at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Jeanne Mae Marsh, 79.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur W.; her daughter, Karen (Albert) Kulig; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elaine G. Weiss

Services were held Tuesday at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Elaine G. Weiss, 76.

She is survived by her husband, Adolph "Al"; her children, Howard (Macia) and Bonnie (Joseph) Murray and five grandchildren.

Mildred M. Wendt

Services were held Tuesday at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Fairmont Willow Hills Memorial Park, for Mildred M. Wendt, 94, wife of the late Louis.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Christine), Eleanor (Robert) Anderson and Winfield (Michaelyn); nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Richard D. Halyko

Services were held Monday at the Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Richard D. Halyko of Oak Lawn, 73, U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and husband of the late Audrey.

He is survived by his daughter, Diane (Aurelio "Leo") Merenda; one grandchild and his sister, Irene Kubicki.

Walter A. Hess

Mass was said Monday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Walter A. Hess, 64, U.S. Army Major-retired and Staff Judge Advocate General for the 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He was a graduate of John Marshall Law School and worked closely with the German-American Community. He was the Fiduciary Attorney for the Consulates General of Germany and Austria.

He is survived by his wife, Hedda and his children, Dr. Corinna, Christian and Kirsten.

Margaret M. Hopkins

Mass was said Monday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret M. "Sis" Hopkins, 76, of Oak Forest, formerly of Midlothian. She was a retired clerk for Grill's Hardware Store and a member of St. Christopher Rosary Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; her children, Michael (Mary) and Timothy (Linda); four grandchildren; her brothers, Henry T. DeRouin and Walter DeRouin and her sisters, Eileen Roula and Theresa Scott.

Dominick J. Raglione

A memorial service was held Sunday at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Dominick J. Raglione, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Dawn Raglione and Mark; four grandchildren; his brothers, John and Frank and his sisters, Pam Chambers and Helen Griffin.

Eileen C. Heniff

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, Homewood, with interment at Assumption Cemetery, for Eileen C. Heniff of Matteson, wife of the late Robert Sr. She was a resident of Evergreen Park for approximately 40 years from 1940 to 1980.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Bud) Prior, C. Robert Jr. (Rose), Thomas Michael (Suzanne) and Michael Joseph (Sue); 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Genevieve J. Burns

A memorial mass was said Monday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Genevieve J. Burns, 87, wife of the late Thomas.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Carol), John (Judy), Kathleen Morrissey, Patrick (Donna) and Daniel (Paula) and eight grandchildren.

Robert T. Burns

Services were held Monday at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Robert T. Burns, retired Army veteran of World War II. He was the founder and CEO of Ar-Be Garage Doors in 1947 and a member of Moose Lodge 44.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; his children, Ronald (Carolyn), Donald (Mary Kay), David (Mary), Robin (Steve) Herrmann and Carolyn (Rick) Bennick; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dominick Colatriano

Services were held Monday at Hirsch Memorial Chapel, Tinley Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Dominick D. Colatriano, 77, U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia L.; his children, Sandra (Robert) Broberg, Dominick, Louis (Janice), Michael and Patricia; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his sisters, Lillian and Rose.

Patrick J. McGinty

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Patrick J. McGinty, 75, member of Local 150, Glen Eagles Men's Club, Gaelic Park, Achill Island, Yawl Racing Club.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen T.; his children, Patricia (Michael) Kenny, Anncolette (John) Goetz, Patrick J. Jr. (Diane), Sean (Lisa) and Erin (James) Kissane; 11 grandchildren; his sisters, Mary (Thomas) McGinty and Anne (Patrick) O'Donnell and his brother, Denis (Lucy).

Donald J. Michalik

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Symphorosa Church, Chicago, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Donald Joseph Michalik, Marine Corp veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and coach for the Moraine Valley College baseball team.

He is survived by his children, Angeline and D.J. Michalik; one grandchild and his sister, Marilyn (Thomas) Lewis.

Walter L. Douglas, Sr.

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Walter L. Douglas, Sr., U.S. Air Force veteran and husband of the late Josephine.

He is survived by his children, Walter L. Jr. and Kim Grannan; four grandchildren and his sisters, Joann (Randy) McCurry, Patricia Reams and Mary Ellen Meyers.

Joseph A. Drufke

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Joseph A. Drufke.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; his children, Gregory (Patricia) and Dan (Sharon); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James D. Englebrecht

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for James D. Englebrecht, 75, U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired employee of Peoples Gas Company.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; his children, Kathleen (Frank) Russo and James W.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Raymond Groenewold

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Raymond Groenewold, 83, a veteran. He was a retired 36-year employee of the City of Chicago, Western Ave. Pumping Station and a member of Faith United Presbyterian Church in Tinley Park.

He is survived by his wife, Martha R.; his children, Robert, Kenneth (Pat) and Shirley (Richard) Luedtke; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and his sisters, Karen (Jake) Stob, Helen Niemeyer and Janet Biert.

Eileen Doran

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eileen (Ellen) Doran, longtime member of the Chicago Pioneer Abstinence Assn.

She is survived by her husband, Myles J.; her children, Rosemary Doran and Brenda Lee McDonald; one grandchild; her brothers, Jim, Tom and Mike (Mary) Kennedy and her sisters, Mary Mulroy, Bridgie Winters, Peggy (James) Morgan and Veronica Ward.

James E. Cushing

Mass was said Wednesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James E. Cushing, 76, a veteran. He was a retired member of Local 150 International Union of Operating Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; his children, Barbara (Neal) Sterrett, Lynne (John) Butler, James E. Jr. (Therese), Karen (Bob) Cornwell, John (Patti) and Richard (Rose); 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his brother, Michael (Jean).

Jeannette Halper

Services were held Tuesday at Hornburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Jeannette "Jeanne" Halper, wife of the late William.

She is survived by her sister, Cornelia Veen.

Frances T. Pogorzelski

Mass was said Wednesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Frances T. Pogorzelski, 78, of Alsip.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley and her children, Janice and Sandra.

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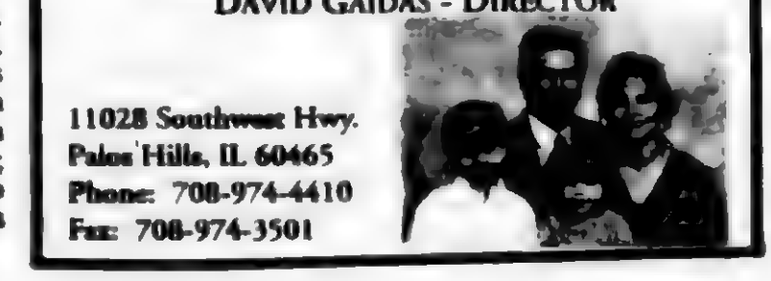

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Jackie and Dan Lichter of Oak Lawn, new students and new members of Swing'n Sugar Squares dance club of Evergreen Park, were recently married and Swing'n Sugar Squares congratulated the newly weds at a square dance class. After a short honeymoon, Jackie and Dan continue to dance at the square dance classes, held on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The classes are at Evergreen Park Central Junior High School, 95th and Spaulding.

Pictured, from left to right, are Jackie Lichter, Rick Allison who is the square dance caller, and Dan Lichter. Also dancing in the square are Les Barrera of Cicero and Alice Travnik of Oak Lawn.

On Thursdays, Swing'n Sugar Squares, sponsored by Evergreen Park Recreation Department, hosts Plus Level square dances at Central Junior High School, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Experienced square dancers are invited to attend. For more information and a schedule of events, call (708) 444-7364.

Fire Truck Revolving Loan Plan

Illinois Fire Departments have a new and better way of purchasing their much-needed fire equipment, thanks to a law signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich in June that created the Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program. The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is inviting Illinois fire departments to qualify for the nation's only zero-interest loan program. The $10 million program aids fire departments to purchase new trucks and will focus on the local fire departments most in need of equipment.

In June, the governor signed HB 115, which was sponsored by state Reps. Michael Smith (D-Canton) and Don Moffitt (R-Gilson).

Under the new Fire Truck Revolving Loan Fund, local fire departments can help ease their financial cost of buying equipment necessary to adequately run a fire department. Pumper trucks, the type of vehicles used by most fire departments in smaller communities, cost between $200,000 and $250,000 – an amount that is prohibitively expensive for many fire departments.

State Fire Marshal staff worked with members of the fire service and banking communities to write the application and review process for the Revolving Fire Truck Loan Program, which will provide zero-interest loans of up to $250,000 to fire departments or fire protection districts for the purchase of new fire trucks. The loans must be repaid at a rate of at least five percent a year for total payoff within 20 years. The loan application review process weighs factors such as population served, area covered by a fire department or fire protection district, age and condition of fire trucks and many other factors to objectively award the loans.

"Not all departments can afford the fire equipment needed to protect their communities," said Fire Marshal Peter Vina. "This unique program gives less fortunate fire departments the ability to purchase the fire equipment they need to do their jobs."

Genetic Counseling

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers extends an invitation to a special program on Genetic Counseling.

A genetic counselor develops a personalized plan to address and modify a person's health risks. Join Shelly Cummings, M.S., Genetic Counselor, and Assistant Director of the Cancer Risk Program at the University of Chicago, as she discusses why a person would consider genetic counseling.

For information and reservations, call (708) 229-6001. The program will take place at Little Company of Mary Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1, Main Floor, Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th Street.

This free program is offered to cancer survivors, their families and those who support them. Space is limited at this program, and refreshments will be served. Free valet parking is available at the main entrance to the Hospital on California Ave. For reservations call (708) 229-6001.

Winter Wonder Walk

A "Winter Wonder Walk," a winter ecology snowshoe hike sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Saturday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. The walk, for persons of at least seven years of age, requires registration and a fee of $3 per person.

Life abounds during the cold winter season if you know where to look. Come out and explore nature's wonders of winter. Topics may include snow blankets, animal tracking, wildlife adaptations during winter, interrelationships of animals and plants, and plant survival tactics. If weather conditions permit "Winter Wonder Walk" will take place on snowshoes (included in the program fee).

Upon returning from the hike, participants will be able to warm themselves before a wood-burning stove in the Monee Reservoir visitor center, and hot chocolate, coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

To register or to learn more, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Elim Baptist Church, 10835 Pulaski Rd., will hold a free Divorce Recovery Workshop on six Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 12th at 7 p.m. and continuing through March 18th.

Topics to be covered will be surviving the changes, dealing with anger and depression, helping the children cope, working toward forgiveness and thinking about future relationships.

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David Orr's Office Is Now Accepting Applications For

Election Judges

Cook County Clerk David Orr's office is now accepting applications for election judges to work the March 16 presidential primary election in suburban Cook County.

"Election judges stand on the front lines of democracy and play a vital role in protecting the honesty and integrity of the electoral process," Orr said. "A full complement of judges will better ensure that Election Day will run smoothly."

Qualified individuals can now sign up to become judges online by visiting Orr's election website, www.voterinfonet.com, which allows qualified individuals to fill out an application online. People interested in serving can also call (312) 603-0964 or (312) 603-0965 to sign up.

To qualify as an election judge, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

More than 12,000 election judges are needed to fully staff the 2,423 precincts in suburban Cook County. Ideally, five judges work in each precinct.

Judges open polling places, certify that voters are registered and qualified to vote, explain election procedures to voters, demonstrate proper voting technique, operate election equipment and transmit the votes at the end of the day.

Election judges receive a total of $150 for their work. That includes $100 for working Election Day and $50 for attending a two-hour and fifteen-minute training session prior to the election. Judges begin work at 5:15 a.m. and work until the precinct votes are transmitted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

The Clerk's office is also looking for bilingual election judges to work suburban precincts with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking voters. Individuals should indicate if they are fluent in Spanish when they apply.

Valentine Brunch

The morning after Valentine's Day, the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5860 W. 103rd St., will host a special Valentine Brunch. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 15th, couples and families can enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet, featuring French toast, fresh eggs, sausage, bacon, English muffins, coffee and more. Adult cost is $8.99, kids ages 6-10 are $4.99 and ages 5 and under eat for free.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 27, the Clubhouse will begin the fish-fry season. That night and every Friday that follows through April 9, all you can eat fish fry will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The fish-fry menu includes fried cod, fried perch, coleslaw, meatless pasta, and fresh rolls with butter for $7.99 for adults, $4.99 for children under 10, and free for tots 5 and under. A shrimp dinner will also be offered on those nights for $6.99.

At the opening fish fry on Feb. 27, a Clubhouse favorite, vocalist Vince Clark-best known for his work with the Outcast Jazz Band-will be joined by the Rob Zettl Quartet for an evening of live jazz from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is free.

The Stony Creek Clubhouse is an Oak Lawn Park District facility. For more information, please call (708) 857-2433.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 15 – Sunday – GI Breakfast, Hometown-Murray VFW, 9092 Main St., 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

FEBRUARY 15 – Sunday – Penny Social, Johnson-Phelps VFW Auxiliary 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Last Day to Register to Vote, Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Preschool Registration, Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 Brandt, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 18 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Judge Dunford Will Speak

Judge Laurence J. Dunford (pictured) of the Circuit Court of Cook County will speak before the Ruth Circle of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on Monday, Feb. 16 at 1:15 p.m. at the church, 10400 S. Kostner.

Jean Flager, president, announced that Judge Dunford will talk about the Chicago Traffic Court system and follow with a question and answer period.

Judge Dunford received his B.A. from DePaul University in 1966 and graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1971. Before being appointed judge by the Illinois Supreme Court in May of 2003, Dunford was a trial lawyer for 31 years.

Amend Alcohol Use by Minors Village Code

The trustees voted to amend the Village Code regarding the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor by minors at the Tuesday night Oak Lawn Village Board meeting. The new amendment states that no person under the age of 21 shall purchase, possess, or consume any alcoholic liquor within the village. It will also be illegal for any parent or guardian to allow the purchase, possession, or consumption of liquor upon public or private property within the village. However the possession or dispensing of alcohol during a religious ceremony or the consumption under the direct supervision and approval of the parent or guardian in the privacy of the home is not prohibited. Any owner or occupant of a property located in the village, who allows anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol on the property will also be in violation.

In response to the numerous occurrences of residents neglecting to obtain building permits and applications for variations the board approved ordinances increasing the filing fees for construction necessitated variations to $500 for first time offenders and $5000 to a second or further request for a construction necessitated variation within a 24 month period. Also any contractor working on a site which requires a construction necessitated variation will be required to have a staked survey performed on any future sites for the next 24 months from the petition filing date. The fee for obtaining any required permits before proceeding with the erection, construction, alteration, repair, remodeling, removal or excavation of any building, or structure shall be charged double the applicable fee or fees. A second violation within 24 months increases the penalty to double the fee or fees charged for any and all permits applied for by the violator for the next 24 months.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers reminded that the last day to register to vote in the March Primary is Tuesday, Feb. 17th. The Clerk's office will be open Saturday, Feb. 14th from 9 a.m. until noon. Applications for absentee ballots are available by calling the clerk's office at 499-7738. Also, the Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16th for President's Day.

Oak Lawn Garden Club Hold Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:30 a.m. The program will be Ornamental Grasses, Wildflowers and Shrubs, presented by Patricia Armstrong in a slide presentation. She will demonstrate how these plant materials can be used to create a woodland wildflower garden in your yard and garden. She has taught at Morton Arboretum for 16 years and at various park districts. She has a master's degree in Botany and ecology from the University of Chicago.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests. Hostesses will be Adehl Good, Joan Mozerka, and Irene Herich.

For more information call (708) 424-4846.

Deployed

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Stacy L. Johnson, a 2002 graduate of Richards High School, and fellow Sailors and Marines assigned to the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, recently hosted U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during his recent visit.

Rumsfeld commended the crew of Blue Ridge and the Seventh Fleet for their devoted service and the sacrifices they make while serving their country.

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Nature's Engineer

"Nature's Engineer: The Beaver," a children's program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Sunday, March 7th at 2 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. A fee of $2 per child or $5 per family is required.

Join us for a fun family program on nature's grandest engineer and North America's largest rodent, the beaver. We will hike to see Goodenow Grove's very own beaver dams and lodges.

For information, call (815) 727-8700 weekdays.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools recently presented 14 teachers with the "Heart of the School Awards for Teacher Recognition." Pictured are Nicolas M. Wolsonovich, Ph.D., superintendent of schools; honoree Linda Baltikas, a teacher at Queen of Peace High School in Burbank; honoree Christine Ruswick, a teacher at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School in Orland Hills; and honoree Maureen Thompson, a teacher at St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn.

Blast Congress For Passing Bill

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) recently blasted Congress for passing H.R. 2673, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, fiscal 2004. The $820 billion package contains seven of the thirteen appropriations bills to fund domestic programs. The Senate approved the measure 65-28, nearly four months after the start of the fiscal year.

"The Senate has shown its true colors by protecting the status quo rather than protecting taxpayers," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Facing a $500 billion deficit, the only civilized course of action would be to freeze funding at 2003 levels with a pork-free continuing resolution."

Over the last three years, discretionary spending has grown by 31.5 percent. Federal spending grew on average by 7.6 percent in each of the last two years, more than double the 3.4 percent average annual growth under the Clinton administration. Since 9/11, less than half of all new spending was related to national defense, according to the Heritage Foundation.

"With the wild spending increases of recent years affecting nearly every federal program, the government does not need another infusion of money borrowed from our children and grandchildren," Schatz continued.

On Jan. 14, Senate Appropriation Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) quietly circulated a letter to his fellow Senators, reminding them of the pork projects they could lose if the Omnibus bill were defeated. Some of those projects include: $50 million for an indoor rain forest in Coralville, Iowa; $18.5 million for the International Fund for Ireland; $725,000 for the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia, Pa.; and $500,000 for the Montana Sheep Institute.

After the House passed the Omnibus on Dec. 8, fiscal conservatives held out hope that Senate gridlock could force a year-long continuing resolution. Republican leadership in the Senate tried to pass the bill before the Christmas Holiday recess by unanimous consent, meaning there would not be a recorded vote. But Senate Appropriations Ranking Member Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), long known as the "King of Pork," demanded a roll call vote, effectively delaying Senate action until Jan. 20. Upon reconvening, Democrats threatened a filibuster over provisions in the bill related to food labeling, media regulations, and overtime rules. Republicans struggled to get the 60 votes required to end debate, thanks in part to a joint campaign by fiscal conservative organizations including CCAGW - to defeat the bill because of its excessive cost.

"The last remaining hope for taxpayers is for President Bush to veto the bill," Schatz concluded. "CCAGW will rate this vote in our *2004 Congressional Ratings*. The pork barrel is overflowing, and taxpayers know who is to blame."

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government.

Applaud Upholding Ban On Homosexual Adoption

Focus on the Family Chairman Dr. James C. Dobson recently applauded the unanimous decision of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding Florida's ban on homosexual adoption. The three-judge panel affirmed a U.S. district judge's 2001 ruling in favor of Florida's 1977 law.

"We are pleased that all three judges on this panel have ruled in favor of children. This decision confirms what we have known for decades – that children need a mother and a father," Dobson explained. "While special circumstances may require kids being raised in special arrangements, the 11th Circuit Court has recognized that Florida has a legitimate interest in placing children in stable homes headed by opposite-sex partners."

"The importance of both mothers and fathers in the healthy development of children cannot be overstated. While it is certainly true that many homosexual couples are motivated by love to care for children without parents, research has proven that such arrangements are hardly ideal," Dobson said. "Forty years of social science research confirms what has been understood throughout human history – children fare better physically, emotionally and academically when raised by their two biological parents. And to intentionally deny children the possibility of being raised by a mother and a father is cruel."

Another encouraging sign in the ruling, Dobson said, was that the court refused to tamper with social policy by tyrannically legislating from the bench. Indeed, the ruling declared that decisions of such importance are properly decided in the Legislature, not in the courts

"This decision perfectly highlights the proper role of the judiciary – to interpret the law and not create law based on whims of the majority of the judges," Dobson said. "Much as the courts in Arizona, Indiana and New Jersey recognized that it was not their constitutional role to redefine marriage in those states, this federal court has refused to redefine the family through judicial fiat."

Free Child Safety Seat Inspection Set

In an extra effort to promote safe travel for Illinois' children, the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) will hold free child safety seat inspection checkpoints statewide for parents and guardians during National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 8th through 14th.

Along with inspecting child safety seats, local certified technicians will be on hand to answer questions regarding laws affecting children in vehicles. As of Jan. 1st, 2004, the law states that anyone traveling in a vehicle under 16 must be buckled up. Children under the age of 8 must be properly restrained in either a safety seat or a booster seat.

"These child safety seat inspections are essential to making sure our children are protected while traveling," said Timothy W. Martin, Secretary of IDOT. "It is imperative for communities throughout the state to take part in these events. Without the support of our local communities and volunteers, the message of protecting our children on our roads will not be heard."

These statewide checkpoints are in coordination with Gov. Rod Blagojevich's commitment to the safety of Illinois' children. The governor's "Keep Our Kids Warm and Safe" campaign, which kicked off during the holiday season, was successful in collecting more than 650 winter clothing items for needy children across the state.

Various events and activities are taking place across Illinois to promote National Child Passenger Safety Week.

Items For Non-Profit Groups

If your nonprofit hospital, nursing home or clinic has to keep an eye on spending, then get the supplies you need from the nonprofit National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources.

NAEIR has received over $1.9 billion in new products and supplies from corporations nationwide since 1977. Those goods have been distributed to deserving schools and nonprofit organizations since that time.

If you are a 501-c-3 nonprofit, you are entitled to receive items such as office products, toys, arts and crafts items, clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies, maintenance materials, tools, and holiday party goods.

Participating groups pay an annual membership fee ranging from $475 to $575, plus shipping and handling, but the merchandise itself is FREE. NAEIR members can receive an average of $19,000 each year by requesting from 200-page catalogs, monthly special fliers, and an on-line site

There are openings for your nonprofit organization, so get free information by calling 1(800) 562-0955 or e-mail membership@naeir.org

Appoint Task-Force Of School Administrators

In moving forward with his plan to shift responsibility for overseeing Illinois' schools to a new Department of Education, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich appointed a 39-member taskforce of school administrators to help guide the process of structuring the new agency and developing policies for improving service to local schools.

"We've heard the cry for more accountability in our education system, and now we're making critical changes that will help us better serve the needs of students, parents, teachers and administrators. The input of this distinguished panel of experienced school managers will be critical in helping us address the real problems and obstacles that are hampering education in Illinois," Blagojevich said in introducing the task force.

The Governor named former State Superintendent of Schools Michael J. Bakalis as the chairman of the Education Accountability Taskforce. Dr. Bakalis taught at the junior and senior high school levels, and was a professor at Northern Illinois University before joining the school's administration. He is currently on faculty at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Dr. Bakalis was the last person elected to the schools' highest post and helped push for a change in the early 1970's that established the Illinois State Board of Education with an appointed superintendent. He has joined Blagojevich in calling for reform.

"Back in 1970, I thought it was in the best interest of the state to have an independent board of education. But over the years, that independence has allowed the board to grow into a sizable bureaucracy that answers to no one," Bakalis explained. "With something as critical as education – an issue that directly impacts our state's social and economic success – it's imperative that we establish a clear line of responsibility."

During the State of the State address in January, Blagojevich proposed moving responsibilities from the State Board of Education to a new Department of Education that would be directly accountable to the Governor. His plan comes in response to growing frustration over the bureaucratic burden placed on local school districts and educators, and the lack of ideas for reform coming out of the state's current education authority

According to data compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics, Illinois ranks 16th in the nation for total amount spent per child on education, but only 40th in total education spending that is used for classroom instruction.

The task force will work with the Governor's office throughout the upcoming year to develop specific proposals for helping Illinois improve its ratio of total education funds spent on instruction, and assist in designing a Department of Education that responds to the needs of local school districts in their effort to educate students

The group will be encouraged to develop new ideas for ways in which the new Department of Education can accomplish the following

- Help reduce non-instruction related costs and focus more resources directly to education.
- Improve communication and responsiveness between a Department of Education and local school districts
- Reduce existing mandates, bureaucracy, and rules that tie the hands of school districts.

Benefit Performance

Roosevelt University will host homegrown performances of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* as the University participates in the fourth annual V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls

This year's benefit performance will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 and 19 in the University's second-floor Congress Lounge, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. A third performance will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Licht Student Activities Center at the Schaumburg Campus, 1400 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Schaumburg. Among those performing will be members of the Roosevelt community including students, faculty, administrators and staff.

Admission is $5. The performances, which are part of the annual V-Day College Campaign, will benefit the Chicago Abused Women Coalition in Chicago and the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault in Schaumburg.

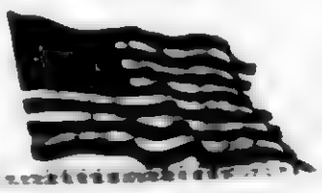
The goal of V-Day is to increase awareness about worldwide violence against women and girls, to raise funds for anti-violence organizations and to nurture creative, innovative programs to help stop violence. Roosevelt's V-Day is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program, the Counseling Center, the Office of Student Activities and Chicago College of Performing Arts

For more information, contact Bethany Barratt at (312) 341-3768 or at bbarratt@roosevelt.edu

For information on the worldwide V-Day effort, visit www.vday.org.

Annual IASB Job Fair Set

The Illinois Assn. of School Boards will hold its 9th annual IASB Job Fair for Teachers, Administrators and Education Majors on Saturday, March 6th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St Xavier University, 3700 W 103rd St. in Chicago.



Deport 11 Following Arrest Of Unregistered Sex Offenders

More than 50 people have been arrested including 11 foreign nationals who have been deported or are facing deportation following a first-of-its-kind multi-jurisdictional sweep targeting unregistered sex offenders in suburban Cook County, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced recently.

Among those arrested for failing to register was a two-time convicted child pornographer who once told prosecutors he molested more than 300 children, and a Harvey man with more than 25 arrests and seven convictions in his criminal background. Also arrested for failing to register was a Blue Island woman convicted of molesting a 12-year-old female relative, and a Mexican national convicted of sexually assaulting a 20-year-old mentally handicapped woman.

Sheahan announced the results of the operation at a press conference, where he was joined by police chiefs and officials from eight participating law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, the Cook County Adult Probation Dept. and the suburban police departments of Alsip, Evanston, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Maywood, Orland Park and Sauk Village.

A total of 55 sex offenders were arrested in suburbs throughout Cook County as part of "Project Predator." Illinois law requires convicted sex offenders to register with their local police department after their release from prison or after being sentenced to probation for a sexual offense. The sweep targeted persons who did not meet their legal requirement to register annually, or those who had failed to re-register with their local police department after moving to a new community.

Police charged each individual that was taken into custody with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, a Class 4 Felony punishable by up to three years in prison and a minimum fine of $500. Police also required each individual that was arrested to complete new updated registration forms that were filed with their local police department.

Included in the 55 arrests are 11 foreign nationals who have been deported or are facing deportation as a result of their arrest during "Project Predator." Under immigration law, convictions for sex offenses may result in deportation for persons who are not United States citizens. Working in cooperation with immigration officials, four offenders have already been deported and seven are pending deportation hearings and are in federal custody.

Sheriff's Police stepped up the crackdown on unregistered sex offenders last November when the Sheriff formed the Sex Offender Enforcement Unit to monitor and track down convicted sex offenders in suburban Cook County to ensure that they were properly registered. "Project Predator" kicked off on Jan. 19th when officers from local, county and federal agencies hit the streets with Sheriff's Police to conduct the two-week roundup.

Sheahan said an operation such as "Project Predator" proves that many convicted sex offenders are ignoring the provisions of the state registration act. And because the current law puts the burden on the offender to register, they easily slip through the system when they relocate to another community.

"As we can see by the number of arrests in this operation, many convicted sex offenders are thumbing their noses at state law and refusing to register," Sheahan said. "This law was designed to that law enforcement and ordinary citizens could obtain information if a sex offender was living in their community. It is appalling that these offenders are out living and working in our communities and nobody knows about it. As far as I am concerned it is a direct threat to public safety, particularly to our children."

Sheahan also called on the state legislature to act to tighten the sex offender registration act in order to address loopholes in the registration process and make the registry more accurate. Currently, when the Illinois Dept. of Corrections releases a sex offender, they notify the state police, but not the local police department in the town where the offender intends to live.

Sheahan proposed state legislation in November which is being sponsored by State Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) that would require the IDOC to notify local police when an offender is released into their community. The legislation, which is pending in the General Assembly, would require IDOC officials to check back with the local department to verify that the offender has properly registered within 10 days of his or her release. If an offender has been convicted of a sex offense and received a sentence of probation – instead of being sentenced to prison time – the legislation would require the probation department to notify the local agency and check back to ensure the registration has taken place.

"The sex offender registration laws have always been flawed because they place the burden to register solely on the offender," Sheahan said. "Police have to rely on the sex offenders themselves to report their whereabouts under the current law and it really shouldn't surprise anyone that these are not the most honest or reliable people we have in our society."

"The primary goal of this initiative is to find and arrest sex offenders who have violated the registration laws," Sheahan said. "But the work of the Sheriff's Sex Offender Enforcement Unit will also make Cook County's sex offender registry more accurate for parents and other concerned citizens."

Sheahan thanked the U.S. Marshall's Office for their assistance in the operation as well as the suburban police departments of Berwyn, Burbank, Homewood and Riverdale.

Heritage Manor welcomes Jerry "Elvis" Vegas together with Music Under the Stars for the Elvis Legacy Dinner Show on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Heritage Manor, 5540 S. Narragansett. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and buffet dinner at 7 p.m. There will be music for your dancing and listening pleasure before and after dinner provided by Music Under the Stars. The Jerry "Elvis" Vegas, Elvis Legacy Show will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and can be obtained by calling (708) 728-0315.

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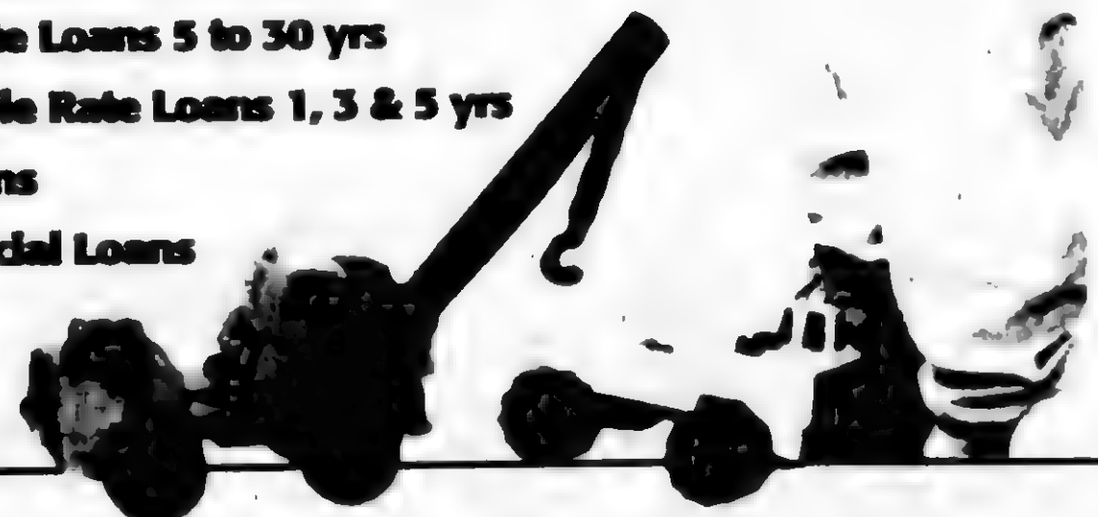

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Consumer Debt Hits A Record High

In October 2003, consumer debt hit a record high at $1.98 trillion, according to the Federal Reserve, which equals more than $18,000 per household, not including mortgages. Economic analysts remain concerned that these high debt levels might pose a risk to the financial health of American households. Combined with low savings figures, this debt could likely lead to increased household delinquencies and bankruptcies.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) notes the best thing consumers can do to protect their financial health is to focus on improving their personal economy by paying down credit card debt.

"The first thing you should do is immediately cease all transactions on your credit cards and start living entirely on a cash-only basis," said Cate Williams, vice-president of financial literacy for CCCS. "If you do not have the money to pay cash for a particular purchase, then you cannot afford the purchase and must forego the transaction until you have the cash. This will require you to radically change your attitude on how you look, feel and act toward money."

Once consumers have made a commitment not to add debt, CCCS suggests starting a program to repair the damage already done. The following are two popular methods that people use to tackle debt:

Concentrate on paying off the debt with the smallest balance first. Consumers begin by paying off the smallest debt, without forgetting to make required payments to all debts, of course. After that balance is repaid, consumers can then apply that payment to the card with the next smallest balance and continue the process until all debts are satisfied. This method can be very rewarding because people tend to see progress quickly.

Concentrate on repaying debts with the highest interest rate. By making payments on those debts with the highest interest rate first, consumers could save a significant amount of money in frivolous interest charges over time.

"It is most important that you remember to be patient and persistent regardless of the method you choose," said Williams. "If you find that you are unable to meet your basic financial obligations, contact your creditors immediately to advise them of your situation. Most will offer an individual short-term solution, but be careful to first consider the benefits of a long-term payoff strategy."

For help in paying down excessive credit card debt, CCCS advises consumers to consider contacting a reputable credit-counseling agency to work on their behalf. They also suggest that consumers resist the urge to start shopping again once they manage to get debt under control. By staying within a budget, consumers are most likely to banish credit card sticker shock forever.

"Together We Prepare" Drive

Join the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's *Together We Prepare* campaign and help make your family and community safer. *Together We Prepare* is a year-long campaign designed to educate Chicago and suburban residents about the five basic steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency: creating a family disaster plan, assembling a disaster supplies kit, learning a life-saving skill, donating blood regularly and volunteering to keep your community safe.

To register for courses, call the Red Cross at 1(800) 33-SAFETY.

OL Rotary Celebrate Birthday

Oak Lawn Rotary Club will be celebrating Rotary International's 99th birthday on Monday, Feb. 23 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Several clubs in the area will be joining in on the festivities. They include Orland Park, Tinley Park, Blue Island, Crestwood and Moraine Valley. The guest speaker will be Dr. James Casey from the Oak Lawn Library. He will feature a power point presentation on the library's Village Green Vista Project expansion and improvements.

Three McGugan Junior High School students will be honored for their winning essays in Rotary's 4-Way Test contest. The winners include Jessica Palarczyk who, besides winning first place for McGugan also took first place in Rotary District 6450, second place Kelly Wright, and third place Lindsey Skala. These students will receive monetary awards of $250 for first place, $150 for second, and $100 for third. Along with the students, their principal, Andrea Anderson and teacher Nancy Duffy will be included in the celebration. Lunch will begin at 12 noon and cost for non-members is $13. For more information, call Dave or Kathy Kobak at (708) 361-1177.

Scholars Awards

Members of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (DST), Incorporated, truly believe that, "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste." In an effort to save a mind, The Chicago , Alumnae Chapter continues its long-standing tradition of awarding scholarships to college students under its educational development program thrust. The Chapter recently awarded scholarships ranging from $250-$4,000 to 20 students for the winter semester. The scholarship, which totaled $21,750 may be used by the recipients for tuition, fees, books, room and board, and other expenses.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an international public service sorority founded in 1913. Its goals are directed toward the provision of services and programs that promote human welfare. The membership exceeds 200,000 college-educated, predominately African American women, in more than 900 chapters, located in 44 states and several foreign countries that include Bermuda, the Bahamas, Seoul, Korea, and St. Thomas and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Chicago Alumnae Chapter boasts an active membership of more than 650 professional women rendering public service under the sorority's five point program thrust – economic development; educational development; international awareness and involvement; political awareness and involvement and physical and mental health.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week Gov. Rod Blagojevich unveiled legislation designed to transfer all administrative responsibilities from the Illinois State Board of Education to a new Department of Education that will be directly accountable to the Governor. Lawmakers from both political parties and both legislative chambers have signed on to push for this initiative.

Chief sponsor in the State Senate is Sen. Vince Denuzio (D-Carlinville), member of the Senate Education Committee and in the House is Rep. Jay Hoffman (D-Collinsville). Another local lead sponsor is Rep. Renee Kosel (R-McHenry), member of the House Education Appropriations Committee and minority spokeswoman for the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee.

The Governor introduced his proposal to address growing frustration over the bureaucratic burden placed on local school districts and educators. During his State of the State address, Blagojevich referred to the more than 2,800 pages of rules and regulations that govern our schools. He also noted the massive confusion over teacher recertification and the recent State Board of Education blunder that denied thousands of Illinois teachers the training they are required to undergo in order to maintain certification.

One of the new department's primary goals will be helping school districts save money on non-instructional costs so more resources can be committed to the classroom. Although Illinois ranks 16th in the nation when it comes to total spending on education, it ranks a dismal 40th in spending on classroom instruction.

We will continue to follow this proposed legislation as it certainly seems to have opposition. (See Sen Christine Radogno below.)

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State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) has alerted us that she wants to hear from area education experts on Governor Rod Blagojevich's new education plan.

Radogno's first concern after hearing the Governor's proposal in January was the impact on local school districts. This week, she sent a letter to all 41st District public school superintendents asking for their input on how the plan will affect local schools.

Radogno has asked superintendents to respond to her either individually or as a group as to the impact on Southland schools. She feels this feedback is vital before any legislative action is taken on the issue.

"I want to talk with my local school districts and see how these new programs will affect them," she said. "These ideas are all coming from the top down, and really the local school districts know best what problems they are facing."

The Governor's plan calls for eliminating the current structure comprised of the State Board of Education and Superintendent and replacing it with a gubernatorial Department of Education and a Secretary of Education.

A more detailed synopsis of the plan, provided to Radogno, by the Governor's Office, can be viewed at www.senategop.state.il.us.

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Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan reminded All Points that he shares the sentiments of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley in his hope for a more equitable property tax solution for homeowners.

According to Houlihan "This afternoon (Tuesday), Mayor Richard M. Daley called for a major overhaul of the broken property tax system. I applaud his call for property tax reform, and look forward to working with his office to get our shared goals accomplished.

"I also join the Mayor in hoping for passage of Senate Bill 1498, which caps annual residential assessments increases at 7%. Hopefully, expansion of this legislation statewide will guarantee its success. In the event that it does not, I agree that we need to explore new avenues and expand existing programs to provide homeowners with immediate tax relief.

"The problems with Illinois' tax structure results from an over reliance on local property taxes to fund education. I will continue to work with all local and statewide leaders to find long-term solutions that address these problems and promote this necessary reform."

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Congressman Bobby L. Rush, in conjunction with the Office of Commissioner Robert Shaw, Chairman, Cook County Board of Review, will conduct the first in a series of Tax Assessment Appeal Community Workshops to address the recent property tax increases in Chicago at Foster Park Field House, 1440 W 84th St., Chicago, on Saturday, Feb 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.

Tax professionals will be on hand to explain the tax assessment appeal process and to assist with filing the proper forms for tax appeals.

For more information, call the First Congressional District of Illinois Office of Congressman Rush at (773) 224-6500.

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In the wake of the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling mandating the legalization of gay marriages, Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jim Oberweiss announced last week that he is pledging his support for a Constitutional Amendment banning gay marriage. Additionally, he will continue staking out his positions on contemporary issues such as support for reduced government spending and efforts to combat illegal immigration.

"I support a Constitutional Amendment banning gay marriage and verifying that marriage should remain the union of one man and one woman. We've also got to get the federal budget and spending under control so that Congress isn't tempted to return to higher taxes that hurt families and businesses. And we must control illegal immigration before it lowers our wages and results in higher taxes for more government services," Oberweiss stated.

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Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Nancy Skinner has come up with a novel approach to raise badly needed funds for her campaign coffers. Skinner has placed a personal ad on her web site which reads as follows:

SSC (Single Senatorial Candidate) seeking DWM (Democrat with Money) who cares about the direction of this country and wants to see a courageous Democrat in the U.S. Senate who will stand up to the Republicans, for a lovely evening of political discourse and dinner. Minimum bid $1,000 Maximum Bid $12,000 (FEC Max)! Details at www.SkinnerTheWinner.com.

Quite an interesting approach to politics.

Follow Prep Sports

Ready to serve you at the newly opened Lucky Bamboo Restaurant, 9852 S. Kedzie Ave. (next to White Hen Pantry and Baskin Robbins), are left to right: David Ho, Irene Ho, Chef Tse and Kevin Kuang.

Lucky Bamboo features Chinese Cuisine with carry out, delivery and catering services. Chef Tse does not use MSG. He does use Grade A beef, flank steaks and Purdue chicken in his dishes. A few of his specialties are Orange Chicken, Mongolian Beef and Kung Bao Shrimp. Chef Tse comes to Lucky Bamboo after working at Lang Lee in Orland Park for five years.

The extensive menu carries healthy choice selections, fish, appetizers and much more. Forty five combination specials are offered, ranging from $3.95 to $5.50, every day-all day. The restaurant is closed on Monday; open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The owners, chef and employees are eager to assist the community. They plan to work with the Village of Evergreen Park with the Meals on Wheels Lunch Program. Customers also receive warm, friendly and enthusiastic assistance and service.

This writer and a guest enjoyed Hot and Sour Soup, Pot Stickers which was a nice surprise and Crab Rangoon which was delicious. I had the Egg Foo Young Lucky Special which contains shrimp, beef and chicken with shrimp fried rice which I enjoyed immensely. My guest had the Orange Chicken and said it was fabulous. We ended our meal with the traditional fortune cookies which were fun (hope they come true). As a testimony as to how good the food is, my guest has gone back twice since our interview.

SAFE Act Bill Is Under Fire

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) issued this statement following the Bush Administration's veto threat against legislation that would amend parts of the PATRIOT Act.

Bipartisan legislation which I, along with Larry Craig (R-ID) and a group of other senators, introduced last October has today (1-28) come under fire from Attorney General John Ashcroft and members of the Bush Administration. The legislation, known as the Security and Freedom Ensured (SAFE) Act, is a bill designed to impose reasonable limits on law enforcement's authority without hampering their ability to investigate and prevent terrorism.

Our bill does not propose a repeal of the PATRIOT Act - far from it. I voted for that bill, as did the vast majority of my colleagues in Congress. I believed then, and I still believe, that the PATRIOT Act made many reasonable and necessary changes in the law. But in some cases the new law goes too far, and we should amend those provisions to reflect every American citizen's right to be both safe and free. Under the SAFE Act, the FBI would still have broad authority to combat terrorism; at the same time the bill would protect innocent Americans from unchecked government surveillance.

Attorney General Ashcroft's response today is an unfortunate over-reaction to a reasoned and measured effort to mend the PATRIOT Act. Three months ago I asked senior officials at the Department of Justice to work with me and my staff on changes to the PATRIOT Act that reflect the very real concerns of many Americans. After 90 days of silence, today they issued a veto threat. This extraordinary reaction to a bill that hasn't even had a hearing in the Senate demonstrates that the Administration fears that this reasonable bipartisan approach is likely to succeed.

John Ashcroft argues that any changes to the PATRIOT Act will undermine the fight against terrorism. Nothing could be further from the truth. I believe it is possible to combat terrorism and preserve our individual freedoms at the same time, and the SAFE Act demonstrates that.

I am eager to work with the President to meet the challenges posed by the post-September 11th world, but we must do so in a way that protects the freedoms of all Americans.

President's Award For Outstanding Service

The President's Award for Outstanding Service was awarded to Joseph Christofanelli, Jr., Village of Glenwood, at the Southland Chamber's annual dinner. Christofanelli was recognized for his innovation in the area of economic development.

According to Kevin McNulty, President and CEO of the Chamber, Christofanelli's new programs to attract business and investment in the Southland were instrumental in his selection. "Joe has a special talent for having a keen clarity of vision when it comes to economic development," stated McNulty. "He understands how deals are done and is able to see the entire process from start to finish with no wasted moves."

The President's Award for Outstanding Service is awarded by the Chamber President and CEO as a way to acknowledge an individual who has significantly contributed to the Chamber through the last year. "Joe's efforts last year as Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Division resulted in a Foreign Consulate tour of the Southland, Pool Bond program, the development of manufacturing summits and provided us with a stronger link to the Illinois Trade Office, and that's just a start," stated McNulty. "His work this past year has laid some important foundations for great things to come in 2004 and beyond."

With the theme "Local to Global" the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce welcomed its newly elected officers at their annual dinner on Thursday, Jan. 29th at Georgios Banquets Comfort Inn & Conference Centre in Orland Park. Representatives from various Southland businesses, as well as state, local and national dignitaries, made up the crowd of over 500.

The evening's program included the official passing of the gavel from immediate Past Chairman Manny Hoffman to Jim Bush, Chairman for 2004. In addition, incoming and outgoing Board Members were recognized. Jack Lavin, Director of the Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, addressed the crowd as the guest speaker.

6 Costly Mistakes To Avoid Before Buying A Home

Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage, can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

Whether you are about to buy your first home, or are planning to make a move to your next home, it is critical that you inform yourself about the factors involved before you buy.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *"6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."*

Having the right information before hand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. **To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call 1-877-784-5659 and enter ID# 5004. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.**

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Safety

Children ages eight to 14 ride unbuckled and die in car crashes at rates approaching those of adults, according to recent federal data. AAA Chicago urges parents to use Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 8-14) to reinforce the importance of proper seat belt and restraint use with children of all ages.

"As kids get older, they become less likely to wear their seat belts and become more likely to die in car crashes," said Steve Nolan, AAA Chicago spokesman. "These 8-15 year olds will soon be riding in cars driven by teenage siblings and friends, making it all the more important that they be buckled up. Parents and others need to make these older children into full-time seat belt users now."

AAA reminds parents to read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for child restraints to ensure proper age, weight and fit requirements, and that all children under the age of 13 should ride in the back seat. Additional child passenger safety information can be found online at www.aapublicaffairs.com by clicking on "For Kid' Sake."

Pilots Meet

The South Suburban chapter of the Illinois Pilots Association will have its monthly on Feb. 18th Wednesday. Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7 p.m. at the Sports and Grill located on Burnham Avenue located one block south of the Lansing airport.

All are invited-pilots, student pilots or anyone interested in aviation. Enjoy an evening of hangar talk and interesting topics. For information call 708 331-2117 or 708 532-5040.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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VITAMIN C: GIVING A WINTER BOOST TO YOUR IMMUNITY

We are in the heart of a cold, dreary winter, but look no further than your kitchen to help bring the sunshine in! The kind of sunshine I am talking about is vitamin C!

Vitamin C plays an important role in body functions. It is particularly important to ingest on a daily basis because it helps to keep the immune system healthy and offers protection from infection. Additionally, it keeps capillary walls and blood vessels firm to protect against bruising, and assists with our body's absorption of iron from the vegetables and other iron-containing foods which we eat.

Vitamin C is not stored in the body. This means that on a daily basis you require a certain amount, depending upon what's going on in your body. You should eat foods rich in vitamin C every day to assure that you are meeting your needs. For someone 15 years of age or older, this means about 60 mg a day. You can get this much from ¾ cup of orange juice. If you take in more than you need, you get rid of it, so you cannot overdose on vitamin C. When you eat food rich in vitamin C, you are also providing your body with essential fiber, minerals, and other important vitamins.

Most of us think of citrus fruits as being the best source of vitamin C. Although they are a great source, other not-so-obvious foods contain vitamin C as well.

Here are some ways to put vitamin C on your table:

- Eat more broccoli. A ½ cup serving provides 45 mg of vitamin C.
- Add a slice of tomato to your sandwich. A small tomato provides 25 mg of vitamin C.
- Think peppers! Red, yellow, and orange peppers have about twice the vitamin C as green peppers.
- Potatoes contain vitamin C, too. A small baked potato contains about 25 mg.
- Most fruits have large amounts of vitamin C. A small kiwi, for example, has about 55 mg.

There are charts and tables in most nutrition books to tell you vitamin C content in other foods.

Vitamin C can be volatile to preserve. Exposing vitamin C-rich foods to light and air, and cooking vitamin C, can destroy it. Leafy greens and other vitamin C-containing foods should be cooked as little as possible. It is important to store these foods properly as well. Covering foods tightly and keeping them in opaque containers will preserve vitamin C life longer.

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Weight Management And Nutrition Monitoring Program

HealtheTech, Inc. – a Colorado-based company that develops and markets medical devices and software that measure and monitor important health parameters – has announced the release of version 2.0 of its BalanceLog Weight Management and Nutrition Monitoring software and its BalanceLog Pro Web product. The BalanceLog system is a complete weight management and nutrition monitoring program based on an individual's unique metabolism.

"Weight loss is all about the energy balance equation. If you eat fewer calories than you burn, you will lose weight. It is a scientific fact. Until now, individuals had no idea how many calories they were burning, making weight loss difficult to achieve. The BalanceLog system is the first weight management solution to incorporate an individual's measured resting metabolic rate – the number of calories their body burns in a day," says James Mault, MD, former chairman and CEO of HealtheTech.

The BalanceLog 2.0 software application for consumers is an easy-to-use program that helps people create a personalized weight and nutrition management program based on their unique metabolism. The BalanceLog database contains more than 4,000 foods, including brand-name foods and national restaurant chains and more than 300 exercises, allowing users to accurately track their calories in and out.

For further information and/or software purchase, call (708) 565-4563 or email to dietdown@aol.com.

Free Adoption Information

Lifelink's international adoption program is hosting a free information meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd at its regional office, 331 S. York Rd. in Bensenville. For more information, call (630) 521-8281.

Investigate Abbott Lab Decision

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that her office has launched an investigation into Abbott Laboratories' decision earlier this year to increase its price by 400 percent for Norvir, a drug that helps suppress HIV in people with HIV or AIDS.

Madigan's announcement is part of her larger effort to address skyrocketing drug prices. However, she said Abbott's decision to increase the cost of Norvir from less than $55 a month to more than $250 a month stands out as an example of unfair pricing that may violate the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Norvir is an older protease inhibitor (PI). According to WebMD, PIs are antiretroviral medications that prevent HIV from multiplying. When the amount of virus in the blood is kept at a minimum, the immune system has a chance to recover and grow stronger.

Critics of this price jump by the suburban Chicago-based drug giant say the increase is aimed at undercutting competitors' products and helping Abbott gain a larger market share for its new combination of all-Abbott drugs to suppress HIV. In the past, Abbott's Norvir has been combined with other drug companies' products in HIV suppression "cocktail" combinations.

Critics further allege the increase in Norvir's price has caused other drug companies to ratchet up the cost of their HIV suppression combinations, possibly driving doctors to prescribe Abbott's new cocktail, increasing costs to insurance companies and ultimately increasing costs to one of the most vulnerable patient populations.

"Norvir is not like a hayfever medication that people take to lessen symptoms and be more comfortable. It is a drug they take to survive," Madigan said. "Increasing its price is like increasing prices for life-saving cancer drugs or heart drugs. This investigation is aimed at determining the real reason for the price increase and assessing whether the increase violates Illinois law. Every consumer is affected by unfair or deceptive practices that drive up the costs of needed prescription drugs."

While Abbott has a price freeze agreement with government insurers, community clinics and drug assistance programs, Abbott says 40 percent of people who take a drug combination with Norvir are covered by private medical insurance and two to five percent of patients pay out of pocket.

Critics allege the drastically higher cost for Norvir might force patients who currently use Norvir in combination with medications such as Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.'s Reyataz or GlaxoSmithKline PLC's Lexiva to switch to Abbott's newer combination, Kaletra. One possible effect of the price increase would be to make Abbott's product Kaletra, a combination capsule containing Abbott's Lopinavir and Ritonavir – the cheapest boosted PI on the market.

No Waiting For Access To Care Applicants

The once lengthy waiting list for Access to Care applicants will no longer exist in February. Effective immediately, individuals who register for the program will be activated into the program after the normal processing time of six to eight weeks. All people that registered in 2003 are being processed concurrently. It is anticipated that by the end of February, all eligible clients will be processed.

Access to Care is a non-profit program that provides the opportunity for low-income residents of suburban Cook County to see a local primary care doctor in their private office for a $5 fee. Other services include: prescription medication for $10 (generic), $20 (preferred-brand name) or $30 (non-preferred brand name) and basic lab and X-ray services for $5. Access to Care patients pay an annual enrollment fee of $20 for one person, $40 for two people and $50 for a family of three or more.

Patients develop a relationship with their Access to Care doctor and report increased peace of mind. Enrollments are accepted at many local offices. An individual or family may register at many south suburban Township Offices as well as CEDA and Cook County Dept. of Public Health offices in the south suburban Cook County area. To determine eligibility and an office located near you, call (708) 531-0680.

This program serves the people of suburban Cook County who fall in the ever-widening gap between eligibility for public insurance programs and those individuals who are privately insured. Many part-time employees, students, unemployed, low-wage earners and individuals not offered health insurance by their employer are eligible for Access to Care.

Funded by both public and private sources, the program receives its primary source of funding from the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the State of Illinois. Many townships and municipalities, private foundations, corporations, service organizations and individuals also fund the program. The Access to Care physicians annually donate services worth an estimated $2 million.

For more information about the Access to Care program, call (708) 531-0680.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting Places

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a 12-Step Program similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues or fees for membership. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, OA may be able to help.

1. Do you often eat when you are not hungry?
2. Have family or friends ever mentioned how you eat or that you need to lose/gain?
3. Has bingeing or purging or excessive exercise ever been a problem for you?
4. Does your eating behavior make you or others unhappy?

The following meet each week in the southwest suburbs:

Sunday

3 p.m. – St. John's UCC, 11100 2nd St. in Mokena

6 p.m. – Our Savior Divine Lutheran Church, 8801 W. 100th Pl. in Palos Hills

7:30 p.m. – St. James Olympia Fields M.C., 20201 S. Crawford Ave. in Olympia Fields

Monday

9:30 a.m. – Elim Baptist Church, 10835 S. Pulaski (babysitter available) in Chicago

10 a.m. – Mokena Library, 11327 W. 195th St. in Mokena (no meeting on holidays when library is closed)

7:30 p.m. – Salem United Church, 9700 S. Kostner in Oak Lawn

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. – Hope Christian Reformed Church, 5825 W. 151st St. in Oak Forest

7 p.m. – United Church of Christ, Plainfield & County Line Rd. in Burr Ridge

7 p.m. – Crete Library, 1177 Main St. in Crete

7:30 p.m. – Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett in Burbank. An OA Teen meeting at the same time. Introduction to OA for new members is held promptly at 6:30 (before regular meeting).

Wednesday

11 a.m. – New Spirit Lutheran Church, 8600 S. Kilpatrick in Chicago

7:30 p.m. – Oak Forest Hospital, 159th & Cicero, Bldg. A (next to Protestant Chapel) in Oak Forest

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett (babysitter available) in Burbank

7:30 p.m. – Salem United Church, 9700 S. Kostner in Oak Lawn

Friday

10 a.m. – Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, 7059 W. 127th St., behind Citizens Financial Services (babysitter available) in Palos Heights

7 p.m. – Salem United Church, 9700 S. Kostner in Oak Lawn

Saturday

8 a.m. – United Church of Christ, Plainfield & County Rd. (babysitter) in Burr Ridge

8:30 a.m. – Calvary Church, 15100 S. 80th Ave. in Orland Park

9 a.m. – Faith United Protestant Church, 10 Hemlock in Park Forest (Teen meeting at the same time)

Cervical Cancer Is Preventable & Curable

Cervical cancer is one of the most common and curable types of cancer found in women in the United States but, in order to reduce mortality from this disease, women need to have regular Pap test screenings, according to Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director.

"Women don't have to live with cervical cancer and they don't have to die from it," Dr. Whitaker said as part of a cancer awareness effort. "Cervical cancer is preventable and curable if found early and treated. I'm urging women across Illinois to take charge of their health and schedule regular Pap tests."

The American Cancer Society estimates that 10,520 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in 2004, including a projected 750 cases in Illinois, and about 3,900 women nationwide will die from the disease. From 1996 to 2000, there were 3,590 incidences of cervical cancer in Illinois, a rate of 11.4 cases per 100,000 women compared with the U.S. rate of 10.0. Over the past 15 years, the Illinois rate has declined from 12.8 in 1986-1990 to 11.7 in 1991-1995 to 11.4 in the most recent data available.

There is a wide disparity among races from 1996 to 2000 with the rate for white women 10.2 per 100,000 and the rate for black women 18.1 per 100,000. Nationally, the rate for white women is 9.4 and 14.5 for black women. Cervical cancer was once the number once cause of death from cancer in women. However, with the introduction of the Pap test, deaths from cervical cancer among American women have been reduced by approximately 70 percent.

For women between the ages of 35 and 64 who have no health insurance and limited income, Dr. Whitaker said the Department administers the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, which provides annual Pap tests, pelvic exams, mammograms and breast exams at no cost.

For more information about the program, people can call the Department's Women's Health-Line at 888-522-1282 or 800-547-0466 for the hearing impaired.

The Pap test can detect abnormal cells in the cervix that may, over time, turn into cancer. Early treatment, however, can prevent cervical cancer from developing.

It is recommended that women begin having regular Pap tests and pelvic exams at age 18 or within three years of the first time they have sexual intercourse – whichever happens first.

Voters Register At Store

Customers visiting 99 Jewel-Osco and Dominick's Finer Foods stores throughout suburban Cook County can register to vote the Saturday before the registration deadline, announced Cook County Clerk David Orr.

Grocery Day will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Individuals who want to register to vote must present two forms of identification, including one that displays a current address (a bill addressed to the prospective voter is one valid form).

To qualify to vote, an individual must be: a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years old by Election Day (March 16th); and a resident of the same voting precinct at least 30 days prior to the election.

Grocery Day provides voters who have recently moved or changed their name a chance to register at their current address.

People may also register to vote through Feb. 17th at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office, 69 W. Washington St., or at one of the Clerk's five offices located in suburban courthouses. Local village and township halls offer voter registration prior to the deadline as well.

SCORE Full Day Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Thursday, Feb. 26 offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn the fundamentals of successful business ownership, including legal matters, insurance, marketing, financials, business plans, records and taxes. This workshop is the overview for four additional workshops required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate. The certificate enhances a business plan presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. FEE: $50. Call (312) 353-7724 today to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available 8:30 a.m. at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 West Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information call (312) 353-7724.

MVCC Board Of Trustees Will Meet

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Irish Musicians Raffle

The Irish Musicians Association of Chicago will hold their annual raffle dance on Friday, February 20, 2004, in the beautiful Tara Room at Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois. The festivities begin at 8 p.m., and there is a $10 admission fee

The entertainment will include a presentation by the Academy of Irish Music under the direction of Mr Noel Rice. This Academy has won numerous awards worldwide and will have CVDs available. The Cross-Key School of Irish Dancing will provide Step dancing entertainment. The Irish Musicians Ceili Band will play for Ceili and Set dancing. The band will be enhanced by the playing of Mr. Joe O'Shea, a fine accordion player who hails from County Clare, Ireland, and is the current President of the Irish Musicians Association

For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323

CLASS REUNIONS

Bogan High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates for a November 2004 reunion. Call Laurie Thorp O'Connor at (708) 425-2254.

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St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971reunion@yahoo.com.

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St. Agnes School class of 1954 is planning a 2004 reunion. Contact Barbara Lupien at (708) 747-9194.

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Lindblom High School class of January 1954 seeks alumni. Call (708) 687-6179.

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Our Lady of the Ridge School, Chicago Ridge, is seeking alumni for its 50th anniversary on Feb. 21st, 2004 at Glendora House. Call (708) 802-1990 or e-mail www.ourladyoftheridge.com

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St. Cyril Methodius class of 1954 (other classes are welcome) is looking for classmates for a reunion in 2004. Call Ray at (708) 422-1961 or e-mail rholly9850@aol.com.

"First, We Sing" Concert

Harmony, Hope & Healing is pleased to announce that the third annual "First, We Sing" concert will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 22nd at Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago, at 3:30 p.m. Local choirs, shelters, community outreach programs and musical ensembles will join together for an event featuring Gospel music, contemporary liturgical selections and other favorites.

The concert will feature the Choir of Hope from Harmony, Hope and Healing; the Southside Community Adult and Children's Choir which involves choir members from various churches and community groups on the south side including St. Ailbe's, St. Cajetan, St. Catherine, Christ the King, St. Christina, Epiphany, St. Fabian, St Francis, St. Gerald, Holy Cross/IHM, Holy Rosary, Most Holy Redeemer, Our Lady of the Ridge, St. Terrence, Queen of Martyrs, The Vincennes Senior Center, Mother McAuley H.S., St. Xavier University and more. Flutes Unlimited and Holy Cross/IHM Marimba Ensemble will also join us.

The admission is free. A freewill offering will be taken and donations will go to the work of Harmony, Hope & Healing, a creative music program for the homeless and under-served in the Chicago area.

Carraig Appearance

Jerry Eadie appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub set in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, Friday February 13, at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge. For further information all Gaelic Park 708-687-9323.

Rembrandt Exhibition

Rembrandt's Journey: Painter, Draftsman, Etcher, the highly praised first American exhibition to explore the great Dutch artist's brilliant work as a printmaker in the context of his paintings and drawings, opens at The Art Institute of Chicago Feb. 14. The exhibition, which has garnered glowing reviews the *New York Times* called it "a must" during its showing at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (Oct. 26, 2003-Jan. 18, 2004), co-organizer with the Art Institute, will be held in Galleries 262-272 of the Art Institute's Daniel. F and Ada L. Rice Building, Feb 14 to May 9

Rembrandt's Journey offers a rare opportunity for viewers to experience the work of an artist who stands in the pantheon of such giants as Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael, and Vermeer. Few museum collections possess his paintings, drawings, or prints in any sizable number, and, with more than half of the prints he produced represented, this exhibition allows a wonderful close-up view of the artist's genius through this powerful yet intimate medium

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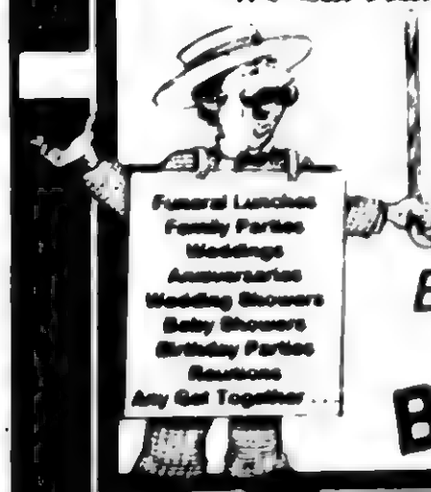

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Present BASKET Pin Awards

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island recently recognized two employees who go above and beyond the call of duty with its annual BASKET pin award. The award was given to two hospital nurses at the hospital's annual employee service awards dinner.

Judy Radzik, R.N., Emergency Dept., Fast Track, and Linda Weidenaar, R.N., Surgery, were recognized for their commitment and service to St. Francis, their patients and co-workers, and to the communities in which they live.

Radzik, who has worked at St. Francis for 36 years, said she was overwhelmed with emotion when she found out she had won the award.

"I just couldn't believe it," she said. "I really feel like I'm part of a great big family at St. Francis."

Radzik, a mother to three grown children, is an active member of her parish in Richton Park, volunteers at a local homeless shelter, and actively supports the Multiple Sclerosis Society and American Heart Assn.

Weidenaar, a 25-year employee who resides in New Lenox, is an active member of her church and community, and recently served as the Surgery Department's leader for the American Heart Walk. She is a wife and mother to four grown children, and is known at St. Francis for her positive attitude, caring manner and clinical expertise.

"I feel so honored," Weidenaar said. "I'm so appreciative to my co-workers who nominated me for this award."

Mary McShane, director of Spiritual Care at St. Francis, presented the awards to Weidenaar and Radzik at the employee awards dinner.

"St. Francis is known as a heart hospital," McShane said. "But our mission and values challenge us to be more than a 'physical' heart hospital; they encourage us to be a heart hospital of compassion, respect, excellence, stewardship and community. The recipients of this year's awards are two individuals who exemplify what it truly means to work in a heart hospital."

The BASKET pin award is given annually to an employee or a volunteer who consistently lives the Mission and Values of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center and SSM Health Care. BASKET itself stands for Because All Serve with Kindness, Enthusiasm and Tenderness and is symbolic of the hospital's foundress, Mother Mary Odilia, who cared for the poor and under-served.

Sacred Piano Concert

G. Richard Deal, concert pianist and recording artist, will be presenting a sacred piano concert at Elim Baptist Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Deal is from the Chicago area and has presented over 2,100 sacred and classical piano concerts in Europe, Asia, North and South America. He has presented numerous solo concerts in the United States. He has performed with symphony orchestras including an appearance at Chicago's historic Orchestra Hall.

Mr. Deal has been a participant in several international piano competitions including the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, Russia.

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Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center's children's grief support program. The Heart Connection, hosted a Holiday Evening of Remembrance.

The Holiday season is ordinarily a time of happiness and celebration, but when families are mourning the death of a loved one, their hearts are heavy. "A Holiday Evening of Remembrance" offered an opportunity to gather for renewal, remembrance and fun. The Heart Connection families were invited to bring a homemade Christmas ornament to hang on the Christmas tree in memory of their loved one. Following a delicious holiday dinner, the families enjoyed a captivating program of storytelling, singing and decorating the Tree of Remembrance. At the end of the evening, the families participated in an outdoor balloon ceremony, where they were invited to send a message, prayer, and/or thought to their loved one.

Since 1996, the Heart Connection has helped to support and guide children and their families as they mourn the death of their loved one. The Heart Connection's mission is to help grieving children and their parents and guide them to a place of hope and continued healing.

Peg Schneider, a Chaplain with Little Company's Pastoral Care department and the director of Heart Connection, believes that the book *About Dying*, by Sara Bonnet Stein, gives credence for the need of such programs. Her favorite Stein quote reads, "Until children are quite sure a person is no more, and will never be, they cannot finish the work of mourning, and if they cannot finish it, they cannot be free themselves to go on with life and love and growing."

The next Heart Connection session begins Monday, March 1 and continues for nine weeks. Pre-registration is required. For further information, call the Pastoral Care Department at Little Company at (708) 229-5484. There is no fee, this is a community service provided by the hospital.

Patty Moody and her four children are pictured decorating the Tree of Remembrance in memory of her husband and their father, Danny.

Organ & Tissue Donations

Record levels of organ donation for the second consecutive year mark a new milestone in Illinois and northwest Indiana: For the first time ever in 2003, more than 300 families consented to organ donation, resulting in nearly 1,000 lifesaving organs transplanted.

In 2003, 972 lifesaving organs were made available for transplant because of the generous decisions of 309 families in Illinois and northwest Indiana to consent to organ donation. That compares with 929 transplants made possible through 289 donors in 2002.

In addition to last year's record level of organ donation, 870 families consented to tissue donation, enabling tens of thousands of patients to receive medical transplants of bone, heart valves and other tissues.

As the national organ transplant waiting list climbed by nearly 3,000 patients to 83,315 people from January 2003 to January 2004, the number of patients registered for organ transplants with Illinois' eight transplant centers has increased by 70, to 4,419 patients.

Meanwhile, the ongoing shortage of donated organs meant more than 260 patients at Illinois transplant centers died in 2003 while waiting for an organ – a heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas or small intestine – that never became available.

Organs and tissues from a single donor can help more than 25 individuals. Everyone, no matter how young or old, can be a lifesaver by choosing to be an organ and tissue donor. To become a donor, sign a Uniform Donor Card (such as the card on the back of a driver's license) and, most importantly, inform family members of the decision. In Illinois, a family's consent is required before donation can occur.

For more information, contact Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network at (888) 307-DON8.

Respond To Court's Marriage Decisions

Focus on the Family's Glenn T. Stanton, senior analyst for marriage and sexuality, offered this response recently to the New Jersey Superior Court's decision affirming the fundamental human institution of marriage.

"Every single society in human experience and history has defined marriage as a union between men and women for good reason. It is only in the last few milliseconds of history that some nations have arrogantly and radically redefined marriage to be something else. It is encouraging to see that the New Jersey court has resisted this radical social experiment."

"The New Jersey Superior Court's decision is the second time in less than a month that marriage has been so strongly affirmed by a United States court. The New Jersey court today recognized that it is not the court's place to redefine a fundamental human institution. In early October, the Arizona State Court of Appeals also affirmed that marriage is exclusively a union of man and woman. These courts have wisely recognized that when faced with this question, our U.S. Supreme Court has never interpreted our United States Constitution to guarantee same-sex couples the right to marry."

"The essential legal nature of marriage has never enjoyed greater clarity than it has gained through these two important court cases. We are very heartened by these decisions and trust they will positively affect future decisions by other state courts."

Dist. 123 Annual Fun Fair

The Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 annual Fun Fair will be back by popular demand on Saturday, Feb. 21st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn High School gymnasium, 95th & Southwest Highway.

Once again, we have planned a variety of activities for all ages. There will be entertainment for our youngsters including the Frank Birdsall comedy circle show, DJ Dan Colantone, an assortment of games, clowns, balloons, and plenty of food and refreshments for everyone. The primary purpose for hosting this event is to provide an afternoon of fun for our students, staff and families. Please join us on the 21st!

For further information, contact Peg Shanker at (708) 423-1530.

Family Night Hike

The moon has a major influence on the earth, and through the ages many different cultures developed their own ideas about the influence the moon had on people or the environment. Come learn about the influences the moon has had on different cultures around the world. Then hike out in the preserve and find out what kind of critters might be under the full moon.

This "Full Moon Night Hike – Mystic Moon," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Friday, March 5, 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center.

The trails are moderate hiking, but hikers should dress for the weather, including sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

For additional information, call (815) 727-8700 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

POLICE CALLS

On Jan. 24th Rachel Shepherd, 19, of Tinley Park was arrested and charged with unlawful consumption of alcohol after a traffic stop. Police observed Shepherd heading eastbound on 111th St. The light at Kostner and 111th was red. Shepherd slowed down, then proceeded through the intersection ignoring the traffic signal. While speaking with Shepherd, who at first denied any consumption of alcohol, police observed slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Shepherd admitted she may have had "three, four, five or six beers."

On Jan. 28th Antonio Washington, 17, of St. Paul, MI was arrested and charged with battery after a verbal altercation escalated into a physical assault. Witnesses observed Washington slapping and hitting the 40-year-old victim in the face in her car as she stopped at the traffic signal at 95th and Cicero.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

The Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 Board of Education adopted A *No Child Left Behind* resolution that was mailed to President Bush, Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, and Governor Blagojevich. Also enclosed was a letter written by our special education directors, reflecting the sentiments of their staff who serve special needs students. The message conveyed was perfectly clear: *No Child Left Behind* legislation has sections that are flawed and in need of revision. Specifically, if the neurological circuitry of special education students is in disrepair and it cannot be fully restored, then how can you mandate that it function just as effectively and comparably as a circuitry that is without impediments? It just cannot be done until science is able to eliminate the gene causing the problem and replacing it with one able to remedy the ailment. Educators do no have the training nor ability to accomplish this feat. What is being asked – 100% of retarded and severely learning disabled students to perform at the same cognitive level as unimpaired students – is a mission called impossible. If the mission is to give public education a failing grade, then *No Child Left Behind* is a "can't miss" strategy.

Moreover, even a battery needs some lead time to be charged before it can function properly. Non-speaking English students who are recent arrivals to the United States and its schools need some time to become proficient in the English language. Consequently, the standards for this sub group of students on the *No Child Left Behind* require alteration and its assessment process and timeline need modification. Regardless of the changes enacted, the attainment of these lofty goals depend on the bottom line. In other words, to change talk to walk, you have to put your money next to your month. Otherwise, it is just rhetoric or, more accurately, a red herring.

Remember: We didn't get to the moon or Mars without spending lots of dollars. The same can be said about curing human diseases, or the numerous discoveries and innovations that were outgrowths of research and development within various corporations. Helping all our children achieve the cognitive standards adopted by our legislative bodies – assuming the standards are reasonable and attainable – will necessitate similar financial commitments. Anything less, will guarantee FAILURE! Hopefully, this objective is not what our government is seeking.

Sincerely,

s/s Dr. James A. Paziotopoulos

Superintendent

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Payday Loans Risks & Costs Warning

As part of her consumer education campaign to mark National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Lisa Madigan warned Illinoisans about the risks and costs of taking out heavily-advertised, high-interest payday loans.

Payday lenders may advertise their loans as an easy way for consumers to solve financial difficulties. However, they often don't reveal the annual percentage rates (APRs) on loans that can climb into triple digits, the enormous cost of taking out the loans and the loan terms that enable lenders to dodge interest caps set by state law.

"Consumer Protection Week is about alerting consumers nationwide to the potential traps they may fall into, and Illinois consumers need to know that it's not in their best interest to take out a payday loan," Madigan said. "The bottom line is that payday loans have high interest rates that may snowball until they create an avalanche of debt for a consumer who only borrowed a small amount of money."

A payday loan is a short-term loan obtained when a borrower writes a check dated in the future. To get a loan, a borrower must show the payday lender a pay stub and then write the lender a check. The lender gives the borrower cash in return, but for an amount less than the value of the check. The difference is the lender's profit, or finance charge. Most of the time, the consumer doesn't have the funds in his or her checking account to cover the post-dated check when it is written, and may not have the funds when it comes time for the check to be cashed. The lure of fast cash from payday loans can tempt borrowers to write bad checks, which is illegal in Illinois.

When payment comes due, if the consumer can't cover the check, they are often induced to roll the overdue loan into a new loan, incurring net fees and increasing the amount of the loan. This loan "flipping" can quickly turn into an avalanche of consumer debt.

The Office of the Attorney General has sued lenders who have threatened borrowers with criminal prosecution for writing checks that the borrowers ultimately couldn't afford to cover.

Because there are no effective limitations on the interest rates on payday loans, APRs usually soar well into the triple digits and rise from there with each renewal, something consumers should be aware of and avoid. Most payday loans start out with a 241 percent APR, but if the loans are rolled over, this amount simply skyrockets. On top of this, there are no limitations on the fees that payday lenders can charge borrowers.

While the Department of Financial Institutions regulates payday loans, payday lenders have found clever ways around the rules. For example, the industry dodges the rules by writing loans for 31 days or more, when the loans covered by state regulations have a 30-day limit on the loan term.

Madigan reminded consumers that there are some community banks that compete for consumer business by meeting their needs without making them pay exorbitant fees and they require little more paperwork than the payday lenders to qualify the consumer for the loan. These lenders will prove to be far more affordable for the consumer when it comes to paying back the loan.

Madigan issued an advisory regarding Refund Anticipation Loans and the Attorney General's Top 10 Consumer Complaints list as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

Kelly Grossman Named Assistant Bank VP

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Founders Bank has announced the promotion of Kelly M. Grossman (pictured) to Assistant Vice President. Ms. Grossman joined Founders Bank in 1994.

Ms. Socha stated, "Ms. Grossman is committed to providing excellent customer service. In this new position she will bring together her experience in both loan and deposit products to structure a portfolio unique to each customer. Grossman will also be involved in establishing new commercial relationships."

Grossman, a resident of Chicago joined Founders Bank in 1994. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois, Champaign and her Master of Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago. Grossman has also participated in the Sandler Sales Institute training program and has successfully completed various RMA and IBA banking courses. Grossman currently serves as a Board Member of the Oak Lawn Hometown School District 123 Elementary Educational Foundation and is a volunteer tutor for the St. Agatha Family Empowerment Tutoring Program.

Worship Service

On Sunday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m. the youth and children of Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn will be leading worship. They will share Christ through scripture and skits and praise Him with songs, sign language, and dance. The church is located at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Visitors are welcome.

Day Of Worship

On February 25th, Trinity Lutheran Church at 97th and Brandt, is strutting out Ash Wednesday with a Sacrificial Breakfast commencing at 10 a.m. Black coffee or water and a hot cross bun will be served. The sermon will be a chancel drama "Lift High the Cross". At 6 p.m. our 11th Annual Soup Supper will be served consisting of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. The church service then begins at 7 p.m.

Representatives from organizations in the southwestern suburbs were among the attendees at the recent annual conference of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA). The conference featured workshops, exhibits by related vendors, and networking opportunities at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago, from Thursday, Jan. 22 through Saturday, Jan. 24. Hundreds of board members, executive directors, and staff from recreation departments and park districts participated in this joint event of the professional associations.

The South Suburban Parks and Recreation Professional Association (SSPRA), a local chapter, coordinated the registration area. Volunteers greeted guests, registered them, and presented the conference packages. Members of the IAPD and IPRA also served on committees to plan and assist during the event. Among the local participants featured in the display area are (left to right) Oak Lawn resident Jeannie Shotas, an IAPD/IPRA member who worked on exhibits, and Evergreen Park resident Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, a SSPRA associate member who helped with registration. Fifth Third Bank was among the businesses who sponsored booths to highlight services available to park districts and recreation departments.

Henning Is Deployed

Marine Corps Cpl William J. Henning, a 2000 graduate of Oak Lawn High School, is currently on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home-based in Camp Pendleton, California.

Members of Henning's unit recently completed operations in Iraq. The MEU conducted more than 300 patrols in Southern Iraq including 50 by the MEU's boat company. Henning's unit also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of ordnance, much of which was found near villages and playgrounds.

Henning's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Henning's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Hometown's Honor Roll Students

Queen of Peace High School has announced the students from Hometown who have earned "A" Honor Roll status in academics for the second quarter of the school year. "A" honors are awarded to students who earn a 3.5 or above grade point average.

Earning this honor are Jennifer Baier, Kelly Baier, Cortney Companio, Monica Mugica and Elizabeth Thara.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, 2-2-04
Blue Central
Kennedy 65, Lindblom 61
Tuesday, 2-3-04
Public Blue South
Bogan 83, CICS-Longwood 67
Brooks 55, Ag Science 53
Chicago Catholic
Bishop McNamara 54, St. Francis de Sales 47
Brother Rice 57, St. Laurence 36
De La Salle 60, Holy Cros 51
Hales Franciscan 80, Fenwick 66 (2 OT)
Leo 76, Providence 36
Mt. Carmel 60, St. Rita 44
St. Ignatius 78, Gordon Tech 50
Independent School League
North Shore 49, Morgan Park Academy 32
Non-Conference
Andrew 68, Schurz 56
Hillcrest 79, Rich Central 74 (OT)
Momence 67, Illiana Christian 59
Rich South 52, Argo 43
Richards 56, T.F. North 52
Shepard 63, Rich East 43
Stagg 53, Oak Lawn 44
Wednesday, 2-4-04
Blue Central
Kennedy 72, Chicago Richards 68
Thursday, 2-5-04
Blue-South
Bogan 96, Calumet 55
Fenger 73, Ag Science 47
Red-South
Simeon 84, Morgan Park 69
East Suburban Catholic
St. Viator 60, Marian Catholic 46
Friday, 2-6-04
Blue-Central
Tilden 67, Kennedy 62
Chicago Catholic League
Brother Rice 65, Providence 48
Fenwick 52, De La Salle 44
Leo 94, Hales Franciscan 92 (3 OT)
St. Ignatius 43, St. Francis de Sales 31
St. Laurence 60, St. Rita 59
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 59, Joliet Catholic 32
Independent School League
U-High 90, Morgan Park Academy 23.
Private School League
Chicago Christian 93, Aurora Christian 56
Timothy Christian 60, Illiana Christian 52
Westminster 62, Luther South 47
SICA Central
Bremen 80, Oak Forest 66
Eisenhower 67, Tinley Park 54
Hillcrest 77, T.F. South 46
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 62, Thornwood 42
Thornton 67, Shepard 33
Thornridge 47, Bloom 40
SICA North
Argo 88, Richards 80
Reavis 64, Bolingbrook 51
Romeoville 75, Oak Lawn 42
SICA West
Joliet 59, Andrew 53
Sandburg 57, Lockport 47
Stagg 68, Lincoln-Way East 31
Suburban Prairie East
Riverside-Brookfield 88, Eisenhower 65
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 64, Minooka 44
Saturday, 2-7-04
Private League
Luther North 53, Luther South 31
Nashville (Ill.) Shootout
Cairo 64, St. Francis de Sales 55

BOYS SWIMMING

Monday, 2-2-04
Ag Science 30, Senn 11
Lake View 47, Ag Science 30
Lake View 50, Senn 14
Friday, 2-6-04
SICA South Conference Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Bremen 282. 2, Tinley Park 243. 3, Bradley 228. 4, Oak Forest 218. 5, T.f. Co-op 169. 6, Kankakee 14. **Winners:** Diving – Matt Yuris, Bremen, 253.6. 200 Medley Relay – Bremen (Adam Thompson, Sam Valasquez, Brenton Pistek, Ricky Parker) 1:48.3. 200 Freestyle – Dan Mensing, Tinley Park, 1:56.7. 200 IM – Pistek, Bremen, 2:03.19. 50 Free Style – Parker, Bremen, 23.03 100 Butterfly – Pistek, Bremen, 55.22. 100 Freestyle – Parker, Bremen 52.22. 500 Freestyle – Dean Webb, T.F. Co-op, 5:13.94. 200 Freestyle Relay – Tinley Park (Bryan Wilsak, Tony Smith, Eric Silic, Dan Mensing) 1:36.16. 100 Backstroke – Ryan Romero, Bradley, 57.75 100 Breaststroke – Joe Snyder, Bradley, 1:07.42 400 Freestyle Relay – Bremen (Parker, Justin Arvanites, Matt Jesse, Pistek) 3:30.56
Saturday, 2-7-04
Chicago Catholic League Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Fenwick 363. 2, Loyola 294. 3, Marmion 283. 4, Benet 270. 5, Brother Rice 263. 6, St. Patrick 237. 7, St. Rita 160. 8, St. Viator 150. 9, St. Ignatius 92. 10, Mt. Carmel 59. 11, Notre Dame 36
SICA Northeast Meet at Shepard
Final Team results: 1, Stagg 313. 2, Argo 238. 3, District 218 Co-op 232. 4, Reavis 226. 5, Oak Lawn 169. 6, District 204 Co-op 66
SICA Northwest Meet
Final Team Standings: 1, Sandburg 293. 2, Lockport 239. 3, Lincoln-Way East 207. 4, Homewood-Flossmoor 198. 5, Lincoln-Way Central 175. 6, Andrew 147.
Suburban Prairie South Meet
Final Team Results: 1, Riverside-Brookfield 320. 2, Oswego 242. 3, Morris 186. 4, Fenton 81. 5, Evergreen Park 19. 6, Plainfield Central 16.

WRESTLING REGIONALS

CLASS AA
At Andrew
Final Team Standings: 1, Lincoln-Way East 215½. 2, Andrew 139. 3, Homewood-Flossmoor 125. 4, Rich Central 77½. 5, Hillcrest 67. 6, Rich South 63. 7, Tinley Park 61. 8, Rich East 48.
Sectional Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1, Vinny Farina, Rich South d. Isaiah Tyler, Rich Central 1:33; 3, Kyle Johnson, Homewood-Flossmoor. 112 – 1, Nick Dominy, Lincoln-Way East d. Rick Turn, Andrew 9-7 (OT); 3, James Robinson, Rich Central. 119 – 1, Justin Gomez, Andrew d. Richie Worden, 2:48; 3, Nick Lucca, Lincoln-Way East. 125 – Drake Rossi, 2:30; 3, Cortez Pipersburgh, Homewood-Flossmoor. 130 – 1, Dan Hamilton, Homewood-Flossmoor d. Cowan Brown, Rich South, 3-1; 3, Adam Kaffel, Lincoln-Way East. 135 – 1, Eric Pretto, Lincoln-Way East d. Brandon Thompson, 7-5; 3, Jason Ignacek, Andrew. 140 – 1, Dave Snedden, Homewood-Flossmoor d. Chris Rzab, Andrew, 7-6; 3, Matt Dubar-Jordan, Lincoln-Way East. 145 – 1, Brett Ambrosino, Lincoln-Way East d. Mike Lattiere, Andrew, 12-2; 3, Nigel Pettet, Rich Central. 152 – 1, Chris Rodgers, Homewood-Flossmoor d. Omar Donahue, Hillcrest, 9-4; 3, Pat Geary, Lincoln-Way East. 160 – 1, Brad Muthart, Lincoln-Way East d. Joe Fornell, Andrew, 2:27; 3, Derian Craig, Hillcrest. 171 – Jim Griffin, Lincoln-Way East d. Nate Everhart, Andrew, 5-3; 3, Dan Coerper, Homewood-Flossmoor. 189 – 1, Alex Barrera, Tinley Park d. Tony Pecho, Lincoln-Way Est, 18-6; 3, Sean Hannon, Andrew. 215 – 1, Cordell Clements, Hillcrest d. Steve Stille, Tinley Park, 9-7 (OT); 3, C.J. Coburn, Rich Central. 275 – 1, Donatello Crosby, Rich East d. Alex Baro, Lincoln-Way East, 33; 3, Luke Bray, Homewood-Flossmoor
At Argo
Final Team Standings: 1, Lyons 153. 2, Bolingbrook 151½. 3, Downers South 136½. 4, Hinsdale South 107½. 5, Argo 105½. 6, Lemont 92. 7, Hinsdale Central 76½. 8, Downers North 71
Sectional Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – Matt Tolbert, Hinsdale Central d. John Thompson, Argo, 8-0; 3, Dwayne Hernandez, Bolingbrook. 112 – Phil Lukanich, Lyons pinned Lamont Bowerman, Bolingbrook, 2:55; 3, Ben Townsend, Downers North. 119 – Mark Lenkowski, Downers South d. Frank Battaglia, Hinsdale Central, 15-7; 3, Tony Roberton, Argo. 125 – Kyle Jahn, Bolingbrook d. Harkeem Mahdi, Hinsdale South, 11-2; 3, Ron Robertson, Argo. 130 – Vince Castillo, Lyons d. Rob Wallon, Lemont, 7-4; 3, Tim Kurtz, Bolingbrook. 135 – Scott Wallace, Hinsdale South d. Tom Malave, Argo, 9-2; 3, Andrew Guilde, Bolingbrook. 140 – Eddie McKay, Bolingbrook d. Nick Basalone, Hinsdale South, 8-2; 3, Casey McMurray, Lyons. 145 – Eric Zace, Downers North pinned Chris Haddad, HinsdaleSouth, 3:14.; 3, Ricky Martinez, Hinsdale Central. 152 – Dan Kemar, Lyons d. Steve Shaffer, Downers South, 12-9; 3, Aaron Nagel, Lemont. 160 – Erik Efrosinis, Downers North pinned Jake Kamberos, Lemont, 5:55; 3, Kyle Fanning, Hinsdale South. 171 – Jerry Vassalla, Downers South pinned Spencer Whiting, Lyons, 1:49; 3, Mark Ott, Argo. 189 – Nick Moskos, Lyons d. Jake Bruzan, Hinsdale South, 3-1; 3, Joe Long, Lemont. 215 – Kyle Williams, Bolingbrook pinned Adam Herzog, Downers South, 2:37; 3, Kevin Hildenbrand, Lemont. 275 – Ryan Bain, Bolingbrook pinned Mark Ramoska, Lyons, 1:06; 3, Jeff Cihlar, Downers South.
At Bogan
Final Team Standings: 1, St. Rita 287. 2, Reavis 225½. 3, Evergreen Park 90. 4, Oak Lawn 89. 5, Brother Rice 74. 6, St. Laurence 60. 7, tie, Bogan and Simeon 36. 9, Calumet 16.
Sectional Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1, John Starczyk, St. Rita d. Matt McNaughton, Oak Lawn 9-7; 3, Shane Farrell, Evergreen Park. 112 – 1, Arthur Robles, Reavis d. Adam Canty, St. Rita, 1:05; 3, Jim Hooker, Evergreen Park. 119 – 1, John Weinert, Reavis d. Brian Earner, St. Rita, 15-0; 3, Aze Lacek, Evergreen Park. 125 – 1, Matt Ross, Bogan d. Carlos Lopez, St Rita, 5-2; 3, John Renteria, Reavis. 130 – 1, Mike Sands, St. Rita d. Shane Kennelly, Reavis, 1:08; 3, Dave Nicolaescu, Evergreen Park. 135 – 1, Albert White, St. Rita d. Jack Love, St. Laurence, 1:07; 3, Nick Panella, Brother Rice. 140 – 1, Gerry Starzyk, St. Rita d. Brandon Mercado, Simeon, 5:40; 3, Joe Ward, Reavis. 145 – 1, Kevin Rockett, Reavis d. Bill Cascone, St. Rita, 7-2; 3, Kyle Kalchenbrenner, Oak Lawn. 152 – 1, Obie Simpson, St. Rita d. Trevor Mulrenin, Oak Lawn, 7-4; 3, Steve Kenats, Reavis. 160 – 1, Jim Kernats, Reavis d. Brett Wolniakowski, St. Rita, 4-3; 3, Nick Paszkiet, Brother Rice. 171 – 1, John Murphy, St. Rita d. Steve Swanson, Reavis, 1:48; 3, Marty Dertz, Evergreen Park. 189 – 1, Scott Sands, St. Rita d. Adam Warren, 1. Jake Polich, Reavis d. Brandon McElligot, St. Rita, 3-2; 3, Theon Jones, Calumet. 275 – FredDeramus, St. Rita d. Jerrell Cotman, Simeon, 3:30; 3, Jacob Gray, Reavis.
At Sandburg
Final Team Standings: 1, Sandburg 268½. 2, Marist 170. 3, Shepard 110. 4, Richards 103. 5, Stagg 88. 6, Bremen 51. 7, Oak Forest 28. 8, Eisenhower 11.
Sectional Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1, Matt Schmeski, Sandburg d. Miguel Guerrero, Oak Forest, 5-1; 3, Ryan Blake, Marist. 112 – 1, Brandon Precin, Sandburg pinned Tom Wolf, Marist, 1:43; 3, Joe Sollami, Shepard. 119 – 1, Pat Rathbun, Shepard d. Nick Soraghan, Sandburg, 6-4 (OT); 3, Tim Klahn, Stagg. 125 – 1, Matt Cusick, Sandburg d. Terren Rice, Stagg, tech. Fall 5:53; 3, John Putnam, Marist. 130 – 1, Ryan Precin, Sandburg d. Ray Mendez, Shepard, 6-4; 3, Mitch Kucharski, Oak Forest. 135 – 1, Mike Anello, Sandburg d. Rob Lewandowski, Marist, 11-8; 3, Rob Radecki, Richards. 140 – 1, Eric Kruger, Sandburg d. Kyle O'Toole, Richards, 13-3; 3, Tim Gleich, Marist. 145 – 1, Ben Friedl, Sandburg d. T.J. Stewart, Shepard, tech. fall 2:36; 3, Nick Kusta, Richards. 152 – 1, Gus Gloede, Sandburg d. Fadie Akleh, Shepard, 6-0; 3, Miguel Luis, Richards. 160 – 1, Jake Murphy, Marist pinned Ryne Kucala, Sandburg, 1:49; 3, Orville Kline, Shepard. 171 – 1, Matt Jones, Marist d. Pat McGovern, Stagg, 4-1; 3, Jon Crettol, Sandburg. 189 – 1, Mark Garrity, Sandburg d. Nick Stutz, Marist, 9-3; 3, Felix Rohas, Eisenhower. 215 – 1, Tom Kelly, Richards d. Bob Sirvid, Sandburg, 8-3; 3, Kevin Healy, Marist. 275 – 1, Dan Joda, Marist d. Jon Pereiro, Sandburg, 6-1; 3, Constatine Kanavos, Stagg.
At Providence
Final Team Standings: 1, Providence 223. 2, Lockport 143½. 3, Joliet 136½. 4, Lincoln-Way Central 107½. 7, Joliet Catholic 52. 8, Plainfield South 44½.
Sectional Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1, Jeremy Johnson, Romeoville d. Ryan Prater, Plainfield, tech. Fall 5:05; 3, Mike Knowles, Lincoln-Way Central. 112 – 1, Kyle Hutter, Providence d. Jake Oster, Lockport, 12-8; 3, Paul Munoz, Lincoln-Way Central. 119 – 1, Thomas Gagan, Lincoln-Way Central d. Marcus White, Joliet, 4-0; 3, Jeremy Ellingwood, Plainfield. 125 – 1, Dan Ruettiger, Providence d. Chris Haney, Plainfield South, 18-17; 3, Joe Ledesma, Joliet. 130 – 1, David Murphy, Providence d. Andy Tolbert, Lockport, 3:28; 3, Brandon McCure, Lincoln-Way Central. 135 – 1, Kevin Gagen, Lincoln-Way Central d. Scott DeChant, Providence, 17-11; 3, Jeff Abney, Romeville. 140 – 1, Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Mike Smith, Plainfield, injury forfeit; 3, Tony Gross, Romeoville. 145 – 1, Marty Engwall, Providence d. Ray Richardson, Joliet 9-1; 3, Alex Macier, Joliet Catholic. 152 – 1, Craig Tokarsky, Plainfield South d. Adam Settelmyer, Lockport, 11-5; 3, Adam Solarski, Lincoln-Way Central. 160 – 1, Chris Smith, Plainfield d. Steve Moriarty, Providence, 3-2; 3, Chris Sizemore, Romeoville. 171 – 1, Joe Nudo, Providence d. Chris Maramba, Lockport, 7-4; 3, Jeremy Asbell, Romeoville. 189 – 1, DeAndre Nunn, Providence d. Nick Metzger, Joliet Catholic, 5-1; 3, Jeremy Godina, Joliet. 215 – 1, Adrian Cerrillo, Joliet d. Evan Mitchell, Lockport, 3-1; 3, Jake Trader, Joliet Catholic. 275 – 1, Mike Shaub, Lockport d. Tim Jay, Providence, 8-4; 3, Kyle Turvey, Plainfield

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, 2-2-04
SICA East
Thornton 58, Shepard 38
Thornridge 60, Bloom 54
SICA North
Bolingbrook 62, Reavis 26
SICA West
Andrew 48, Lockport 37
GCAC Red
Regina 62, Mother McAuley 58
Loyola 55, Queen of Peace 13
Resurrection 54, St. Ignatius 37
Trinity 61, Maria 35
GCAC White
St.Francis de Sales 45, De La Salle 15
Mother Guerin 40, Mount Assisi 34
St. Benedict 78, Seton 61
IHM 47, Chicago Notre Dame 34
Metro Tournament
Taft 47, Ag Science 44
King 63, Juarez 31
Chicago Conference Tournament
Quarterfinals
Washington 52, Collins 47
Van Steuben 70, Curie 60
Tuesday, 2-3-04
Independent School League
Latin 50, Morgan Park Academy 39
SICA Central
Hillcrest 62, Eisenhower 24
Oak Forest 51, Tinley Park 26
SICA North
Richards 49, Argo 37
SICA West
Lincoln-Way Central 61, Stagg 54
Joliet 61, Lincoln-way East 41
Non-Conference
Chicago Christian 54, Oak Lawn 50
Rich East 58, Bremen 50
Public Windy City Playoffs
Marshall 73, Westinghouse 60
Wednesday, 2-4-04
East Suburban Catholic
Carmel 57, Providence 32
Fenwick 69, Marian Catholic 68
Non-Conference
Homewood-Flossmoor 61, Hillcerst 43
GCAC Red
Semi-Finals at Trinity
Loyola 33, Regina 29
Resurrection 82, Trinity 7 (2 OT)
Consolation at Mother McAuley
Mother McAuley 59, Queen of Peace 25
GCAC White
Championship at St. Benedict
Mother Guerin 41, St. Francis de Sales 40
St. Benedict 49, IHM 38
Consolation
Mt. Assisi 46, De La Salle 39
Seton 52, Chicago Notre Dame 40
Thursday, 2-5-04
SICA Central
Bremen 47, T.F. North 41
T.F. South 43, Tinley Park 34
SICA East
Shepard 47, Thornridge 31
Homewood-Flossmoor 51, Bloom 20
SICA North
Reavis 57, Romeoville 47
Richards 41, Oak Lawn 40
Bolingbrook 51, Argo 31
SICA West
Sandburg 53, Lincoln-Way Central 33
Non-Conference
Joliet Catholic 58, Lincoln-Way East 41
Chicago Conference Tournament
Semifinals at Vocational
Crane 68, Washington 38
Hyde Park 52, Von Steuben 39
Consolation
Phillips 51, Roosevelt 49
Sullivan 46, Mather 42
Friday, 2-6-04
Private School League
Westminster 32, Luther South 24
SICA Central
Oak Forest 56, Eisenhower 35
SICA West
Stagg 58, Andrew 38
Suburban Prairie South
Minooka 43, Lemont 33
GCAC Blue Tournament
St. Gregory 60, Josephinum 41 (3rd)
GCAC Red Tournament
Mother McAuley 57, St. Ignatius 47 (OT) (5th)
Queen of Peace 47, Maria 41 (7th)
GCAC White Tournament
Notre Dame 54, De La Salle 41 (7th)
St. Francis de Sales 39, IHM 36 (3rd)
Public Windy City Playoffs
Semi-Finals
Marshall 67, Morgan Park 52
Young 72, Hope 46
Consolation Championship
Sullivan 73, Phillips 49
Saturday, 2-7-04
East Suburban Catholic
Carmel 48, Marian Catholic 45
Joliet Catholic 59, Providence 46
Private School League
Chicago Christian 72, Aurora Christian 44
Illiana Christian 55, Timothy Christian 51
Suburban Prairie East
Riverside-Brookfield 63, Evergreen Park 58
Non-Conference
Lockport 50, Plainfield South 26
GCAC Red Tournament
Regina 58, Trinity 51 (3rd)
Loyola 59, Resurrection 34 (title)
GCAC White Tournament
St. Benedict 60, Mother Guerin 32 (title)
Public League Tournament
Windy City Division
Marshall 69, Young 61 (title)
Chicago Division
Crane 67, Hyde Park 39 (title)

GIRLS BOWLING

Monday, 2-2-04
Cardinal Invitational
Teams: Lemont 2,799, Bremen 2,649, T.F. South 2,621, Crete-Monee 2,596, Reavis 2,593, Lincoln-Way Central 2,582, Evergreen Park, 2,460, T.F. Noth 2,389, Peotone 2, 368, Joliet 2,367, Argo 2,358, Dundee-Crown Red 2,351, Lincoln-Way East 2,331, Morgan Park 2,277, Tinley Park 2,218, Oak Foret 2,197, Stagg 2,113, Sandburg 2,091, Hillcrest 2,070, Richards 2,065, Andrew 2,009, Dundee-Crown White 2,005, Oak Lawn 1,976, St. Ignatius 1,823
High Game: Jill Szklarski, Reavis, 267
High Series: Jamie Rihacek, T.F. South, 601
Tuesday, 2-3-04
Lincoln-Way East 1,672, Peotone 1,491
High Game: Kelly Hickey and Sara Cahill, Lincoln-Way East, 204
High Series: Hickey, Lincoln-Way East, 405.
Wednesday, 2-4-04
Tinley Park 1,470, Rich East 1,404
High Game: Kris Schultz, Tinley Park, 223.
High Series: Schultz, 404
Saturday, 2-7-04
Girls Bowling Sectionals
NOTE: The top two teams, the top three individuals who are not members of the qualifying teams and four at-large bowlers advance to the state tournaments.
At Hinsdale South
Final Team Standings: 1, Hinsdale South 5,469. 2, Lemont 5,415.
Individuals: 1, Jenna Wagner, Hinsdale South

"Prospect Federal Day" Free Tickets

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is providing free tickets to its customers and other Southwest Metropolitan Chicago residents for the men's basketball game on "Prospect Federal Day," Saturday, Feb. 21st at St. Xavier University, announced bank president, Steven F. Rosenbaum. This special day was designated in appreciation of the bank's sponsorship of St. Xavier's fall and winter sports programs. The game will be played at the university's Athletic Center, 3700 W. 103rd St.

In addition to free tickets, Prospect Federal will conduct drawings for free prizes during the game. Anyone attending can register to win with no obligation.

Up to 4 free tickets per family will be given away to people who would like to see the 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21st game between the St. Xavier Cougars and CCAC rival, University of St. Francis. Rosenbaum said, "Those wanting tickets can get them at our Oak Lawn, Worth and Pulaski Rd. Chicago offices, while supplies last." He emphasized that tickets are absolutely free. No deposit is necessary.

The bank's addresses for free tickets are 4646 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn; 11139 S. Harlem Ave. in Worth, and 6858 S. Pulaski Rd. in Chicago.

Collect Golf Balls

The Greater Chicago Club Managers Association's (GCCMA) club collecting drive, "Clubs Collecting for Junior Golf in Chicago," was a huge success. The program chairman, Timothy J. Habjan, CCM, General manager of Midlothian Country Club, couldn't believe the quantity and quality of the equipment that was collected. Tim solicited member clubs of the GCCMA and asked them to have their members check their lockers and garages for unused and unneeded golf clubs and equipment. Fourteen country clubs participated in the program resulting in over 4,100 individual golf clubs, some of which were in mint condition. Included in the 4,100 pieces were over 600 sets of woods and/or irons. Other equipment was also donated, including 150 golf bags, 100+ pairs of shoes, and thousands of golf balls, both new and old.

Tim and his club staff as well as GCCMA members are now in the process of cleaning all of the equipment and altering the clubs to fit the size of the junior golfers. This process will take about three weeks. Once the clubs are ready, they will be delivered to Pat Faire, Director of Physical Education for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

The goal of both the GCCMA and CPS is to be able to expose as many kids to the game of golf as possible. These clubs will give them the opportunity to learn a lifelong skill by being involved with and continuing to play the game of golf.

Special thanks to the Lamkin Grip Company for their donation of 2,000 grips to assist us in the shortening of the clubs.

St. Xavier University Sports

The Saint Xavier University softball team already knows that it can play with the best the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has to offer. Apparently, now the rest of the nation is taking note as the Cougars earned a No. 12 national ranking in the 2004 NAIA Pre-season Softball Poll released recently by the league office.

Last season, SXU finished 41-15 overall and tied with Olivet Nazareth University as CCAC regular season champions with a 14-2 league record. The Cougars also finished as runners-up to ONU in the CCAC post-season tournament and qualified for the NAIA Region VII Tournament.

"This is, definitely the most talented and deepest team that I have ever coached at St. Xavier," said SXU head softball coach Myra Minuskin. "We return our entire pitching staff from last year and in 2003 they were considered one of the best staffs in the NAIA."

Leading the Cougar pitching staff will be senior Stacie Eschmann who was the 2003 CCAC Pitcher of the Year and a member of the 2003 NAIA All-Region VII Team. Last season, she finished with a record of 20-7 with a 0.95 earned-run average (ERA).

A lone ice fisherman hunkers down and waits for a bite in front of a wintry backdrop of downtown Chicago.

Service Rates Players

The USHL and Central Scouting Service released a list of 33 hockey players with USHL roots who are listed in the mid-season ranking of NHL prospects by the Central Scouting Service. This list contained two current Chicago Steel players, forward Matt McIlvane and goaltender Adam D'Alba.

The Central Scouting Service rates players in four groupings, players skating in North America, goaltenders playing in North America, skaters in Europe and goalies in Europe. This list is used by NHL teams, as they prepare for the annual entry draft.

Matt McIlvane is a center for the Steel, who hails from Naperville. Matt is in his first season with the Chicago Steel and will play for the Ohio State Buckeyes in the fall of 2004. He is tied for second on the team in scoring with 13 goals, 30 points and 45 PIM in 36 games. McIlvane was ranked #155th among North American Skaters. He is 6'0" and 200 lbs.; his size and skill around the net makes him an attractive power forward.

Adam D'Alba, the third season goalie from Glencoe, will be suiting up for the Brown University Bears this fall. He has enjoyed a successful season; he is currently ranked as 10th among goaltending leaders in the USHL. In 22 games played, Adam has a 2.64 goals against average and a .919 saves percentage. D'Alba was the goaltender of the month for October and named an alternate goaltender for the USHL Prospects/All-Star game. Adam was ranked #20 among North American goalies.

Team's Hotel For 2004

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced Georgio's of Orland Park will be the team's hotel for the 2004 season.

ThunderBolts President Kevin Rhomberg picked the 160-room facility because of its reputation and feedback from the visiting Frontier League squads in years past.

"I know the rest of the Frontier League is very excited about having Georgio's back on board as the team hotel," Rhomberg said. "The Georgiou family runs a fine operation and we could not find another hotel which mirrored our standards for a first-class hotel."

Georgio's is one of Frontier League commissioner Bill Lee's favorite places to stay when visiting his ball clubs.

"Georgio's is one of the finest hotels in the Frontier League circuit," Lee said. "Their accommodations and their facility is second to none."

For corporate advertising, season-tickets or group outings, contact the Windy City ThunderBolts at (708) 489-2255.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

1,146. 2, Jill Szklarski, Reavis, 1,141. 3, Nikki Watters, Lemont, 1,124. 4, Sam Swanson, Lemont, 1,116. 5, Nicole Swierez, Hinsdale South, 1,108.

Other State Qualifiers: Carmella Tirrito, Oak Lawn, 1,068; Kristine Jutzi, Revis, 1,066.

At Bremen

Final Team Standings: 1, Bremen 5,384. 2, Morgan Park 5,069. 3, Oak Forest 4,681. 4, Evergreen Park 4,536. 5, Eisenhower 4,518. 6, Marist 4,087. 7, Brooks 3,915. 8, CVS 3,071.

Individuals: 1, Heather Cory, Bremen 1,162. 2, Janelle Mitchell, Morgan Park 1,140. 3, Lorri Gurnak, Bremen, 1,120. 4, Sam Ruglio, Bremen, 1,106. 5, Sammie Hemreich, Oak Forest 1,066.

Other State Qualifiers: Jacelyn Bradley, Eisenhower, 1,028; Marge Leahu, Oak Forest, 1,021.

At Rich East

Final Team Standings: 1, Lockport 5,349. 2, Lincoln-Way Central 5,025. 3, T.F. South 5,011. 4, Rich Central 4,916. 5, Crete-Monee 4,667. 6, Rich East 4,571. 7, Lincoln-way East 4,477. 8, Rich South 4,440. 9, T.F. North 4,348. 10, Tinley Park 4,237. 11, Peotone 4,085. 12, Herscher 4,018.13, Andrew 3,981. 14, Hillcrest 3,466.

Individuals: 1, Sara Cahill, Lincoln-Way East, 1,158. 2, Kaila Sloyan, Lockport, 1,147. 3, Amy English, T.F. South, 1,138. 4, TaShieka Green, Lockport, 1,118. 5, Lauren Jackson, Rich Central, 1,110.

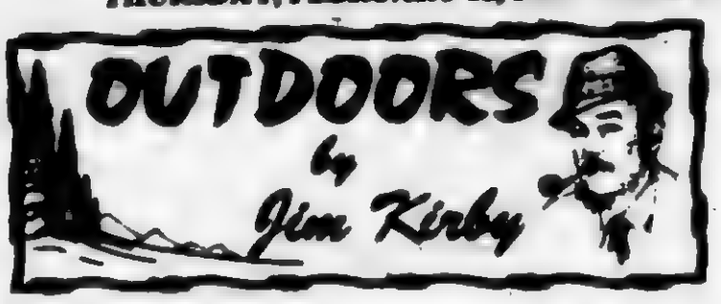
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, 2-2-04
Regionals
Oak Park

Teams: Sandburg 140.075, Oak Park 138.85, Lincoln-Way East 132.1, Rich Central 130.775.

Saturday, 2-7-04
At Hinsdale Central

Final Team Standings: 1, Hinsdale Central 143.1. 2, Leyden 133.825. 3, Downers Grove South 132.175. 4, Andrew 128.875.

Local Sectional Qualifiers: Vault – Tiffany Kato, Eisenhower, 9.425. Balance Beam – 4, Kato, Eisenhower, 8.825. Floor Exercise – 3 (tie) Kato, Eisenhower, 9.15. All Around – 3, Kato, Eisenhower, 35.825.



OUTDOOR PICTURE LOOKING UP IN "LA-LA LAND," AS ACTOR TURNED GOVERNOR MAKES A POSITIVE MOVE: California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed DU's now former Director of Conservation Policy for its Western Regional Office, Loris "Ryan" Broddrick, to be California's New Director of the Department of Fish and Game.

"Ryan's extensive background in conservation and resource management makes him an ideal candidate to lead the Department of Fish and Game," said Schwarzenegger. "During his long time service, Ryan has proven his ability to work with many diverse interests in the service of protecting California's wildlife resources."

As Director of California's Fish and Game, Broddrick will oversee hunting seasons and regulations, forge efforts in habitat conservation, pursue and prosecute poachers and more.

■CONFLICT ON HEART RISK FROM MERCURY: Great Lakes Basin Report – Two studies released in November showed conflicting results on whether heart disease is linked to mercury, a contaminant found in fish.

One study of more than 1,400 men found that mercury levels in men who eat fish are 15% higher than men who don't and that having high levels of mercury doubles the risk of a heart attack.

But a second study that followed 33,733 men for five years, found no connection between mercury levels and heart disease. As a result, the question is still open, said Michael Bolger and B.A. Schwetz of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, writing in the Nov. 21 *New England Journal of Medicine*, where the two studies appeared. However, on closer look, the study following 33,733 men for five years looks more persuasive than the one with 1400 samples.

Doctors have long thought that fish oil can lower the risk of heart disease. Nearly all fish contain trace amounts of mercury, but longer-living larger fish like lake trout are said to accumulate the highest amount of mercury and pose the greatest threat to people who eat them regularly.

■IT'S ABOUT TIME – SUNDAY HUNTING LAWS NOW UNIFORM ACROSS MICHIGAN: Two bills that will bring consistency to Michigan Sunday hunting regulations have been signed into law.

Michigan sportsmen should thank their state legislators and Governor Granholm for expanding hunting opportunities by passing these bills. For contact information, use the Legislative Action Center at www.ussportsmen.org.

SPEAKING OF HUNTING IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Michigan House of Representatives approved HB 5029. It would make Michigan the 40th state to allow mourning dove hunting. The vote came after a rally of over 600 sportsmen and sportswomen at the State Capitol.

The bill now heads to the Senate where it is expected to see action in early 2004. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and 12 other conservation groups formed the Michigan Hunting Rights Campaign to pass the bill.

■EVINRUDE, JOHNSON AND SKI-DOO HAVE A NEW OWNER: Bombardier Inc. announced it has reached an argument for the sale of its recreational products business. The agreement was entered into by a corporation formed by Bain Capital, members of the Bombardier family and the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec.

Bain Capital will hold 50% of the new corporation; the Bombardier family 35% and the Caisse de depot 15%. Bombardier Recreational Products designs, develops, builds, distributes and markets Sea-Doo watercraft and sports boats, Ski-Doo and Lynx snowmobiles, Johnson and Evinrude engines, Evinrude direct injection and Evinrude E-TEC technologies, Bombardier ATV's, Rotax engines and karts, as well as utility vehicles.

■PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES EXPANDED: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has acquired 118 acres in Marshall County to restore upland habitat and provide public hunting opportunities.

"Habitat restoration is important to the preservation of wildlife in Illinois and an accomplishment that can only occur acre by acre through our continued perseverance," said Governor Blagojevich.

The property, west of Henry, was acquired with $312,700 in State Pheasant Funds. The funds come from hunters who purchase a $5.50 Habitat Stamp.

Athletic Hall Of Fame

The St. Xavier University athletic department will induct seven new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame in a dinner and award ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Butler Reception Room on the SXU campus in Chicago.

Inductees include: Maureen Casey Erdman '99 (women's cross country) of Palos Hills; Carl Ferraro '82 (baseball) of Oak Lawn; Jamie Harrell '97 (men's basketball) of Chandler, Ariz.; Bill Valentas '97 (football) of Joliet; Maureen Wogan '94 (distinguished supporter) of Oak Lawn; Mike Zunica '85 (baseball) of Palos Park; and Virgis Zuromskas '98 (men's soccer) of Palos Hills.

"These seven individuals have all left their mark on the athletics program at St. Xavier University in one way or another," said SXU assistant athletic director and head baseball coach Mike Dooley. "Each inductee is very deserving of this honor and it is nice to be able to honor them for their outstanding achievements."

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7410 W. 111th St., #312, Worth, IL 60482.

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For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Janice Ziola, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-5276

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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 19, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 10, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

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The judgment amount was $87,647.73.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was $119,931.43

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300. Please refer to file number 14-03-6334.

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204437C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA, f/k/a Bancokiahoma Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar H. Zayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11516

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Robert S. Westcott, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13003

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Rappin Esq., Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd. 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105 Chicago, IL 60603, 312/372-2020. Please refer to file no. 03-2222-3772

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203342C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Alex W. Glowicki, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12480

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7376.

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203413C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. John Johnson a/k/a John M. Johnson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10188.

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file #55988

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 3, 2003 in the amount of $25,031.18, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11 30 a.m. on March 8, 2004 outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/K/A 6243 Rio Verde Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as, is," with no express or implied warranties, sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5 00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1 00 p.m. and 3 00 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

207101C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. James S. Antkowski, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12046

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10-30 a.m. on March 1, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5520 W. Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,326.50

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: KROPIK, PAPUGA & SHAW, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33804.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203993C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Wanda Bridges-Thompson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-12365

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2704 W. 96th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,289.33

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3 00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9675D

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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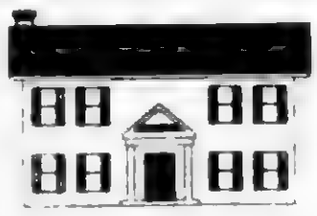

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leona Roller a/k/ Leona Rollerova, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-6805

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 2, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3404 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a separate 1 5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $163,458 64

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3.00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303290.

203393C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny M. Jimmerson a/k/a John M. Jimmerson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13429.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3634 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $100,716.10.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-198.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203409C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Linda S. Lodge-Featherstone, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13189

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 12760 S. Kenneth Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $93,619 49

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7885.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203915C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Aniello Ferraro, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13136

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3932 151st Place, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $145,666.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3 00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9832D

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202686C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Wasowicz a/k/a Michael Wascowicz, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-3103

NOTICE OF SPECIAL
COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55592

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 9, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 24, 2004 at the hour of 11 00 a.m. at Main Corridor, 23rd Floor, Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 14340 Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445

The improvements on the property consist of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,933.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America, Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Harold McClarin a/k/a Harold L. McClarin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12764.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8740 S. Mozart St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $103,188.74.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the Sales Department. Please refer to file number 14-03-7428.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202729C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Mark Sniann a/k/a Mark L. Sniann, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10937

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St. Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as. 14728 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a 2 story, townhouse/rowhouse with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $107,779.45.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305404.

204108C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Zamarron Jr., et al., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13937.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 12824 S. Apple Ln., Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a single family home two story brick construction aluminum/vinyl frame attached (1 car) garage very light brown.

The judgment amount was $121,711.27.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306632.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202664C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Neil Franzen, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9990

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14944 Sunset Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $157,130.74.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

202269C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $40,090.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125

204168C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Estate of Floyd Blackburn, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-12722

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 13721 Keystone, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/548-6058

202433C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Stasiuk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12397

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as. 4937 W. 109th St., #301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence in a 3 story, brick building.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $69,736.27.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For Information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306003.

202428C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., Plaintiff, vs. Richard Terran, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3317.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7728 W. Suburban Lane, Bridgeview, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,748.12.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203050C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Robert C. Ambuul, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13039

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7101 W. 115th Pl., Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,706.96.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7413.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203061C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Larry E. Leipart, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-5674.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14641 Spaulding, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $88,383.79.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

203440C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny Bunch Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-21259.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 29, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, February 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9140 S. Saint Louis Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvement on the property consists of a single family two story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $178,196.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bk, F.A., successor in interest to Fleet Mtg. Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Cerullo, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-10621.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/2/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on 3/3/2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A. 4541 W. 88th St., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $97,109.21.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 02-3375D.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Donald, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-1583

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 13631 S. Keystone Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $47,612.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-6732D.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-1, agreement dated 3/01/98, Plaintiff, vs. William P. Graffeo, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7237.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4130 W 143rd St., Crestwood, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr David C Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 236-0077

203359C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs Edward H Haywood, Married, et al, Defendants. No 99Ch-16648

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 8, 2000, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property

Commonly known as 8034 S. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds

The judgment amount was $122 336 17

The property will NOT be open for inspection

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale

For information. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S Michigan Ave Chicago IL 60603 (312) 372-2060 Please call between 3:00 p.m and 5:00 p.m

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No 996157

202378C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs David W Cain Sr., et al, Defendants No. 02Ch-21349

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property

Commonly known as 3729 W 121st St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level, brick and frame, single family residence with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,345 02.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0210027.

202263C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA successor by corporate merger to Great Western Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Issa Sweiss, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4195.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 9415 S. McVicker Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $159,493 67.

Sale Terms 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 241-4300 Please refer to file number 14-01-2581

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204431C.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Countrywide Home Loans, Inc f/k/a America's Wholesale Lender Plaintiff vs Charles Zemeckis et al Defendant Case No 03Ch 12187

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29 2003 The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a m on March 12 2004 in its office at 33 N Dearborn St 10th Floor Chicago IL 60602-3100 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below the following described real estate

Commonly known as 3776 W Myrick St Chicago IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $68 309 02

Sale Terms 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7129.

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203411C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Brenda Myers a/k/a Brenda Louise Myers, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11991

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 3301 W 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $229,016 47

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9675 Ext 1320 Please refer to file number 14-03-7033

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203747C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony M. Winfield, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-8583

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 4410 W. 111th St., #203, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a twelve unit building three story brick construction no garage brown.

The judgment amount was $78,675.62.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http \service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0304052

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Traditionally, the Super Bowl has been an annual family event. Men, women, old and young, gather together to watch the two best football teams square off for the national championship. But in recent years, one cannot help but notice how Super Bowl advertisements have become increasingly indecent and sexually suggestive. The truth is it's not just the advertisements, and it's not just during the big game. Sitcoms, reality TV shows, dramas and, yes, even advertisements seem to be in a pandering contest, producing material that only survives on shocking and/or sexualized material.

It is a sad indicator of the downward moral slide of our culture. I am angry, disturbed and disappointed by the fact that fathers and their young sons cannot even watch a good football game on television together without being assaulted by smutty images and ideas.

"How do you eat an elephant? A little bit at a time."

Slowly, but surely, decency standards are being eroded. Janet Jackson's exposure on national television is merely the exclamation point that emphasizes just how debased the entertainment industry has become, and how miserably the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has failed to enforce standards of decency.

What can be done? The public owns the airwaves, and broadcast corporations are licensed (by us via the FCC) to broadcast on our airwaves. If they violate the public trust, they should lose their license. Period.

The airwaves are ours, not theirs. We have every right to set high standards and define the parameters of acceptable broadcasts, which includes content devoid of smut.

If you are discontent with the indecent content of radio and television, I urge you to take action! Contact the FCC and your Congressmen today!

Sincerely,
s/s David Edward Smith
Citizens for Community Values of Illinois

Jack Ryan Tells His Plan To Help Colleges

U.S. Senate candidate Jack Ryan recently announced his three-point plan to help community colleges reach their potential as education and job retraining forces in Illinois. Jack was joined by Mark Fazzini, a member of the Board of Trustees at Prairie State College and Mark Horstmeyer, Director of College and Community Relations for Moraine Valley Community College for the announcement, made at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.

"Illinois has 48 community colleges statewide, making it the third largest network in the nation," Jack said. "However, community colleges' remain an under appreciated resource that provides quality education for anyone from college-aged students seeking a bridge to a four-year institution, to displaced workers seeking continuing education and retooling of their skills."

Jack's proposal consists of the following points:

- Expand Pell Grant eligibility to non-credit and non-degree oriented students;
- Expand HOPE Scholarship eligibility to non-tuition expenses; and
- Reauthorization of the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

"First, I would lead the fight for President Bush's proposal to invest $250 million in additional funding for community colleges to help train workers in high-growth industries and enhance the Pell Grant system," Jack said. "I would take it one step further and expand Pell grant eligibility to non-credit, non-degree oriented students who access community colleges to improve their job skills and increase their ability to further their employment."

"This would increase opportunities for the displaced worker, the underemployed worker, and the working poor who would like to improve their job skills," Jack continued.

The second pillar of Jack's proposal includes the expansion of HOPE tax credit eligibility to non-tuition expenses such as books, room and board, and child care. HOPE tax credits are awarded to working families seeking to further their education.

The third point in Jack's plan to help community colleges retrain displaced and lower-income workers is the reauthorization of the "Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA)."

WIA is the country's chief job-training legislation, authorizing several job-training programs, including Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker Activities, Job Corps, and Youth Opportunity Grants. The reauthorization would renew the adult education and literacy programs as well.

"We must recognize the ever-increasing importance on worker training and retraining," Jack concluded. "In this new information-based, knowledge-based economy, we must ensure our workers are evolving toward the industries that provide the best jobs."

Screenwriting Contest

The Illinois Film Office and the Chicago Film Office (IC) team up again in 2004 to ask aspiring Illinois writers to submit their screenplays for the IC Screenwriting Competition. This biennial event began in 1994 and is designed to display local writing talent and the vast array of backdrops that the state and city offer as settings for feature-length films More than 300 scripts were submitted in the last competition in 2002

The Illinois Chicago Screenwriting Competition is open to the residents of the State of Illinois age 18 or older Writers are asked to submit an original screenplay that has not been previously produced or sold, but has been copyrighted or registered. Panels of local and national film industry professionals, which have in the past included current or former Chicagoans who have written, directed or produced feature films judge entries.

Winners receive a cash prize and their screenplays are submitted to a select group of studio executives and producers. A formal announcement will be made later in the year

The 2004 Illinois Chicago Screenwriting Competition is currently accepting scripts and will continue until the deadline of April 1st. For more information regarding the competition and its requirements or a copy of the entry form, contact the IC competition hotline at (312) 814-8711.

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Budgetary Reforms Legislation

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has signed legislation drafted by State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes that implements fundamental budgetary reforms long sought by Illinois' chief fiscal officer.

"This represents an important day in the battle for reform of the Illinois budget process and the long term fiscal stability of the state," Hynes said. "It does not solve our immediate difficulties, but will impose disciplinary measures to avert future financial problems caused by the shortsighted policies of the past."

Senate Bills 867, sponsored by State Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg (D-Evanston) and House Speaker Michael Madigan, is the result of a consensus reached among Comptroller Hynes, the Governor and the General Assembly. The bill establishes the following reforms:

- Controls state spending, by limiting appropriations to 99% of revenues
- Creates a permanent funding source for the Rainy Day Fund
- Requires Truth-in-Budgeting provisions that acknowledges unpaid liabilities.
- Designates money to address those liabilities, primarily unpaid Medicaid bills

"Illinois is slowly emerging from its worst fiscal crisis ever. We need to learn from our past experiences and change old practices so we are better prepared for future economic problems," said Governor Blagojevich. "I want to thank Comptroller Dan Hynes for being a leader when it comes to reforming our state's fiscal management. Working together, we are setting Illinois on a better path to fiscal stability."

Since taking office in 1999, Hynes has been among the state's strongest proponents of fiscal and budgetary reform. "I am grateful to Governor Blagojevic, Speaker Madigan, and Senator Schoenberg for making these reform initiatives a matter of state law.

Man Killed In Hit And Run Accident

John Florek Jr., 46, of Palos Heights was killed in a hit and run accident Sunday, Feb. 8th while he was walking near his home, police said.

Florek was reportedly walking along the curb in the 5700 block of 129th St. in Crestwood shortly after 3 a.m. when he was struck by a Ford Ranger. It was later determined the driver of the Ranger was Jacob Kramer, 20, of Palos Heights. Kramer was reportedly driving on the wrong side of the street.

Crestwood police were notified when two teens saw Florek lying in the street and called 911 from a cell phone. Florek was taken to Palos Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, said police. According to autopsy results he died of multiple injuries.

Florek, a painter, grew up in Palos Heights and attended Shepard High School. He is survived by a seven-year-old daughter.

Kramer reportedly turned himself in to the police about five hours after the accident. According to the police they detected a strong odor of alcohol and Kramer told them Florek stepped out in front of him.

Kramer was charged with leaving the scene of an accident resulting in personal injury and death. Police said this is a Class 2 felony and punishable by three to 14 years in prison.

Bail was set at $40,000. Kramer was also charged with failure to give aid and information, and drunken driving. Police said a blood alcohol test was taken when Kramer refused to submit to a breath test. Kramer could be charged with reckless homicide if his blood tests positive for alcohol, said police.

Thoughts Turn To Love In February

By Msgr. Jim Lisante, The Christophers

February is the time of year when it seems appropriate to talk about love.

Clearly, St. Valentine's Day has become associated with people expressing warm affection, even undying devotion. And if it makes folks feel closer and fonder of one another to send cards and flowers or share a box of chocolates, I say, more power to them. However, the occasion I'm really thinking of is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

Love is more than an emotion: it is a Force of Heaven God's love for His people is what propels us from the despair of death to the hope of eternity; from the mortality we contemplate on Ash Wednesday through the ultimate sacrifice of God's Son on Good Friday to His glorious resurrection of Easter morning.

Whatever love we have for ourselves, for others and for God Himself exists because God first loved us, not with simple sentiment, but with a miraculous power. I believe He expects our love to reflect His own, with words and actions that express our belief in the transforming potential of love.

So this Lenten season I have a suggestion for what to give up. Give up apathy and ambivalence. Embrace God's love for your own. Think about ways to put love into practice in all the little and large moments of everyday life. Think about what love really means.

- Love is pleasant when it would be easy to be irritable;
- Love listens even when its not convenient;
- Love speaks kindly of those whom others belittle;
- Love draws out the best from those who often fail;
- Love delights in giving attention rather than in attracting it;
- Love respects the other's point of view without necessarily accepting it;
- Love knows how to disagree without becoming disagreeable,
- Love rejoices at the success of others instead of being envious;
- Love puts up with others' idiosyncrasies without being self-righteous;
- Love strives to make a bad situation better instead of just complaining;
- Love avoids causing unnecessary pain even when it's difficult;
- Love helps those in trouble without expecting the favor to be returned;

John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "One little deed, done against natural inclinations for God's sake, though in itself of a passive character, to brook an insult, to face danger, or to resign an advantage, has in it power outbalancing all the dust and chaff of mere profession."

How small and insignificant love seems when put in these terms – until we try to live it. There's nothing easy about pouring out love through patient perseverance

So, when your thoughts this month turn to hearts, that's fine – as long as you treasure all love for the One heart pierced for love of you.

Attorney Jeanne Marie Reynolds, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners Barbara McGowan and Gloria Alitto Majewki, along with Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene "Gene" Moore, will guest with TV host George O'Hare on a special CAN TV Senior Network Cable 19 TV show entitled "Celebrate Public Service." It will air Friday, March 5 at 5 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 7 at noon.

As we currently live in an era of too much negativity, Reynolds, McGowan, Majewski and Moore will deliver a very positive message to everyone. The message will tell our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews how they might consider a career in public service.

Pictured from left to right are George O'Hare, Jeanne Marie Reynolds, Barbara McGowan, Gloria Alitto Majewski and Eugene "Gene" Moore.

Women's Day Set

The United Nations has declared March 8th "International Women's Day." The Chicago Sisters Cities International Program (CSCIP) and the University of Chicago Graham School of General Studies (GSGS) celebrate the occasion with a panel discussion, "Women, Politics & the Media," examining women's increased presence in journalism. Distinguished moderator, NBC5 Chicago's Nesita Kwan, facilitates the exchange of ideas between the audience and the panel of invited international journalists, radio personalities and scholars from around the globe. (Panel members will be announced as the program dates draw nearer.) "Women, Politics & the Media" takes place at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 8th at the University of Chicago Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza. Admission is $25 and includes beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. To register, call (800) 997-9689.

Get Fit

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is hosting "Get Fit in '04: A New Direction to Dieting." On Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 7 p.m. a dietitian will show some new methods to dietary fitness. The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat for this informative presentation.

Joseph Laurin-Laurinaitis

Services were held Wednesday at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at the Lithuanian National Cemetery, for Joseph Laurin-Laurinaitis.

He is survived by his wife Gladys; his children Christina Bryant, Joseph (Kathy), Susan (Richard) Grund and Gillian (Frank) Martello; 10 grandchildren; and brothers Anthony Laurent, Stanley (Judy), Victor (Barbara) and Peter (Mary Ann) Laurinaitis.

Dolores Ucki

Mass was said Monday at St. Louis deMontfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Dolores Ucki.

She is survived by her husband John; her children Jeffrey (Jean), Thomas (Susan), and Nancy (Kerry) Kemble; and seven grandchildren.

John E. Van Vossen

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Hope Christian Reformed Church, Oak Forest, for John E. Van Vossen, 54

He is survived by his wife Judith; his children Jon-Thomas, Karl George and Anne Marie; sisters Sharon (Art) Ebbert and Elizabeth (Sean) McManus and a brother William (Donna).

Richard Mikolaitis

Services were held Wednesday at the Immanuel United Church, Evergreen Park, for Richard Mikolaitis, 73, a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had many years of service with Nabisco Company

He is survived by his wife Shirley; his children Phyllis (Richard) Eklin, Richard (Joyce) and Bruce (Louise); eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a brother Edwin (Theresa)

Earl C. Sloane

Services were held Monday at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Earl C. Sloane, 83, a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife Charlene; his children Judith (Mike) Kohler, Donna (Rick) Gallagher, Spencer (Margaret), Diane (Jim) Roanek and Glen; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and a sister Barbara (Tony) Smith.

Edward C. Lindbloom

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward C. Lindbloom, 72, husband of the late Mary Jane.

He is survived by his children JoAnne (Randy) Tyree, Mary Kaye (Dennis) Rusch and Susan (David) Link; seven grandchildren and a brother Leo.

Linda M. Sullivan

Mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Linda M Sullivan.

She is survived by her husband Joseph M., Sgt. C.P.D.; a son Joseph P.; her mother Iona Brannigan, sister Patricia (Kevin) McEldowney and brothers William (Judy) and Michael (Sharon) Brannigan.

Mercedes M. Miller

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, for Mercedes M. "Bobbie" Miller, retired from Rock Island Railroad

She is survived by her children James, Gerard (Carolyn) and John (Kathleen); eight grand-children, five great-grandchildren and a sister Joan (William) Passafiume

Submit Essays On Abraham Lincoln

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) is encouraging eligible Illinois students to submit essays on Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the 2004 National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) Idea of America Essay Contest.

For the 2004 contest students will answer the question, "How does President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address reflect America's founding ideas, and what is the relevance of the speech today?"

Open to 11th grade students and 16- and 17-year-old home-schooled students, the NEH 2004 Idea of America Essay Contest offers a cash prize of $5,000 for the author of the winning essay. Five national finalists will each receive cash prizes of $1,000 from NEH. The deadline for entries is March 15

"As the State agency responsible for preserving and protecting Illinois' historic sites and documents, including an original manuscript of the Gettysburg Address, we are glad to support this NEH essay contest," said IHPA Director Maynard Crossland. "These essays will illustrate why history matters to youth. It is important to ask students to think critically about the Gettysburg Address and how Lincoln's words connect to our past and our future."

Eligible students are encouraged to submit their 7,500-character (approximately 1,200-word) essays online at the Endowment's Web site (www.NEH.gov), which also offers specific guidelines for entering the contest, the text of the Gettysburg Address, and other available resources. A link to the contest guidelines is also available at the IHPA Web site (www.Illinois-History.gov).

NEH essay judges will consider whether the essay demonstrates a strong understanding of American History, presents a focused and well-reasoned consideration of the topic, displays originality in analysis and composition, and exhibits clear writing and proper spelling and grammar.

NEH will announce the winner and five national finalists this fall and will honor them with an award ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning essay will be published in a national forum.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Dominick J. Raglione

A memorial service was held Sunday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Dominick J. Raglione, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Betty; his children Dawn and Mark; four grandchildren; sisters Pam Chambers and Helen Griffin and brothers John and Frank.

William H. Schultz

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for William H. Schultz, 30 year member of Millwright Union Local 1693

He is survived by his wife Patty; his children Erin and Jake; step-children Chris Goode, Davie (Julie) and Sharon Mitchell, two grandchildren; his parents Bud and Ann Schultz, sister Nancy (Gene) Mondello and a brother Bob

Bernice M. Siuda

Mass was said Monday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Bernice M. Siuda, wife of the late Joseph Siuda and John Rodgers. She was a member of the Tinley Park VFW 2791 Ladies Auxiliary

She is survived by her children Joan (Thomas) Samulski and Joseph T. (Janet); five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patricia Ann Willett

Services were held Monday at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Patricia Ann Willett, wife of the late Charles

She is survived by her children Barbara (David Sullivan), Cynthia, Diane, Patricia (Gerald) Neyers, and Charles (Melody); five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her mother Anne Paskey-Levato, brothers Daniel and Stephen Paskey and sisters Dorothy (Robert) Ahlfeld and Mary Levato.

Naomi M. Foster

Mass was said Monday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Naomi M. Foster.

She is survived by her husband Donald G. (C.P.D. Ret.); her children Terrence Quinn, Lynn Quereapa, Marianne Murillo, Donald, Michael (Karen), and Kevin (Marisa); and 12 grandchildren.

Lauretta V. Hennessy

Mass was said Tuesday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Lauretta V. Hennessy, 87, wife of the late John.

She is survived by her sister Patricia Elliott.

Albert J. Janik

Services were held Wednesday at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Albert J. Lanik, 89, a World War II veteran and Purple Heart Recipient. He was a retired employee of the U.S. government with 36 years of service and a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars

He is survived by his Frances

James A. Lario Sr.

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James A. Lario Sr., a veteran and husband of the late Lorraine. He was the Burbank Building Commissioner

He is survived by his children James Jr. (Mary Ann) and Joan Masquelier, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren

Jean Tomaszewski

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Jean Tomaszewski, wife of the late Norbert.

She is survived by her fiance John Cozza; and many aunts and uncles.

Franklin Everett Loebe

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Orland Park Methodist church, Orland Park, for Franklin Everett Loebe, 97, a lifelong resident of Orland Park and a former partner in Loebe Brothers General Store. Mr. Loebe retired as an accountant for the firm of Wilkes Besterfield of Harvey.

In 1923, at the age of 23, he was appointed to serve the Village of Orland Park as Treasurer. He was also a volunteer fireman for the Orland Park Fire Dept. He was a board member of School District 135 and the Orland Park United Methodist Church. He was also treasurer of the Orland Memorial Park Cemetery for over 20 years. In 1990 the new recreation center in the Village Hall Complex was named in honor of Mr. Loebe. He retired as village treasurer in 1993

He is survived by his wife Dorothea; daughters Nancy Ruth Loebe (Jan P.) Hessler and Priscilla Ann "Pat" Loebe

John F. Postlewait

Services were held Monday at the United By Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for John F. Postlewait, 81, of Evergreen Park. He was a member of American Legion Post 854 in Evergreen Park.

He is survived by his wife Ann; daughter Karen (Robert) Feller; four grandchildren and a sister, Georgia Farris.

Carl Robert Schrachta

Visitation was held Sunday at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with interment Monday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Carl Robert Schrachta, a U.S. Army veteran of the Viet Nam War and a resident of Bridgeview. He was retired from the Veterans Administration

He is survived by his wife, Barbara and a brother, Paul Wilk.

Mary Patricia Supple

Mass was said Monday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Patricia "Pat" Supple, 80

She is survived by her husband Francis "Frank" D.; her children Jack (Tina), Eileen (John Byorn), Therese (Robert) Kincade, and Robert (Kathleen); and 10 grandchildren.

William G. Enghusen

Services were held Tuesday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Concordia Cemetery, for William C. Enghusen, 75.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jo.

Margaret S. Fanning

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret S. Fanning, wife of the late Arthur.

She is survived by her children Barbara (Stephen) Diedrich, Arthur C. Jr. (Lorraine), and Terrence (Laura); seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Thomas J. Woulfe

Mass was said Monday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Thomas J. Woulfe, a World War II Army veteran and husband of the late Carol.

He is survived by his children Kathy (Wynn) Gianneschi, Thomas M. (Ana), Jean (Robert) Remedi and Carol (Robert) Ficek; and seven grandchildren.

Leonard F. Wulff

Mass was said Wednesday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Leonard F. Wulff, 91, Chicago Fire Department Retired Battalion Chief in the Old 23rd. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a Purple Heart Recipient. Mr. Wulff was a member of Firefighters Local 2

He is survived by his son James, C.F.D. (Meribeth); and three grandchildren.

Katherine Pappas Body

Services were held Monday at St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Katherine Pappas Body, 88, wife of the late Eugene. She was an active member of St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church and while she lived in Florida she was active at St. Katherine's Church in Melbourne

She is survived by her children Angelica (Roger) Dunlap and Bessie Davis; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers Rev. Andrew, and Dino and sisters Maria and Dina.

Werner "Bill" Brauer

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Werner "Bill" Brauer.

He is survived by his children William, Susan, John and Linda (Robert) Plutz; and seven grandchildren.

Angeline Burdzinski

Mass was said Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Angeline Burdzinski, 88, wife of the late Louis.

She is survived by her children Geraldine (William) Kovacic, Louis R. (Joan), Joan (Jerome) Miskovic, Judith Kaminski, Daniel (Anne Marie) and Deborah (Edwin) Karwacki; 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Angelo B. Candreva

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Angelo B. Candreva, 79, a veteran of World War II, U.S. Air Force. He was the retired owner of Oakwood Electric, Inc.

He is survived by his wife Theresa; his children Carol (Bob) Marshall, Adeline Barrins and Janet; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and sisters Beatrice (Bill) Heimbuck and Sylvia (Mike) Candreva.

Jerry P. Corbett

Services were held Sunday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Jerry P. Corbett, a member of Elim Evangelical Free Church of Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy E.; daughter Beth (Jeffrey) Hofstetter; and a sister Patricia Peleckis.

Virginia V. Barth

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, for Virginia V. Barth, 99, of Orland Park and wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her daughter Sheila (Joseph) Rossi; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Program Helps Kids Learn How To Invest Money

While visiting with students at the Ariel Community Academy in Chicago, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka launched a new program to help school age children learn about how to invest money. The new investment curriculum titled *Bank at School 2 – Investments*, builds on Topinka's Bank At School Program which offers a practical and interesting way for children of all ages to learn the importance of saving and money management.

"My office is offering a new level of financial education with *Bank At School 2 – Investments*," said Topinka. "We're going to give all kids across Illinois the chance to learn how to make their money work harder for them," she added.

Bank At School, which is administered by Treasurer Topinka, links financial institutions and schools to curriculum designed to teach children the fundamentals of money management and help build financial skills. The program is extremely successful, with 350,000 students, 700 schools and 400 financial institutions participating across the state. The new *Bank at School 2 – Investments* will take students beyond the basics of learning what money is and why we have it.

Bank at School 2 – Investments focuses on giving students the skills they need to make the most of the money they have. Through the curriculum provided to teachers by Treasurer Topinka's Financial Education Division, students learn about the stock market; establishing and maintaining good credit; how to choose a career and how to land a job, including interview skills, the relationship between education and earning; the monetary deductions related to having a job; the cost of living on one's own; and what being an entrepreneur is and how to be one. Students learn through lesson plans and a variety of hands-on activities.

"With this new curriculum, students will learn why it's so important to have good credit as well as how to invest in the stock market – what it is, and what it can do for them," said Topinka. "In addition, students can find out what they're good at and how to turn it into a career. They can practice how to interview and see if they can get a job – find out what kind of education and/or skills they need for different kinds of jobs and what they might earn in that job. And, they will learn the two certainties in life, that taxes will be taken out of their paycheck...and why," she added.

"I'm very excited we're going to be offering this to schools all over the state, and I wish they'd had something like this when I was in school," said Topinka.

The *Bank at School 2 – Investments* was produced in cooperation with Joanne Dempsey of the Illinois Council on Economic Education and meets the Illinois State Board of Education State Learning Standards.

Prevent Cervical Cancer Through Screenings

Cervical cancer is preventable – yet according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 13,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. In Illinois, 740 women are expected to be diagnosed with cervical cancer, and an estimated 230 will die of the disease.

Cervical cancer rates are twice as high among African American and Hispanic/Latina women as white women, and Asian American women are also significantly impacted by the disease. These figures can be greatly reduced if women would get screened regularly, allowing reliable testing to find changes in the cervix before cancer develops.

"Cervical cancer is preventable through regular screening, and it is also nearly 100 percent curable if detected early," said Ermilo Barrera, MD, vice-president of the American Cancer Society Illinois Division Board of Directors. "The biggest gain in reducing cervical cancer incidence and mortality would be achieved by increasing screening rates among women who have not been screened or who have not been screened regularly."

"I encourage all women to schedule an annual Pap test, to follow their doctor's advice and to take it seriously," said 16-year cervical cancer survivor Dee Garcia of Waukegan.

Even though Garcia's cancer was in the third stage, doctors were able to treat it through cryosurgery; or freezing of the abnormal cells. No further treatment was required, but Garcia does make certain she gets a Pap test every year.

"Cancer is prevalent in my family, and I consider myself one of the fortunate ones," said the 42-year-old mother and chair of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Lake County.

Almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by a sexually transmitted virus called the human papillomavirus (HPV). There are many types of this common virus and only a few high-risk types can cause cervical cancer.

Breast cancer and cervical cancer screening is now more available to medically under-served women through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This program provides breast and cervical cancer early detection testing to women without health insurance for free or at very little cost. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society, 24 hours a day, at 1(800) ACS-2345.

Application Workshops

Illinois Arts Council (IAC) staff, in cooperation with local arts organizations, will hold application workshops at various sites throughout Illinois to assist applicants in completing proposals for fiscal year 2005 Program Grants. Program Grants are available to arts organizations and not-for-profit organizations that present arts programming. Grants are awarded for special projects and general operating support and are available in 11 different areas of arts programming. The application deadline is March 15th. The free, 90-minute workshops are designed to provide specific information on the application procedures for the Program Grants as well as about programs and services offered by the IAC.

IAC staff members are also available for telephone consultations or for scheduled appointments at the Council's Chicago office. To ensure this assistance, contact the staff well in advance of the application deadline. The IAC office is located in the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 10-500, Chicago, IL 60601-3298, telephone (312) 814-6750, 1(800) 237-6994 toll-free in Illinois, (312) 814-4831 TTY telephone text for individuals who are deaf or who have hearing or voice impairments.

Chosen To Play

Meghan Finnegan and Jamie Matusiak of Oak Lawn have been selected to play in Valparaiso University's music ensembles.

Finnegan has been chosen to play in the Symphony Orchestra, an auditioned student orchestra that performs orchestral repertoire, music theatre, oratorio and concerti. Matusiak is a member of the Luce Band, an auditioned symphonic band focusing on the development of skills.

Finnegan is a freshman political science major in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is the daughter of Sharon Finnegan of Oak Lawn and a graduate of Mother McAuley High School. She plays the flute/piccolo/alto flute in the orchestra.

Matusiak is a freshman meteorology major in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is the daughter of Robert and Susan Matusiak of Oak Lawn and a graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Online Homework Help

Oak Lawn students struggling to finish homework assignments can now take advantage of online homework help offered at the Internet workstations of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., and via their web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. This service is made available to students in fourth through twelfth grade, free of charge, seven days a week from 4 to 10 p.m. Students may chat-type with an expert tutor for up to 20 minutes of online interactions. Assistance is offered in math, science, social studies and English. When accessing this service via the Internet, an Oak Lawn Public Library card number is required to log onto the program. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

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SBC Rate Setting Trends

After former Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Chairman Terrence Barnich suggested that SBC's massive rate-hike proposal would "encounter little opposition by commissioners," the Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications (ICCT) urged the ICC to hold the line on local phone rates as they embark on a review of wholesale rates at the behest of the Texas-based phone giant, SBC.

"It is our hope that the ICC will not fall in line with Terrence Barnich's predictions by granting SBC a massive rate-hike that would wipe out local phone competition and raise rates for consumers and small businesses," said Melia Carter, director of policy for the ICCT. "The ICC has done a great job protecting consumers in the past against ill-advised proposals such as SBC's rate-hike, and we hope that the ICC will continue this trend by following commissions in states such as Georgia, Maryland and Wisconsin, who have all lowered their wholesale rates over the past year."

Last year, the SBC rammed its infamous massive rate-hike legislation, Senate Bill 885, through the General Assembly. The bill would have raised local phone rates as much as 70%. A U.S. District Court struck down the law calling it "anti-consumer and anti-competitive." The court sent the case back to the ICC for review, where SBC is now pressing commissioners to approve its request for a major increase in local wholesale phone rates.

"The value of the current rates cannot be emphasized enough – they allow for competition in the local telephone market to grow and consumers to reap the benefits, such as lower prices and $300 million in savings on phone bills," said Katie Conklin, director of government affairs for the ICCT.

The ICCT also blasted SBC Illinois president Carrie Hightman for continuing to spew her empty rhetoric and spurious claims about the phone giant going poor and not being able to make a profit with the current wholesale rates in place.

"SBC is the most profitable company in the Fortune 30: the company paid CEO Ed Whitacre $154 million last year; and in 2003 paid its largest dividend increases since 1990 – and here's the president of the company telling people that the company can't cover costs? That argument does not stack up," added Conklin. "The ICC should not only take into account the downward rate-setting trend but also the fact that SBC is already making millions off the current wholesale rates."

Madigan Gives Advance Fee Scheme Warning

Attorney General Lisa Madigan warned Illinois consumers not to be duped into believing they can get a loan by paying an up-front fee. The fraudulent technique, called "advance fee," also is a component of the "Canadian Lottery" scam used to trick people into sending money to claim a prize that does not exist.

Madigan issued this advisory as part of her consumer education campaign for National Consumer Protection Week.

Madigan said consumers should ignore ads that tout advance fees. Legitimate lenders never guarantee loans before an application has been processed, especially if the consumer has a poor credit history or no credit at all.

In most cases, fraudulent "lenders" are Canadian scam artists using a post office box in the United States, who advertise that a loan or other form of credit can be obtained if a fee is paid prior to consumers' applying for the loan. Typically, $500 to $1,000 is required to cover "insurance fees." Official-looking documents and application forms may be received in the mail from the company, but after the fee is sent, the consumer receives nothing. Additionally, when consumers try to contact the company, the phone number is disconnected.

"This is a particularly evil ruse perpetrated by crooks who build up hope in people simply trying to pay their bills," Madigan said.

Advance fee schemes also are a feature of international lottery scams, which have increased in number in recent years and primarily target senior citizens by informing them by mail or phone they must send money to claim a lottery prize that doesn't exist.

Madigan warned that the Canadian Lottery does not exist. Various Canadian provinces may conduct legitimate lotteries, but like the Illinois Lottery, one must purchase a ticket in that province to participate.

In addition to advance fees, international lottery schemes gain access to consumers' wallets using other methods like recovery scams whereby victims of a previous lottery scheme are again targeted and informed that, for a fee, their lost money can be recovered.

"First and foremost, playing an international lottery by mail or phone is a violation of federal law," Madigan said.

Other stunts by con artists include issuing counterfeit checks to consumers with letters stating the consumer has won the Canadian Lottery but first must wire money to cover the "non-resident tax." Any money sent would be lost. Consumers also are bilked by providing bank account or credit card numbers after being informed that their winnings would be transferred into their account.

Madigan continued, "The bottom line is to avoid any contact whatsoever with advance fee schemes and international lotteries. The money you send will very likely be lost forever."

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of an advance fee scheme can file a consumer complaint with the Office of the Attorney General by calling the Consumer Fraud Hotline in their area. The Chicago number is 1-800-386-5438 or 1-800-964-3013 (TTY).

Help To Deal With Excess Holiday Debts

As many Americans are developing plans to lose holiday weight gained from Christmas cookies, eggnog and New Year's Day football snacking, countless others are worried about shedding off excess debt from a season of holiday shopping. January and February are the months when bills for gifts and other holiday expenses arrive in mailboxes across the United States. Those bills could be a shock to many of the shoppers.

"Many people plan to spend a certain amount on their holiday shopping but end up going overboard once they get to the mall," said Pam Rhode, president of Myvesta.org, a nonprofit consumer education organization. "Usually that ends up on credit, which can get very expensive if you don't have a solid plan to pay everything off."

According to the annual Holiday Shopping Survey conducted by Myvesta.org, the average shopper planned to spend $835 on holiday purchases in 2003. When that is added to the average individual credit card debt of $2,294, the holidays can put a serious kink in an individuals debt reduction plan.

"The most important thing is to develop a plan to get rid of that holiday debt quickly. You don't want to be paying for last year's gifts when the next holiday season comes around," Rhode said. "Track your expenses for at least a month, adding up all of your bills and your everyday purchases. Then subtract that number from your monthly income. Put whatever you have left over toward getting rid of that holiday debt and you'll see your balances drop much quicker than if you only concentrate on making minimum payments."

For more help in dealing with holiday debts, read the Myvesta.org publication "Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches." For $5 it can be downloaded from Myvesta.org online, or for printed copies write to Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches publication, Myvesta, P.O. Box 7153, Gaithersburg, MD, 20898-7153.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 21 – Saturday – School District 123 Fun Fair, Oak Lawn High School Gym, 95th and Southwest Highway, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23 – Monday – Oak Lawn Rotary Club Celebrate International 99th Birthday, Hilton Oak Lawn, 94th and Cicero Ave., 12 noon.

FEBRUARY 23 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25 – Wednesday – Ash Wednesday Services: Sacrificial Breakfast 10 a.m.; Soup Supper, 6 p.m.; Service 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt.

FEBRUARY 26 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

Library's Great Books Group Meets

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. Meetings are held September through May at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

For additional information or a reading list, contact Marcia McGerty at (708) 974-1673 or Jim Clauter at (708) 423-3994.

Ash Wednesday Service

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn will hold its Ash Wednesday communion service on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. During the service, participants have an opportunity to write their personal confessions to God and burn them along with last year's palms, symbolizing God's purifying love and forgiveness. The theme of the service is "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

There will be a special children's service at the same time. The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Visitors are welcome and all Christians are invited to partake of communion.

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"Ragtime Jam" Set

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will host a "Ragtime Jam," on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. Hear the musical talents of Sue Keller: one of the world's top female ragtime pianists. Sue's appearances have ranged from the grand opening of Faneuil Hall Marketplace at Boston Harbor to the fabled Mikado nightclub in Tokyo. Families are encouraged to attend this free program. Ragtime is historical music that appeals to all age groups. Call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat.

Homework

The Worth Public Library, 6917 W. 111th St., will provide Homework Assistance sessions every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. Students in grades five and up can receive homework help from a tutor attending the University of Chicago. No registration is required.

For more information, contact Dan at (708) 448-2855.

Past presidents were among the attendees at the recent Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce installation dinner. The former leaders of the organization gathered to show their support of the incoming board, and to congratulate the recipients of business awards. They also came out in strong numbers to join the final festivities of the group at the renowned Martinique Restaurant, a long-time Chamber member and participant. Many Chamber events have been held in the various rooms there over the years.

The past presidents pledged their continued support and commitment to the organization. In keeping with tradition, they serve as the board of advisors for the entity. Acting in this capacity are (left to right) Francis Gallagher, Louis Cavelle of Cavelle Realtors, Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, John McGuire of Menu Mart Foods, Roscoe Rush of Oak Lawn Bank, Peter Nielsen of Evergreen Benefit Brokerage, Linda Kosary of Kosary Funeral Home, Arthur Hornburg of Hornburg-Klein Evergreen Funeral Home, Catherine Aparo of the Village of Evergreen Park, and John Anderson, attorney.

Peter Nielsen, who began his term early, by taking office in late 2003, is serving as president for the calendar year 2004. Several of the past presidents, including John Anderson, Arthur Hornburg and Laura Shallow, also serve as current directors. Catherine Aparo filled the role of installing officer during the swearing-in of the new officers and directors.

Governor Signs Nonpublic Schools Recognition Law

Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed into law Senate Bill 1014, legislation to reinstate the vitally important nonpublic recognition program.

The Catholic Conference of Illinois applauds the governor and State Sen. Ed Maloney (D-Chicago), State Rep. William Grunloh (D-Effingham), and many other supportive legislators who worked tirelessly to introduce and pass the bill during last November's veto session of the Illinois General Assembly.

State recognition is vital to the continued service and success of nonpublic schools in Illinois. The nonpublic school recognition process ensures and publicly acknowledges state-approved organization, curriculums and health and safety standards. Through state recognition, nonpublic schools, teachers and students meet and have access to:

- as many student scholarships and financial aid opportunities as possible.
- participation in interscholastic activities at the high school level including athletics;
- many public and private grants and matching grants.
- materials provided through the Textbook Loan Program.
- greater opportunity to enroll in professional development programs.
- credit for student teaching.
- credit for teaching experience for salary and retirement benefits.
- the opportunity for the cancellation of a teacher's student loans.
- easy student transfers.
- the foreign exchange student program

"This was very important legislation," said Zach Wichmann, Associate Director of Education. "Thanks to committed and supportive legislators, such as Senator Maloney and Representative Grunloh, the Governor has now codified the registration and recognition processes into law, and these processes provide and make available many important benefits to the teachers, students, and families of nonpublic schools."

Maria Pappas Named Woman Of The Year

Maria Pappas, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, received the prestigious "Woman of the Year" award from the Daughters of Penelope at their biennial "Salute to Women" recently.

Pappas was recognized for her work in reforming the Cook County Treasurer's Office, which is the second-largest agency of its kind in the nation and oversees the collection, investment and distribution of more than $8 billion annually. In 1998, Pappas took over the chronically troubled and scandal-marred office. Today, the Treasurer's Office is an automated model of efficiency and service that has reduced its budget three years running even as it expanded operations.

"I am deeply moved and honored by this recognition and am humbled to join the list of honorees who have preceded me on this stage," Pappas said.

Pappas is currently a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, campaigning on the theme of reforming the spending priorities in Congress. Pappas wants the nation to refocus domestic funding priorities on education, job creation and health care. Pappas wants to slash pork-barrel spending and taxpayer giveaways that benefit lobbyists, special interests and Washington insiders.

Pappas, 54, a native of West Virginia, came to Chicago in 1972 with $500 and a master's degree in counseling. After teaching family counseling in six countries and working with drug-addicted mothers in the Altgeld Gardens, Pappas earned a law degree in Chicago. She then built a successful dual practice as a family counselor and attorney. Upon being elected to the Cook County Board, Pappas burnished a reputation as a budget hawk and successfully sponsored reform measures such as the first ethics legislation and an end to no-bid bond deals.

In 1998, voters chose Pappas to take over the County Treasurer's Office. She launched the first full audit of the office's books in a quarter-century. At the same time, Pappas launched numerous automation efforts to provide many services on the Internet.

Theatre Season Tickets

Beginning Monday, March 1st, community-theatre fans will be able to purchase season tickets for the 14th season of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group. The 2004 05 schedule is **How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying** (June 4th to 6th, June 10th to 13th); **Anything Goes** (Aug. 6th to 8th, Aug. 12th to 15th); **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas** (Nov. 12th to 14th, Nov. 18th to 21st); and in 2005 **Sweet Charity** (March 4th to 6th, March 10th to 13th). Season tickets for these productions will be available for $65 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

To help celebrate the Oak Lawn Park District's 60th anniversary in 2004, the upcoming season will also include a special dinner-theatre performance at the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., which will be sold separately from the group's core four productions. **The 1940's Radio Hour** will run from Dec. 3rd to 5th and include a catered dinner at the clubhouse. Cast members are: Tom Fagan (Bill Baker, photographer), Frank Fett (Lou Cohn), Liz Griffin (music director), Bill Hansen (Zoot Doubleman, conductor), Brad Kisner (Wally Fergusson), Mike Knezz (B.J. Gibson), Sara Martin (Geneva Lee Brown), Kathy Miller (Kate Smith), Steve Miller (Neal Tilden), Josie Nirchi (Ann Collier), Paul Nirchi (Clifton Feddington, director), Gil Oliva (Johnny Cantone, set lighting designer), Renee Redican (Ginger Brooks), Dawn Schnolis (Connie Miller) and Julie Spencer (Helen Forrest). Tickets for this special event are $40 per person; they will be on sale beginning Saturday, March 6th.

Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann. To order tickets, visit the Oak View Center or call (708) 857-2200.

Preparations To Ensure School Bus Safety

Wintry weather has introduced a new dimension to school bus safety and children and motorists alike need to take extra time to ensure the kids get to and from school safely.

Secretary of State Jesse White, Illinois' vehicular safety expert, says kids and parents need to prepare for school a little differently when the winds blow cold and the snow starts to fall.

"More than a million Illinois children ride school buses every day and most of them will encounter severe weather in the coming weeks," White said. "It only takes a few minutes for students and their parents to get ready for the students' winter rides on the bus so that the kids will be safe in the snow, the sleet and the cold."

White says common sense is the most important ingredient in preparing for winter school bus travel.

"It gets a little more difficult for the kids to get to the school bus five minutes before the bus arrives, so parents need to work with their children to make sure students aren't chasing after their bus."

White said these winter preparation rules should be studied and implemented to ensure school bus safety.

- It's important children dress for the weather. A child who is cold will be distracted and could easily forget the basic rules of school bus safety, such as maintaining a safe distance from the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- In rain or snow, a child is better equipped to stay warm and dry by wearing a raincoat instead of carrying an umbrella. Kids tend to forget that umbrellas can be dangerous. Help them avoid the temptation by leaving the umbrella at home. Umbrellas in the hands of small children are hard to manage and can easily become a distraction and cause them to forget the basic safety rules of student transportation.
- Make sure the kids are wearing waterproof footwear. A child who is more interested in jumping over a puddle to keep his feet dry can easily find himself in the path of a motor vehicle.
- Remind your child that good behavior on the bus is even more important during bad weather. The school bus driver's job is a hard one and the fewer the distractions, the safer the children.
- Have a plan. Parents need to talk with their children about problems that might develop in bad weather. For example, parents need to work on alternatives in the event their child misses a bus on either end of the trip.
- Tell your child never to exit the bus into a snow bank. If the bus stops and the child is unable to get out because the exit is blocked by snow, have your child tell the driver the path is not clear.
- Make sure children stay off snow banks piled near the street. While they are attractive nuisances, those snow banks can cause a child to fall into the roadway and in front of oncoming traffic.

"The safety of our young people should be our top priority each and every day," White said. "By taking just a few minutes to talk about winter traffic safety and the school bus, we all can do our part to keep kids safe while riding the school bus. School bus safety is everyone's responsibility and everyone in the community can help keep our young people strong and safe."

Lyric Opera Event

Be a Diva! Be a Tenor! Join the Chapter Chorus! Or just sit back and enjoy an afternoon of Opera Karaoke. The Southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago cordially invites you to attend on Sunday, March 7th at 2:30 p.m. at Palos United Methodist Church, 121st St. & Harlem Ave. A special added attraction will be Bugs Bunny and Friends in a video concert of opera favorites. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Vee Munarich at (708) 403-4014 or Virginia Jach at (708) 423-9633.

Movie Day

The Bridgeview Senior Citizen Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd at 1 p.m. at the Oremus Community Center to plan for the March 17th Movie Day. Any seniors who are interested in the work of the Commission are invited to attend. The Center is located at 79th St. and Oketo Ave.

Excess Inventory

Attention: CFOs, Accountants, and Tax Advisors. Are your clients coming to you for suggestions on how to save tax dollars? There is a solution for them that even some tax experts aren't aware of. Donating excess inventory to charitable organizations.

NAEIR, The National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources, takes donations of new, overstock or discontinued product and redistributes that product to schools and nonprofit groups nationwide.

These materials and supplies not only benefit deserving organizations, but companies can receive an enhanced income tax deduction that could be up to twice the cost of the goods. This option is made possible by the Internal Revenue Tax Code Section 170 (e)(3).

NAEIR accepts donations of general, consumer goods such as school and office supplies, toys, games, building materials, clothing, tools, and so much more. After a donation is made, NAEIR will provide the donor with paperwork stating the donation was made to aid in filing taxes.

To get free information for your company or clients, contact NAEIR's Corporate Relations Department at 1-800-562-0955 or e-mail donor@naeir.org.

Fees That Pop Up Every Tax Season

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently reminded consumers that groundhogs aren't the only creatures popping up this time of year. On Groundhog Day, also the second day of National Consumer Protection Week 2004, Madigan took the opportunity to remind consumers about the high cost and fees of Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) that pop up every tax season.

RALs, also known as "instant tax refund loans," are loans consumers can obtain based upon their expected tax return. The RALs, which start poking their consumer-unfriendly heads out this time of year in banners and ads, are provided by tax preparers and have high costs and fees deducted before the check is issued.

While many consumers may view a RAL as simply an "advance" on their expected tax return, it is actually a high-cost, short-term loan. To get a RAL, consumers may be subject to various fees, such as loan fees, electronic filing fees, document preparation fees and tax preparation fees. According to a 2002 report released last month by the Consumer Federation of America and the National Consumer Law Center, the fees attached to the RALs on average amounted to about $250 for a loan that lasts about 10 days, amounting to annual interest rates of 70 percent to more than 700 percent.

In 2002, taxpayers lost more than $1.1 billion in loan charges and fees as a result of RALs, according to the CFA and NCLC report.

The same study showed that low-income families paid the highest price for a fast return on their tax refunds. In 2002, 55 percent of RAL customers qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and paid an average of $258 in costs and fees on a RAL, when their refunds amounted to an average of $1,980. That amounts to 13 percent of their refunds going into the hands of the loan provider.

"It's easy to tell when tax time is approaching," Madigan said. "All a consumer has to do is turn on the television or open a newspaper to be assaulted by the refund anticipation loan advertisements promising fast money and ignoring the high fees. These loans are especially costly to those who need the money the most, and should be avoided whenever possible."

In Illinois, the Truth in Lending Act governs the requirements for RAL providers, but does not require advance disclosure of fees and interest rates connected with RALs. Thus, consumers must know to ask about fees and interest rates before applying for a RAL to make an informed decision about their money.

Madigan said what most consumers may not realize is that by filing their taxes electronically and opting for direct deposit into their bank accounts, which most tax preparers can do, their refunds will arrive very quickly – in as few as 10 days. If consumers choose a RAL, they must first pay the tax preparer to help fill out their tax forms and then pay additional fees and costs to obtain their refund check just a few weeks earlier.

Consumers looking for an organization to help them prepare and file their taxes for free can contact the Center for Economic Progress at (312) 252-0280.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

ENJOY YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE

Got chocolate for Valentine's Day? Enjoy! Mounting evidence shows that chocolate offers health benefits once never dreamed of!

Flavonoids – a type of phytochemical in chocolates have antioxidant properties that have been found to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease, by reducing the level of free radicals in the blood. Prolonged exposure to free-radicals has been linked to ailments such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and aging.

Researchers think that flavonoids, also found in tea, wine and cocoa, make the blood less sticky and less likely to form clots. They also increase blood vessel dilation to allow more blood flow.

Dark chocolate is believed to have the most antioxidant power, because it contains about twice the amount of flavonoids as milk chocolate. Researchers in Scotland and Italy found that eating chocolate can boost the level of heart-protecting antioxidants in the blood, but consuming milk at the same time cancels the potential health benefits.

One other bonus: the basic form of saturated fat in chocolate is stearic acid, a fatty acid that does not promote high blood cholesterol levels.

It's all about moderation. You will get more nutrients of course out of fruits and vegetables, but if you are a chocolate lover, a few pieces a day certainly cannot hurt you!

So, if you haven't finished that Valentine's Day box of chocolate, go for it – at a slower pace!

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CD Supports Therapeutic Programs

Harmony, Hope & Healing announced the release of its first CD entitled "Our Song." The CD, a compilation of diverse music and styles, features the Choir of Hope whose members include women, children and seniors from shelters and community outreach programs. The CD was funded through a grant from the Christian Brothers. Proceeds from the CD will be used to support therapeutic programs and performances developed by Harmony, Hope & Healing.

Harmony, Hope & Healing was initiated in 2000 at St. Martin de Porres House of Hope as volunteer work by Marge Nykaza, a professional singer, pastoral musician, motivational speaker and educator. The mission of Harmony, Hope & Healing is to provide meaningful enrichment opportunities to clients from various Chicago area shelters and community outreach programs. The organization provides weekly sessions that include music, educational, therapeutic, creative, and performance components. Harmony, Hope & Healing's programs allow its disadvantaged clients to find their voice by promoting singing, creativity and self-expression, as well as building self-esteem.

Harmony, Hope & Healing serves nearly 700 disadvantaged women, children and seniors annually. Programs are held at local shelters and community organizations such as The Institute of Women Today, St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, Deborah's Place, the Mantle of Port Ministries and Epiphany School in Little Village.

Harmony, Hope & Healing also announced that the fourth annual First, We Sing concert will be held Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago at 3:30 p.m. The event will honor in song the 25th anniversary of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the 75th anniversary of Rockefeller Chapel. Everyone is invited for a musically spirit-filled afternoon. Admission is free.

TB District Reports Record Service Level

The Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District (SCCTSD) reported a record level of service in 2003, including a total 110,197 clinic visits, representing a 29% increase from the previous year, it was announced.

The totals reported by the SCCTSD include 123 active cases of TB and a record 2,691 cases of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI). Approximately 105 of the LTBI cases eventually result in active TB infection.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently commended the District for its efforts and service to the community.

The record level of service represents significant increases from 2002 and directly reflects the shift in population demographics in suburban Cook County. The SCCTSD reported that the number of cases resulting from foreign-born individuals was nearly 70% of the total case load. TB experts estimate there are between 124,000 and 248,000 latent cases in suburban Cook County representing the possible development into 12,400 to 24,800 active cases.

Suburban Cook County is realizing an increasing number of foreign-born residents and workers. This segment is considered the most high risk category – especially for the many from countries that have far fewer resources to identify and treat TB.

The record 110,197 clinic visits in 2003 represented a 295 increase from the 85,203 visits reported for the previous year. In addition to its clinics, the SCCTSD conducted 115 skin testing programs at schools and workplaces in 2003. This represented a 37% increase in such programs over 2002.

Tuberculosis continues to be one of the world's most unrelenting illnesses, responsible for nearly 2 million deaths per year. It survives in both active and latent forms and may reside in one's body dormant for years.

TB requires continual, if not growing attention in the Chicago area. Not only is it a large geographic area, but modern practices also sometimes involve on-site treatment and almost always involve neighborhood and workplace education programs.

"First and foremost, tuberculosis is not eliminated," said Dr. James Gallai, SCCTSD Executive Vice President of Field Operations. "In fact, while modern techniques and medicine have contained its widespread impact, TB is very much an issue right here in Illinois and most notably in suburban Cook County.

The Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District Clinics provide skin tests, chest x-rays, laboratory work, and physician consults free-of-cost for any suburban Cook County resident. Persons who are employed in suburban Cook County and reside elsewhere, and are required as part of their employment to be screened for tuberculosis, are eligible to receive a skin test (or chest x-ray – if a known positive skin test reactor) only.

For more information, call (708) 497-5000.

Jesse White Seeks Drivers Legislation

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that he is seeking legislation to suspend driving privileges for people who attempt to bribe driving examiners.

White is also seeking to extend criminal felony provisions for bribes involving driving examiners to include commercial driving schools and trucking companies who provide third party testing. Current law allows criminal penalties for bribing public officials – in this case secretary of state employees.

"We will not tolerate bribes that put unqualified drivers on our highways," White said. "A driver's license in the hands of an unskilled driver places all other motorists at risk."

White said the legislation (SB 2167) would allow the secretary of state to suspend a person's driver's license or prevent an application for a driver's license for 120 days – four months – for anyone caught trying to bribe a driving examiner. White said the ability to deny or suspend a license is an important component because small bribe attempts often do not get prosecuted.

In addition, the legislation clearly defines the act of bribery to obtain driving privileges and brings driving schools, trucking companies who administer third party testing, and all other individuals who administer driving instructions or tests into the fold. Under the measure it would be a Class 2 felony for any person to offer or give a bribe to anyone authorized by law to provide driving instructions or administer driver's license examinations. The legislation also applies the same penalties to anyone authorized to train drivers or give tests who solicits or accepts a bribe. A Class 2 felony carries penalties that include imprisonment for three to seven years and fines up to $25,000.

White credited his Inspector General Jim Burns, a former US Attorney from the Northern District of Illinois, for bringing the initiative to his attention. Burns said that while bribery cases have fallen off under his watch, he wants to ensure that the tools are available in all cases to penalize offenders including those who offer bribes.

"It takes two sides to complete a bribe. We should not lose sight of the fact that the so called culture of corruption included the driving applicants as well as employees and driving schools," Burns said. "This legislation allows the secretary of state's office to take action even when the briber is not prosecuted criminally."

State Senator Patrick Welch (D-Peru) introduced the legislation. Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest), Sen. Debbie Halvorson (D-Crete), Sen. Bill Haine (D-Alton), Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago), Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago), Sen. Barack Obama (D-Chicago) and Sen. John Sullivan (D-Quincy) are also sponsoring the legislation.

Hold CPR Training Day Registration

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is giving 1,500 Chicagoans the opportunity to learn adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for free as part of its second annual CPR blitz, *CPR Training Days: "Don't Miss a Beat."* Pre-registration is required, and classes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. *CPR Training Days* courses will be held every day in March in conjunction with Red Cross Month.

"Most people don't realize that half a million Americans will suffer cardiac arrest this year," said William Braden, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. "Experts say that half of these victims could survive if early recognition and immediate CPR were available to them. In line with these statistics, the mission of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is to equip every Chicagoland resident with the skills necessary to resuscitate a stopped heart and save a life."

Registration for *CPR Training Days* began on Feb. 2nd. As last year's event filled quickly, the Chicago Red Cross is expanding *CPR Training Days* offerings for 2004, with more than 90 free classes scheduled across the Chicago Red Cross seven-county service area. With multiple courses scheduled each day, the Red Cross hopes to equip more than 1,500 Chicagoland residents with these vital, lifesaving skills. Those interested are encouraged to register as early as possible by calling the American Red Cross at 1(800) 33-SAFETY.

Lookout For Ice Dams

During the recent cold weather and heavy snowstorms, AAA Chicago urges homeowners to be on the lookout for ice dams. An ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms on the edge of the roof typically following heavy snow and extreme cold. This ridge of ice prevents melted snow from properly draining off the roof. Water can become trapped on the roof and may leak from the underside of the shingle into the home causing interior damage.

"Heavy or accumulated snow should be removed with a roof rake before it has time to form into ice," said Brad Roeber, Field Vice President, Auto Club Insurance Association. "It's best to make snow removal from the roof a routine part of winter chores versus waiting until accumulation becomes serious."

To prevent ice dams, homes should be properly insulated and ventilated.

For more information on home safety tips, visit www.aaa.com.

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Blast Fiscal Irresponsibility

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) once again blasted Congress for its fiscal irresponsibility. In its annual economic outlook, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected the fiscal 2004 deficit at $477 billion and $362 billion for 2005. Long-term figures project a $2.4 trillion deficit over the next 10 years, an increase of $1 trillion from the CBO's August report.

"Despite the ongoing war on terrorism and events in Iraq, members of Congress have been more concerned about filling the coffers of special interests during election year politics than the fiscal well-being of the country," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "The money members of Congress spend today to get reelected will be devastating to our children and grandchildren for decades to come."

The CBO report in August estimated a $480 billion deficit in fiscal 2004 and a $341 deficit in fiscal 2005. While the improving economy brought in more federal revenue, it was offset in new spending by items such as the recently passed Medicare bill. The CBO warned that if federal spending is not curbed, the deficit is likely to increase.

"With big-ticket items like the energy and transportation reauthorization bills coming down the pipeline, taxpayers can expect the deficit to skyrocket even further," Schatz continued. "Yet knowing what was ahead, members of Congress showed no concern for the deficit when they included thousands of pork-barrel projects in the recently passed fiscal 2004 Omnibus spending bill, including $50 million for an indoor tropical rainforest, $2 million for the Appalachian Fruit Laboratory, $1 million for the Alaska SeaLife Center, and $300,000 for the National Wild Turkey Federation."

When President Bush submits his fiscal 2005 budget to Congress, it is expected that he will propose a less than one percent increase in non-defense discretionary spending in an effort to cut the deficit in half over the next five years. Over the first three years of the Bush Administration, such spending increased 27 percent, leading to a record deficit of $375 billion in fiscal 2003. The fiscal 2004 projections surpass that figure by $202 billion, or 54 percent.

"This year, members of Congress need to at lease stick to the tight parameters of the non-defense budget set by the President," Schatz concluded. "Taxpayers are more concerned about the deficit and the state of spending than official Washington believes. CAGW will continue to work with other fiscal conservative organizations to hold the administration and Congress accountable for the record red ink."

Citizens Against Government Waste is the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government.

Worth Township Seniors Meet

The Worth Township Seniors' next general meeting will be on Friday, March 5th. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and is in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. We will be enter- tained by Kathleen Gilhooly with an Irish program. Refreshments will be served. Membership for 2004 has started. For any **additional information, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.**

Senior Citizen Exemption

Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan announced that renewal exemption applications for the Senior Citizen and Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemptions have been mailed to close to 300,000 senior citizens.

"I strongly encourage all seniors who receive these renewal notices to reapply to ensure that they continue to receive these valuable, money-saving exemptions," Houlihan said.

The Senior Citizen Exemption is available to all Cook County homeowners, who were born prior to or in the year 1938 and who sue their homes as their primary residences. This exemption saves qualified senior citizen homeowners an average of $250.

The Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption is available to all Cook County homeowners who were born prior to or in the year 1938 and who have total household incomes of $40,000 a year or less. Requirements also state that eligible seniors must have used their homes as their primary residences and have resided there Jan 1st of 2002 and 2003. This valuable exemption protects limited-income senior citizen homeowners from increases in the assessed values of their properties.

Those seniors who apply for the Senior Citizen and Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemptions will automatically receive the Homeowner Exemption. The Homeowner Exemption is available to all Cook County homeowners who reside in their homes and use them as their primary residences. This exemption saves qualified homeowners an average of $500 on their property tax bills.

The deadline to return the senior exemption renewal application is March 10th. An informational letter from the Assessor written in English and Spanish is included with renewal instructions. Seniors may call the Assessor's Office and request translated packets in both Spanish and Polish. All exemptions will appear as deductions on second installment tax bills, which will be due in the fall.

Seniors who wish to apply for the senior exemptions for first time this year or non-seniors who wish to apply for the Homeowner Exemption will have an opportunity to do so when they receive a comprehensive Taxpayer Exemption Booklet which is due to be mailed in March.

"We are making every effort to be certain that all seniors are aware of these exemptions and encourage them to return their renewal applications to our office as quickly as possible," Houlihan said.

Sean Kelly Enrolls

Sean Kelly of Orland Park has been accepted at Iowa Wesleyan College. He plans to enroll in the fall of 2004 and intends to major in criminal justice.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

At a news conference last week announcing the opening of Chicago's Lakeview Township, Evergreen Park's Maureen Murphy, Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Review, echoed some of Mayor Daley's earlier comments about the need for reform of the property assessment process. "Mayor Daley hit the nail on the head when he stated that the mystery needs to be taken out of the way the Cook County Assessor's office values real estate," said Commissioner Murphy. "Do the math. Too many properties are over-assessed. The estimated number of parcels expected to be appealed to our office this year is 225,000 while the total number of parcels in Cook County is 1.6 million. That's 14% of all property. With a five year average success rate for appeals at the Board of Review being 53%, there is a high probability that more than 7% of all Cook County property owners do not have accurate assessments. That is not an acceptable 'margin of error' for the Assessor's office. Fundamental change in Cook County assessment practices must take place to repair the broken system we now have. In the meantime, suburban taxpayers should be aware they have a right to appeal their assessments every year," Murphy concluded.

The Cook County Board of Review listens to and rules on appeals from taxpayers asking for property tax relief. Cook County is the second largest county in the country with nearly 1.6 million parcels of property to be assessed each year. Property owners may appeal their assessments to the Assessor, the Board of Review and the State Property Tax Appeal Board in that order.

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This past Sunday Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Maria Pappas received the prestigious "Woman of the Year" award from the Daughters of Penelope at their bi-annual "Salute to Women" on Sunday. Pappas was recognized for her work in reforming the Cook County Treasurer's Office.

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U.S. Senate candidate Gery Chico recently earned the endorsement of the Greek Police Association. According to Chico "Our campaign has by far the most diverse supporters, cutting across regional, ethnic, and religious lines. I am honored to have their support."

Gery Chico cites his work as Chief of Staff to Mayor Daley and President of the Chicago School Board as major successes.

As President of the Chicago School Board, Chico created the Lighthouse Program, which kept 175,000 students off the streets and out of trouble in the after-school hours. Chico also developed the Parent Patrol, an after-schools program in which parents would monitor kids traveling from school to their homes to lower instances of violence and to increase supervision and safety.

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Monday, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate, Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes received a major boost to his election campaign by securing the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police endorsement. President of the Illinois State F.O.P. Ted Street and President of the Chicago F.O.P. Mark Donahue, as well as officers and members of the organization, were on hand to present Comptroller Dan Hynes with their endorsement and support in the upcoming primary on Tuesday, March 16th. The Illinois F.O.P. represents over 34,000 police officers, ranging from officers in the Chicago Police Department to law enforcement professionals serving the most southern regions of the state.

This was a great kickoff gift for Hynes as he started a 'three-day bus tour' of downstate Illinois today that will include 21 counties in Central and Southern Illinois. Hynes message throughout his campaign combines his plans to create jobs in Illinois, provide every child with a quality education, and make health care affordable and accessible for every American.

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"Friends of Ginger Rugai announce that they will be holding a fund raiser for Alderman Ginger Rugai's Youth Fund on Sunday, Feb. 22, at McNally's, 11136 S. Western Ave., from 3 until 7 p.m. For ticket information contact McNally's at (773) 779-6202 or the 19th Ward (773) 238-8776.

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Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has alerted All Points that she has written to the Illinois congressional delegation urging them to convince federal lawmakers to oppose President Bush's proposed budget that chops more than 60 percent of federal funding for methamphetamine fighting programs. Madigan contends that a methamphetamine epidemic continues to plague Illinois communities.

Madigan states that while state police and local law enforcement agencies continue to battle against meth use and production, proposed federal budget cuts for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 threaten to disrupt their efforts by taking away vital federal funding. She noted that anti-drug task forces dismantled 971 meth labs in Illinois in 2003, up from 403 in 2000.

"Meth is the fastest-growing drug in the United States and poses the single greatest threat to rural America today," Madigan wrote in the letter to the congressional delegation. "It hits rural areas hardest for two reasons: criminals seek hidden locations for drug labs, and these cash-strapped communities do not have enough resources to tackle meth-related issues. We know that meth use spurs other violent crimes, such as rape and murder, and harms children through abuse and neglect."

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According to Don Petkus, enterprise Cook County President and CEO, Carl Bufalini, president-elect of the Illinois Development Council, has joined his organization as a District Manager. Bufalini comes by way of the North Business & Industrial Council (NORBIC), where he served as President and CEO for 21 years.

"Carl's extensive experience immediately increases our capabilities to assist businesses to successfully operate and grow in Cook County, stated Petkus.

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Congratulations to the Village of Bridgeview for its magnanimous gifts of a fire truck and air bank to the financially strapped community of Ford Heights. Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek lauded his Fire Chief, Terry Lipinski, citing the idea that through the sharing process the lives of the residents of Ford Heights would be improved. "One of the easiest ways to improve the quality of life for people is to share what they have with each other. That's what we're doing," stated Landek.

The '76 Ford Pumper fire truck was reconditioned two years ago and only has about 1,000 miles on it now.

This is the kind of co-operative spirit which should be the rule, not the exception, for all your Southland communities.

Treasurer's Budget Shows Decrease For 2004

The Cook County Treasurer's Office has submitted to the Cook County Board a budget for fiscal year 2004 that is $477,703 less than for 2003.

The 3.5 percent budget decrease precedes and significantly exceeds the one percent reduction asked of county offices by Board President John H. Stroger, Jr.

In addition, the Treasurer's Office has reduced its staffing by eight percent from the previous year and returned almost $750,000 in unspent funds from FY 2003 to County taxpayers, Treasurer Maria Pappas said recently.

"We have worked to make the Treasurer's Office a model of efficiency," Pappas said. "We strive to use less of the people's money to do more of the people's business."

Among the features of Pappas' 2004 budget pending before the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and performance from her office's 2003 budget:

- The $13,364,363 appropriation requested for 2004 is $477,703 less than the $13,842,066 appropriation for 2003 – the third straight year for a decrease
- The 2004 staffing level of 183 is 16 fewer than the 199 for 2003. Through attrition and retirement, staffing is 27 percent under the 250 employees in 1998
- Some $750,000 in unspent funds from 2003 is being returned by the Treasurer's Office to the County Board.
- Some $46.5 million in interest and other revenues was collected during FY 2003, about 49 million more than projected, to lessen pressure on property taxes.

In two installments yearly, the Treasurer's Office mails property tax bills for 1.6 million parcels of real estate, collects over $8 billion and distributes the revenue to 1,600 taxing agencies such as municipalities, school districts, and police and fire districts across Cook County.

Pappas said that while her office is spending less, it also has improved efficiency of operation through automation and increased services to taxpayers, including:

- Beginning a lock box operation at LaSalle Bank that has handled more than two million payments since 1999.
- Depositing lock box revenues up to 16 times a day, increasing interest earnings for the County, lessening the need for property tax revenues.
- Enabling property owners to pay at any of LaSalle Bank's approximately 130 sites, bringing a place of payment closer to home for many taxpayers across Cook County
- Inaugurating a Community Bank Outreach Program that allows customers to pay by debit card from checking or savings accounts at 134 banks or their branches, bringing more places of payment within reach of thousands of more homes across Cook County.
- Making electronic payment possible at www.cookcountytreasurer.com from checking and banking accounts. Over two years, almost 60,000 Internet payments have been made
- Refunding some $445 million to almost 365,000 property owners, simplifying refund procedures and lessening the time for a taxpayer to receive a refund from 16 weeks to about eight weeks.
- Making available on the Web site, www.cookcountytreasurer.com, information in 13 languages about the office, exemptions and refunds, and allowing visitors to download refund and other forms.
- Enabling taxpayers to check their payment status, refunds and exemptions on the Web site
- Providing an Automated Phone System, at (312) 443-5100, that gives callers – in English, Polish and Spanish – their payment and refund status, and other information.

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CORNEAL CONCERNS

The inherited condition known as Fuchs' dystrophy involves the delicate inner layer of the cornea (the clear outermost layer of the eye) that functions as a pump mechanism to remove fluid from the cornea to maintain its clarity. As the dystrophy progresses and endothelial cells are lost and fail to grow back, the pump system becomes less effective. As a result, the cornea becomes clouded and swollen and vision is reduced. In the early stages, Fuchs' patients notice glare and light sensitivity. As the dystrophy progresses, vision may seem blurred in the morning and sharper later in the day. Eventually, vision becomes continuously blurred. While Fuchs' dystrophy cannot be cured, corneal swelling can be controlled with medication.

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Catholic Charities Hold Mardi Gras 2004

The Adoption Guild of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold its 7th annual fundraiser, "Mardi Gras 2004," a festive evening of fun to benefit Catholic Charities Maternity and Adoption Department, on Saturday, February 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Kaleidoscope, 800 W. Superior at Halsted in Chicago. Tickets are $75; complimentary valet parking on site is included. To obtain a ticket, for further information, or to make a donation, call (312) 655-7912.

Guests will escape the dull Chicago winter and "visit New Orleans for the night to enjoy an evening of live music, dancing, a silent auction, and a raffle of a variety of art works and other fabulous items while enjoying cocktails and a gourmet buffet dinner by "Catering by Michael's."

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Stricker of Wilmette are chairs of the benefit. Rev. Michael M. Boland, Administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will host the event. Major sponsors are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Federman; Jennings Chevrolet; Kaleidoscope; Jack Kososki-J.K. Forms Systems; Louis Glunz Wines; and Safety Service Systems.

"Since 1917, Catholic Charities has been dedicated to aiding families and children," said Father Boland. "We have always assisted pregnant teens and women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, helping them and their families as they make the best plan for the future of their child. We also welcome the opportunity to provide permanent, loving homes for children through adoption, and to nurture and assist the adoptive families as they share the gift of life."

Catholic Charities guides and supports families through each step of the adoption process, whether domestically (in Cook and Lake counties), or internationally (in Poland, Mexico and many other countries).

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The Worth Township Seniors have an exercise class for seniors every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 to 9:45. These are simple sitting-down exercises using small weights. The class meets in the gym at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, to register or just come in and get started.

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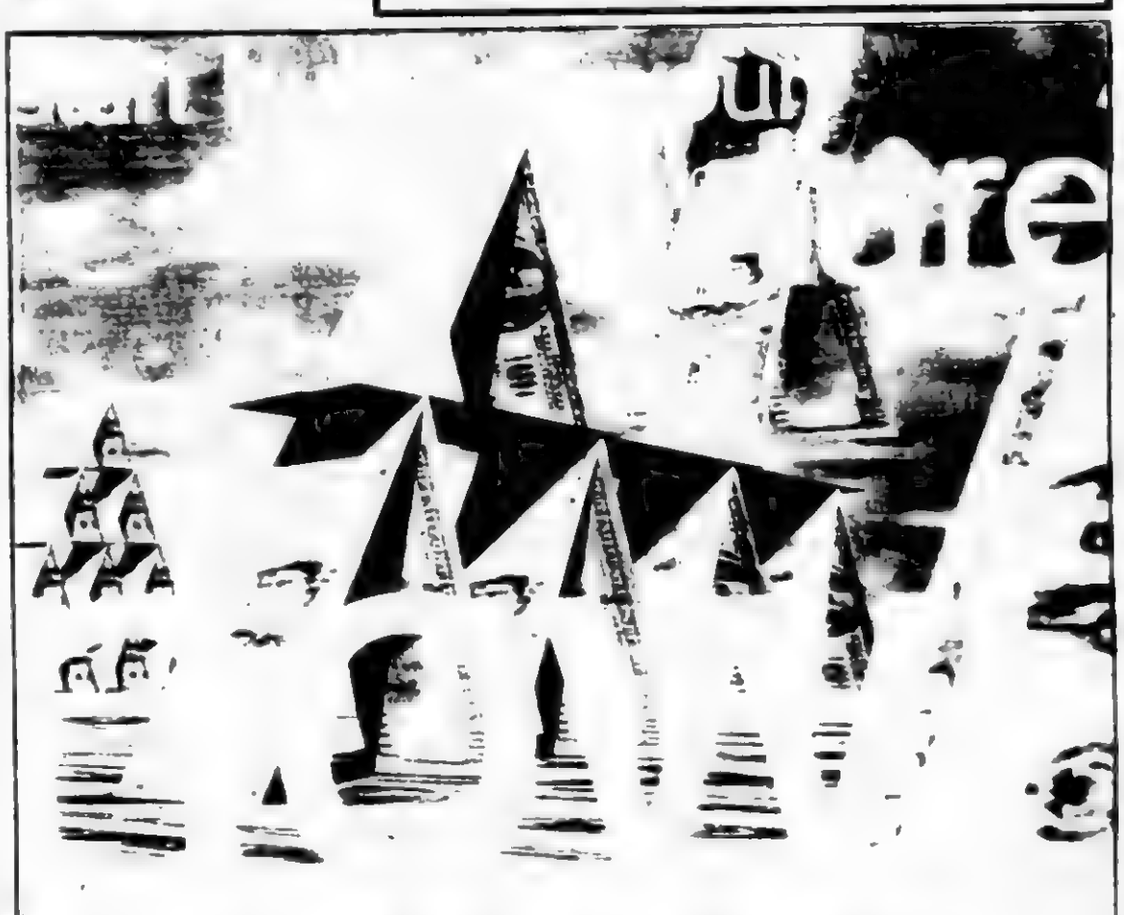

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Polish Museum Observes Pulaski Day

The public is invited to celebrate Pulaski Day on Monday, March 1 at 10 a.m. at The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. The presence of the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago are anticipated. A short program of speakers representing the State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago and the Polish American Community will take place, followed by a program of Polish cultural entertainment.

General Casimir Pulaski is recognized as the "Father of the American Cavalry." He offered his services as an experienced military leader to the American Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. "I came to hazard all for the freedom of America," stated Pulaski in a letter to the Congress. Even before he was officially commissioned by Congress, Pulaski joined the American Army as a volunteer. At Brandywine, in 1777, he greatly distinguished himself by leading a daring attack against the British, thereby saving the retreating American Army.

At the insistence of General George Washington, Pulaski was made a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the American Calvary. He established the Pulaski Legion, a corp of Frenchmen, German Hessians and Poles, who were instrumental in saving the City of Charleston, South Carolina, from British occupation in 1779. In October 1779, at the age of 32, General Pulaski paid the ultimate price for freedom: he died from mortal wounds received while leading a cavalry charge in Savannah, Georgia

The public is invited to attend the observance in honor of this great Polish and American hero. Admission is free Refreshments will be served afterwards in the PRCUA Social Hall on the first floor. Free parking is available in two lots to the west of the building.

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"The Future Is Wild"

The Adler Planetarium's exciting new StarRider Theater show, The Future is Wild, looks at Earth millions of years in the future, as it might exist, without the presence of human beings. Telling the extraordinary story of fantastic creatures that may roam and fly, this 'future shock' applies Adler's tradition of planetary study to the Earth

"The Future is Wild will alternately surprise and intrigue audiences, placing them in a time they could scarcely imagine," said Adler's Theater Manger Mark Webb "The science is both fascinating and breathtaking to imagine"

Scientists don't often make bold predictions, and few are as exciting and mind-boggling as The Future is Wild. The show envisions Earth's planetary evolution without human beings who are replaced by massive new creatures that will inhabit the planet

"The Future is wild tells of 8-ton squids roaming the Earth after all the continents have merged into a single huge landmass. It tells of snails that hop like kangaroos, fish that fly like butterflies through forests, and birds with four wings. This future world may seem incredible, but it is firmly grounded in science," says R McNeill Alexander, Ph D , one of the scientists behind the film

The world premier of The Future is Wild at Chicago's Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum brings many 'firsts' Never before have scientists intricately projected Earth's destiny over so many millions of years Also, The Future is Wild is the first natural history show developed for the 360-degree, 9,500 square-foot domed screen, the ultimate in immersive technology Audiences will experience exciting creatures and environments in extreme size enveloped by images and sounds of these mighty creatures.

The show brings to life the habitats and creatures of up to 200 million years from now. Its methodology, ensuring that everything in the film is plausible, is based on several approaches.

- Some of the film's wonderful, hypothetical creatures came from the detailed advice of a specialist in biomechanics.
- Geologists imagined the future shift of Earth's continents and a climatologist determined the future climates of habitats
- While based in science, the show does contain some conjecture about how species will interact with one another

Says Alexander, "In creating the animals of tomorrow, we have used our knowledge of past and present to help us imagine the future."

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Prospective contestants can request and receive free entry information by contacting Karen at (630) 325-5509.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991.

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St. Bruno class of 1959 is looking for classmates for a 2004 reunion. Call Barb Bedus at (708) 425-0156.

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St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Reunion/St. Patrick's Day Party – Feb. 28th immediately after 7:30 p.m. mass Call Dan at (708) 636-8827. (Tickets of $20 are also available at the door.)

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Austin High School class of 1969 will meet on Sept 28th Contact Linda at stlimitz@aol.com.

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St. Francis de Paula class of 1954 is seeking classmates and others for a Sept. 25th, 2004 reunion. Call Patty at (847) 342-3616 or Evelyn at (708) 422-8806

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John Harlan High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 264-5775 or (630) 707-8000.

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Calumet High School class of 1944 will hold their 60th year class reunion on Oct. 3rd, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip Call Gladys Mountford at (708) 424-1063

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Morrell School class of February 1945 seeks alumni Contact Howard, 695 Ivylog Terrace, Matteson, IL 60443

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Elihu Yale Elementary School (7100 Princeton) looking for classmates from class of 1954 for 50th reunion in 2004 Call Carol at (708) 499-0178

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Farragut High School, classes of 1952-1954, are looking for classmates Call Carolee (Lokta) Michalek at (815) 467-1934

Paddy Reilly Appears At Gaelic Park

Chicago Gaelic Park is once again importing a top recording star to entertain area music enthusiasts This time the Irish cultural and recreational facility is sponsoring Paddy Reilly direct from Ireland Reilly will appear on Saturday, Feb 2 at 8 p m at Gaelic Park 6119 W 147th St in Oak Forest Admission to the concert is $20

Paddy Reilly has been regarded as Ireland's top folk singer for the past 30 years His one-man show has taken Paddy to every corner of the world and brought happiness to countless thousands His crystal clear voice has a unique ability to make an audience feel as though he is singing to each of them individually That's quite a trick when he plays to crowds as large as the 5,000 he played before in Australia

During his appearance at Chicago's Gaelic Park Paddy Reilly will sing such favorites as "The Town I Loved So Well" and "The Fields of Athenry" Both of these hits have resulted in "Gold Records" due to their tremendous popularity For further information or ticket reservations, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323

Present Mardi Gras Night

Has the cold weather given you cabin fever yet? Get ready for a fun filled evening when the Mt Carmel High School Alumni Moms and Mothers' Club present a Mardi Gras Night Adult MC' friends, family and alumni are invited to join the fun-filled Mardi Gras-styled event on Saturday, February 21 at 7 30 p m. to 11 30 p m. at Mt. Carmel High School Student Center, 6410 South Dante Chicago. DJ, food, and beverages will be available Cost $20 00 per person. To RSVP, send a note with name, number of people in group (adults only please), mark envelope MARDI GRAS and mail to Mt. Carmel High School. Tickets will available at the door For more information, contact Serena Hewitt at 708-895-5123

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Wedding Planning And Organization Hints

Wedding planning is time consuming and organization is the key to keeping it under control. The following list of hints will help you accomplish this task. Remember, assigning roles and economic duties may be adapted to today's changing roles and economic realities. A wedding requires a great deal of flexibility and willingness to compromise. These are the keys to a successful wedding celebration.

• Make a date to discuss wedding expectations with both sets of parents and determine what they (and perhaps you and your fiancé) are willing to contribute to the expense and planning. Discuss all the responsibilities up front to avoid confusion or resentment. Often the bride's family still pays for most of the traditionally assigned costs. In today's economic situation, an offer from the groom's parents to share expenses is a welcome relief. In such cases, it is wise to assign specific items to the bride's parents, groom's parents and/or the engaged couple.

• Keep a folder for each detail of your wedding. Florists, photographers, videographers and musicians are major parts of your wedding. Keep all contracts, notes and questions filed for quick reference to help you maintain control.

• Talk with divorced parents about a truce on your wedding day. Establish a comfortable seating arrangement for all concerned. Remarried parents should be with their spouses, and it is acceptable to seat them with friends, and family instead of at the parents' table.

• Encourage your fiancé to take an active part in the planning. It's his wedding, too, and he may feel hesitant to participate in the planning if the bride's mother is doing most of the planning.

• Hire limousines to transport you and the wedding party to the reception if it is held at a different location.

• Order your tent well ahead of time if the wedding is to be held outdoors. Look into having the tent air-conditioned if the wedding is being held in mid-summer.

• Go over all procedures of the ceremony and receiving line.

• Seating plans for the rehearsal dinner should be made in advance. Written out place cards are helpful if you have a bride's table and parents' table.

• Don't worry about having an unequal number of attendants if you have difficulty choosing. The rehearsal dinner can serve as the time to arrange positioning so everything will run smoothly.

Lucky Sixpence

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List Expenses And Traditional Responsibilities

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Bride

- Wedding ring for the groom.
- A wedding gift for the groom.
- Gifts for the bridal attendants.
- Medical examination and blood test.
- Accommodations for out-of-town attendants.

Groom

- The bride's engagement and wedding rings.
- A wedding gift for the bride.
- Gifts for the best man and ushers.
- Bride's bouquet and going away corsage.
- Mothers' corsages.
- Boutonnieres for attendants and fathers.
- Medical examination and blood test.
- Marriage license.
- Clergy's fee.
- Bachelor dinner (if not given by the best man, optional).

Bride's Family

- Engagement party (optional).
- Ceremony cost: location, music, rentals, and all related expenses.
- Entire cost of reception: food, beverages, entertainment, rental items, decorations, wedding cake.
- Bride's wedding attire and accessories.
- Wedding invitations, announcements, and mailing costs.
- Bridesmaids' bouquets.
- Transportation for bridal party from bride's home to the site of ceremony.
- Bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Photography (groom's parents may pay for the pictures they would like).
- Personal wedding attire.
- Floral decorations.
- Special items they may wish to purchase, toasting goblets, ring pillow, etc.

Groom's Family

- Rehearsal dinner party.
- Personal wedding attire.
- Travel and accommodations for groom's family.
- Wedding gift for the bride and groom.
- Special items they may wish to purchase, toasting goblets, ring pillow, etc.
- Any general expenses they may wish to contribute.

Attendants

- Wedding attire for themselves
- Any travel expenses
- Wedding gift for bride and groom.
- Bachelor party given by best man or ushers

Bride and Groom

- Gifts of appreciation for parents or others who helped with your wedding.
- Expenses of items desired which have exceeded original budget allocations

Optional Expenses

- Attendants' dresses are traditionally bought by each bridesmaid, but may be purchased by the bride or her family.
- Bridesmaids' luncheon is generally given by the bride's family; may be given by the bride.
- Bride's bouquet has traditionally been a gift from the groom, but may be purchased by the bride's family, along with the other flowers.
- Corsages for mothers and grandmothers have been the responsibility of the groom; the bride may opt to pay for her own mother's and grandmothers' corsages, or the bride's family may pay for them all.
- Rehearsal dinner is usually hosted by the groom's family, but it may be hosted by the bride's family or a close friend.

Few Guidelines For The Bride And Groom

- You and your groom review the guest list with both families to refresh your memory on names.
- Look over both your lists to remember the names of each friend's husband or wife.
- If you forget a name—which is easy to do—smile, thank the person for coming, or apologize and ask to be reminded.
- Smile at everyone, shake hands, or give a hug and kiss to those you know better.
- Gloves should not be worn.
- You may have ushers or waitstaff bring something to drink for the guests in line.
- Go to the restroom or get a drink, if needed, before forming the line, but do it quickly.
- Arrange for a place to hold the bouquets or for someone to take them.

The Rehearsal Dinner

In recent years, the rehearsal dinner has become a highlight of the wedding celebration. This is the time when the attendants and other close friends can mingle with the bride and groom and their immediate families in a convivial, intimate setting. The dinner, which usually takes place immediately following the rehearsal, is a wonderful opportunity to thank the wedding party again for their help throughout the long months of planning.

The groom's parents usually host the dinner, but this is not a rigid rule. Anyone, or any combination of people, can host the occasion. If the groom's parents want to fund the event but would rather not plan it, you might persuade a friend or relative to help you organize the party.

It is customary for the guests to include both sets of parents, all the adult attendants of the bridal party with their spouses or dates, and the parents of the child attendants. Small children should be taken home after the rehearsal to get a good night's sleep so they will be on their best behavior for the wedding. You may also want to include other relatives and out-of-town guests.

If the party takes place the night before the ceremony, make it an early evening and encourage only moderate drinking. You'll surely want everyone to feel their best the next day. The gracious bride will toast both her parents and thank her bridal party. If you haven't already done so, you may give them their gifts at this time.

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The Tuxedo—Fashioned after a coat worn by the Prince of Wales, Griswold Lorillard, a tobacco heir, in 1886, wore a tail-less black dinner jacket to an autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, New York and sent his contemporaries into a spin.

The Bridal Veil—Traced back to superstitious Roman ceremonies, the veil was originally used to confuse evil spirits that might be jealous of the new couple's happiness. By covering her face they averted recognition of the new bride and although the fear no longer exists, beautiful veils are used by many happy brides.

The Garter—In the days of silk stockings this accessory was a necessity. Considered fair sport and good luck in old England to steal the garter and stockings before the ceremony, young unmarried gentlemen took the challenge seriously. The throwing of the garter evolved to prevent the embarrassment of the overturned young lady.

The Bridal Purse—Traditionally matching the bridal gown, this useful accessory was also a part of the traditional "dollar dance." "Buying" a new dance from the new bride by "secretly" slipping cash into her purse helped the young woman acquire "pin money" to start her new household.

Bridesmaids, Dresses, Groomsmen—Ancient times found young women kidnapped and held as a prisoner until she accepted her new life. This evolved to the groom being expected to capture his intended. The young woman would surround herself with friends for protection and he would gather up his friends to help in the abduction. Soon stealing the bride became a fun ritual, the bride's "maids" dressing identically like the bride to confuse the men.

The Ring—The symbols of unending love and fidelity, the origin of the ring can be traced back to the Egyptians who presented their brides circlets of hemp or rush every year.

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Flowergirl's Basket—To insure the bride a happy and bright life in old England, the entire bridal party would walk behind a small girl tossing flowers all the way to the church.

The Guest Book—Originally all guests were considerd witnesses to the wedding and would sign the marriage document.

Name Change Requirements

If you are planning on changing your name, you may want to take care of some changes before the wedding. Some may require a copy of your marriage license with notification, so check ahead of time.

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The first years of marriage are crucial. From previous relationships (especially in the family of origin), each person has learned patterns of relating to others—how to express love, how to get approval, how anger is handled, what a "good" husband or a "good" wife is supposed to do, etc. Each brings this learning to the marriage. During the first weeks and months, partners establish patterns of interacting with each other. Patterns can be positive, leading to closer and more loving relationships—or patterns may be negative, leading to distance and drifting apart.

Most couples want a marriage in which there is friendship, trust and respect, as well as passion. As the focus on the wedding diminishes, the challenge of shaping the future of the marriage begins. In addition to the joys of establishing a home together, partners must learn to handle differences, imperfections and disappointments. The wedding vows may include promises to stay together "for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer...," but what is really expected is to have mostly "better, health and richer." When anger and frustrations arise, couples are poorly equipped to handle this part of their relationship. But

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Brides And Groom's Wedding Planning Checklists

Bride's Checklist

The details involved in wedding planning may seem overwhelming at times. Here is a helpful checklist to keep you on track:

Six to twelve months before the wedding

- ❒ Select a wedding date and time.
- ❒ Make a preliminary budget.
- ❒ Determine the type of wedding you want.
- ❒ Reserve your ceremony and reception location.
- ❒ Determine who will officiate at the cermony.
- ❒ Hire a wedding consultant, if you plan to use one.
- ❒ Decide on your color scheme.
- ❒ Determine your wedding theme or style.
- ❒ Determine the size of the guest list.
- ❒ Start compiling names and addresses of guests.
- ❒ Select bridal attendants.
- ❒ Have fiance select attendants.
- ❒ Plan reception.
- ❒ Check catering facilities, if at a club or hotel.
- ❒ Select a caterer, if one is necessary.
- ❒ Select a professional photographer
- ❒ Select a reliable, creative florist. Select your dress and headpiece.
- ❒ Announce your engagement in the newspaper
- ❒ Select bridesmaids' dresses.
- ❒ Select engagement ring with fiance, if he has not already done so.

Four months before

- ❒ Make final arrangement for ceremony (deposits should be paid, contracts signed)
- ❒ Make sure all bridal attire is ordered
- ❒ Have both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- ❒ Register at a bridal registry in the towns of both families.
- ❒ Order invitations and personal stationery.
- ❒ Complete the guest lists and compile them in order.
- ❒ Select the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- ❒ Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state.
- ❒ Make appointment for physical exam (if your state requires one).
- ❒ Shop for wedding rings.
- ❒ Start planning the honeymoon.
- ❒ Decide where you will live after the wedding.
- ❒ Begin shopping for trousseau.

Two months before

- ❒ Address invitations and announcements. They should be mailed four to six weeks befor the wedding.
- ❒ Finalize all details with caterer, photographer, florist, reception hall manager, musicians, etc.
- ❒ Order wedding cake, if not supplied by caterer.
- ❒ Finalize ceremony details with officiant.
- ❒ Make rehearsal arrangements.
- ❒ Plan rehearsal dinner.
- ❒ Plan bridesmaids' luncheon.
- ❒ Make appointment with hairdresser.
- ❒ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants or guests.
- ❒ Finalize honeymoon plans.

One month before

- ❒ Have a final fitting for your gown and bridal attendants' dresses
- ❒ Have a formal bridal portrait done
- ❒ Complete all physical or dental appointments.
- ❒ Get blood test and marriage license
- ❒ Make transportation arrangements for wedding day.
- ❒ Purchase gifts for attendants
- ❒ Purchase gift for fiance, if gifts are being exchanged
- ❒ Have the bridesmaids' luncheon
- ❒ Purchase going away outfit.
- ❒ Keep a careful record of all gifts received (write thank-you notes immediately instead of letting them pile up).
- ❒ Make sure you have all accessories, toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc.
- ❒ Select a responsible person to handle guest book and determine its location.

Two weeks before

- ❒ Attend to business and legal details. Get necessary forms to change names on Social Security card, driver's license, insurance and medical plans, bank accounts; make a will.
- ❒ Prepare wedding announcements to be sent to the newspaper.
- ❒ Reconfirm accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- ❒ Arrange to have possessions and gifts moved to your new home. Give a change-of-address card to the post office
- ❒ Finish addressing announcements to be mailed on the wedding day.

One week before

- ❒ Contact guests who have not responded.
- ❒ Give the final count to the caterer and review details.
- ❒ Go over final details with all professional services you have engaged. Inform them of any changes.
- ❒ Give photographer the list of pictures you want
- ❒ Give all musicians the lists of music for the ceremony and reception
- ❒ Plan the seating arrangements
- ❒ Arrange for someone to assist with last-minute seating errands and to help you dress
- ❒ Practice having your hair done to make sure it comes out properly and determine the time it will take
- ❒ Practice using your make-up in the same type of lighting you will have on the wedding date
- ❒ Keep up with the writing of your thank-you notes.
- ❒ Pack your suitcase for the honeymoon
- ❒ Make sure you have the marriage license.
- ❒ Make sure you have the wedding rings, and they fit.
- ❒ Make sure all wedding attire is picked up and fits
- ❒ Have a rehearsal with all participants, reviewing their duties
- ❒ Attend a rehearsal dinner party. Stay calm and enjoy yourself

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Groom's Checklist

The bride is not the only one with planning to do! Here's what the groom should do before the big day

Six to twelve months before the wedding

- ❒ Purchase the bride's engagement ring

Four months before

- ❒ Shop with fiancee for wedding rings
- ❒ Complete your guest list, including full names, addresses and ZIP codes with phone numbers
- ❒ Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state or the statein which you are being married

Two months before

- ❒ Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony details
- ❒ Assist parents with plans for the rehearsal dinner party

One month before

- ❒ See that all attendants have been fitted and wedding attire has been ordered.
- ❒ Purchase gifts for best man and ushers.
- ❒ Pick up wedding rings. Make sure they fit.

Two weeks before

- ❒ Together with fiancee, gather necessary documents and get your marriage license.
- ❒ Arrange wedding day transportation
- ❒ Reconfirm accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- ❒ If moving, give change of address card to post office; arrange to have utilities and phone service turned on in new home. If not moving, finish cleaning and reorganizing your home, help your fiancee move her things
- ❒ Have your hair cut

The week before

- ❒ Discuss all final details with fiancee, offer to assist if needed
- ❒ Pick up and try on wedding attire
- ❒ See that attendants get their wedding attire
- ❒ Reconfirm all honeymoon reservations
- ❒ If flying, make sure you have plane tickets
- ❒ See to it that you and your attendants are at the rehearsal and that they know their duties
- ❒ Go over special seating or pew cards with ushers
- ❒ Make sure luggage is in the car or the hotel where you will stay your first night
- ❒ Attend rehearsal dinner. Relax and enjoy yourself

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Officiants Offer Keys To An Ideal Ceremony

They've officially joined thousands of couples in holy matrimony and have seen it all—rain-soaked brides, well-meaning relatives singing off-key renditions of "Oh, Promise Me," and ringbearer dogs with the wedding bands on pillows strapped to their backs.

After performing so many nuptials, what wisdom do officiants offer? What do they see as the keys to creating an ideal ceremony, one that reflects a couple's beliefs, personality and style? Here are some suggestions from the "other side" of the altar—a priest, rabbi, cantor and judge give practical and personal planning advice.

Keep the ceremony to a reasonable length. Unless there are religious requirements, try not to exceed 35 minutes so the celebration with guests can begin.

Avoid using microphones. If the wedding is in a large space, have readings at a lectern with a microphone, but keep vows intimate.

Accept a friend's or relative's offer to write a poem, sing or play an instrument **only** if they actually have talent.

Engage the guests in the ceremony. One pastor turns to the congregation and asks whether they promise to support the couple. They respond, "We do."

Incorporate personal touches wherever possible. Select your favorite music, mix and match traditional vows so the marriage is not a "carbon copy" of everyone else's. If not restricted to a house of worship, choose a site that relates to your backgrounds or hobbies (under a tree that grew up as you did at the family home; atop a mountain ridge; in a fragrant garden).

Acknowledge the merging of families. One popular ritual—regardless of religious affiliation—is the Unity Candle. Each set of parents lights a candle and tells the congregation an anecdote about their child. The bride and groom then take these individual flames and light the Unity Candle.

The cost of a ceremony depends upon its size, length and location. Use of the church or synagogue is usually free for members, and non-members may be asked to pay a fee. Ask the church or synagogue representative how they prefer to be paid—by check made out to the house of worship or clergymember, or cash. Traditionally, the best man hands the payments in envelopes to the officiant and other assistants after the ceremony.

An interesting note for those seafaring romantics who intend to throw caution to the wind and have a ceremony afloat, be warned—it's no longer legal in many states for ships' captains to officiant weddings. One solution: Get legally married in advance, then ask the captain to preside over a mock ceremony.

Illinois F.O.P. Endorses Dan Hynes

Surrounded by police officers at Chicago Lodge #7, Dan Hynes accepted the endorsement of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, the largest police organization in the United States. The Illinois F.O.P., founded in 1963, represents well over 34,000 police officers, ranging from officers in the Chicago Police Dept. to law enforcement officers serving the most southern regions of the state.

"Every day, police officers are putting their lives on the line to protect our communities," said Hynes. "It means a great deal to me that the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents police officers in every community of our state, has endorsed me in this very important election."

"We need to give police officers the resources and training they need to adequately keep our neighborhoods safe and as Illinois' next U.S. Senator, I will fight to get more police officers on the street, provide the first-responder money they need to prepare and respond to a terrorist attack and fund community policing programs that protect our neighborhoods," said Hynes.

"Dan Hynes is the best candidate in the race for U.S. Senate to represent Illinois," said Ted Street, President, Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois State Lodge. "Dan has been a fighter in our state capitol and we know he'll be an even more prolific fighter in our nation's capitol."

Mark Donahue, President of F.O.P. Chicago Lodge #7, remarked, "There is no better candidate running for U.S. Senate. He will make an outstanding senator and will make every police officer in Chicago, indeed, in all of Illinois very proud. He will serve this state with distinction."

"With Dan Hynes you get what you see – a straight shooting, stand-up sort of guy. Dan Hynes not only has experience passing landmark legislative reform in Springfield, he has management experience and it is about time we send someone to Washington with that kind of thinking and expertise," said Allen Bennett, Director of Government Relations for the State F.O.P. "Dan's that man."

Robbins Men Charged With Murder

Tyrese Jackson, 23, and Tony Ousley, 23, both of Robbins, were charged Tuesday, Feb. 10th with the murder of Brian Hill, 22, of Harvey and Justice. Their bail was set at $1 million each, said the police.

Reportedly the two men killed Hill outside of a building complex at 134th and Woodlawn Saturday night Feb. 7th. It is believed a third man was involved in the shooting but he has not yet been found.

When police arrived on the scene Hill was still alive. He had been shot several times and run over by a vehicle driven by one of the suspects. Hill was taken to Christ Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:53 a.m.

The police believe the shooting resulted from an earlier street gang shootout between Hill and the three suspects. The third suspect was reportedly wounded during the incident.

Police said they traced Ousley to a motel in Harvey Sunday but when they went to arrest him he was gone. Several discarded Burger King wrappers in the motel room led police to a Harvey Burger King where they found him attempting to hide.

Jackson was arrested at his home in Robbins.

Seek Federal Support To Preserve Great Lakes

Members of the Great Lakes Cities Initiative, an organization of U.S. and Canadian mayors, met recently with Michael O. Leavitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to seek his support for federal legislation to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

"The Great Lakes are a national and international treasure, and they're vitally important to the residents of hundreds of cities and towns in the United States and Canada," said Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, who chairs the Initiative. "We need strong federal legislation that will help preserve the Great Lakes and provide for input from state and local officials."

The Great Lakes Cities Initiative supports a bill sponsored by Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Chicago and 105 Republican and Democratic co-sponsors.

It would authorize $4 billion over five years for Great Lakes restoration projects, which would be based on priorities set by a Great Lakes Advisory Board, composed of federal officials, governors and mayors. The bill would allow funds to be directed to cities and towns for local projects.

The Initiative also supports a similar bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio and 10 co-sponsors from both parties.

Daley formed the Initiative, which has members from more than 40 cities in the United States and Canada, to give mayors a stronger, unified voice into policies affecting the Great Lakes, and to share ideas and programs that affect Great Lakes ecology.

"Our cities have a significant impact on Great Lakes ecology with so many of our actions – from the way we handle ice and snow to the way we manage drinking water to the way we handle our storm water," Daley said. "Actions taken by one city can affect every other city on the Great Lakes – because water pays no attention to government boundaries."

MVCC Enrollment

Moraine Valley Community College continued its record-setting pace this spring with its highest enrollment ever. The 2004 spring semester enrollment at Moraine Valley broke the all-time record high with 17,468 students. The previous record was 17,240, set last fall.

The spring 2004 enrollment also is a record high for spring enrollments and an increase over the 2003 spring semester, which had 16,669 students.

Enrollment of credit students, which accounts for more than 90 percent of the enrollment, has increased 21 percent over the past five spring semesters.

The number of credit hour also is at a record high for a spring semester. The 132,867 credit hours reflect an 8.7 percent increase over spring 2003.

Students enrolled in college transfer courses make up 47 percent of the spring enrollment while career program students account for 39 percent. Sixty-four percent of the students are enrolled part-time. Fifty-nine percent of the students are women, and the average age is 28 years old. Eighty-three percent of the students live within the college district, although there was an increase in the number of out-of-district students attending Moraine Valley this spring compared to last spring. Some 2,355 students reside outside the district.

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Unity

On Sunday, Feb. 22 the Oak Lawn Clergy Association invites all Christians in the area to the annual Christian Unity Service, a celebration featuring worship leadership and preaching by several area clergy, musicians and music groups from area churches, and a combined choir. The service is at 3 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., and is followed by a reception.

For more information, contact Pilgrim Faith's pastor, Rev. Peg McClanahan, at 422-4200.

Lanenga On Dean's List

Sarah Lanenga of Alsip, a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been named to the Dean's List with a 4.65 grade point average. Sarah did a contributing commentary editorial for the University of Illinois Chicago Today. She works on the campus at Java City.

Sarah is the daughter of Robert Jr. and Cathy Lanenga of Alsip, and the granddaughter of Robert Sr. and Elaine Lanenga of Oak Lawn.

Mardi Gras

The Oak Lawn Park District is inviting high school kids and adults with special needs to its annual Special Recreation Mardi Gras Mambo on Friday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Pavilion.

For more information or to register for this event, call (708) 857-2200.

Marine

Marine Corps Pfc. Jeremy L. Captian, son of Lisa M. Captain of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Captian and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Captian spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Captian and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values – honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Captian and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Captian is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Seek Cook-Area Host Families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a $50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Ghana, Mexico, Italy, Paraguay, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and many other countries.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Cook-area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E. toll-free at 1(800) 631-1818.

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Elks Hoop Shoot Winners

The Oak Lawn Elks, 107th and Central Ave., have announced the 2004 local Hoop Shoot winners. The Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest is open to all grammar school children, girls and boys in age groups 8 & 9, 10 & 11, and 12 & 13 years of age. Local School District 122, 123, Catholic school and private schools were represented. The competition was again held at the St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn.

Local first place winners will advance to district competition at South Suburban College and later to Springfield. All Elks Lodges participate in this yearly youth program.

Pictured are the first, second and third place winners in each age category: (left to right, back) 12-13 year olds Dean Danos, Alex Zemke and David Drate; (middle) 10-11 year olds Joshua Tripodi, Hank Pendor and Garrett Jados; (front) 8-9 year olds Dean Danos, Eric Furlong and Jordan Moeller.

Pictured are the first, second and third place winners in each age category: (left to right, back) 12-13 year olds Connie Kosterski, Candace Burton and Virginia Rybicki; (middle) 10-11 year olds Maria Grana, Lauren Gabel and Jill Candos; (front) 8-9 year olds Mary Spedal, Lorissa Serrus, and Emily Larson.

Cancer Program

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has once again granted approval to the cancer program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. Little Company has had an approved cancer program since July of 1980

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1932, the Approvals Program sets standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to make sure they conform to those standards. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists This multidisciplinary cooperation results in improved patient care

"We are very proud that our oncology program has been continuously recognized by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons as offering the very best in cancer care for almost 25 years," said Little Company's Cancer Center Director Pat Murphy, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A. "This ongoing approval should give our community the confidence that our health care specialists offer exceptional cancer care"

Receiving care at a Commission on Cancer approved cancer program ensures that a patient will have access to

- Quality care close to home
- Comprehensive care offering a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
- A multi-specialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options available to cancer patients
- Information about cancer clinical trials, education and support
- Lifelong patient follow-up through a cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care

Approval by the Commission on Cancer is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to provide the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer and to undergo a rigorous evaluation process and a review of its performance To maintain approval, facilities with approved cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years

The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 1,334,100 cases of cancer were diagnosed in 2003 Slightly more than one-fifth of the country's hospitals have approved cancer programs, and more than 80 percent of patients who are newly diagnosed with cancer are treated in these facilities

The Commission on Cancer is composed of Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and other members representing 39 national cancer-related organizations. The Commission develops postgraduate courses, symposia and programs about cancer for health care professionals involved in cancer care

Working with the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Liaison Program of the Commission on Cancer is supported by more than 1,500 voluntary Liaison Physicians who support cancer-control initiatives and the cancer program activities locally. The Commission also tracks national, regional and local cancer care patterns and trends through the National Cancer Database, another joint project with the American Cancer Society In addition, the Commission sets standards for cancer registry data collection used by all approved cancer programs and conducts national quality management and improvement studies for specific cancer sites.

POLICE CALLS

On Feb. 13th Maria Aguilera, 37 of Chicago was arrested and charged with endangering the health and welfare of a child after police responded to a report of small children left alone in a car for some time in the 5000 block of 95th St. When the officer arrived he saw the two young children alone in the parked van. The keys were in the ignition but the car was not running. After speaking to the witness he learned that the children had been alone in the van for some time. A while later Aguilera returned, the witness stated that he thought the children had been left alone for about 40 minutes, when Aguilera returned.

On Feb. 13th Joseph Bottari, 27, of Chicago was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a weapon, resisting arrest, battery, and possession of cannabis after a traffic stop in the 5600 block of 87th St. Bottari exited his van to talk to the officer, and when questioned by the officer gave the officer a knife that he had in his pants pocket, he then claimed to have left his license in the van, so he headed back towards his van to supposedly retrieve it. At this point, he fled on foot, followed by the officer. When the officer caught up to Bottari, he attempted to restrain him but Bottari threw his arms back and knocked the officer to the ground. Bottari again took off running with the officer following behind. Bottari was finally captured hiding behind a shed in the 5700 block of 88th Ave. The inventory search of the van revealed a marijuana cigarette in the ashtray and a plastic bag containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis on the floor.

Italian Awards

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announced that graduating high school seniors who are full or partially of Italian ancestry are invited to compete for college scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each, to be awarded by the Foundation.

The Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students who will graduate this year from any recognized public or private high school within the state of Illinois.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, in writing at 333 N. LaGrange Rd., Suite 9, LaGrange Park, Illinois 60526 Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope

Oak Lawn Students Named To Dean's List

Students from Oak Lawn have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College To qualify, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 to 3.749

Earning this honor are: Chrystal Alexander, Rebecca Annen, Eileen S. Barone, Faye V Bell, Mary Berndt, Daniel S Blackman, Gregory J Bonsonetta, Jamie Bousman, Colleen M Boyle Thomas A Brown, Kevin A Cerf, Vanessa A. Chavez, Stefanie Compton, Laura Cunningham, Laura K Dahlstrom, Tiffany Daker, Jason W Devous, Ljiljana Djurakov, Erin Doherty Jennifer D Doherty, Maureen Dougherty, Donna C Duensing, Charles L Duer, Megan M. Dunkle, Anthony Duran, Amina Faridi, Marie Finnigan, Jennifer A Gallagher, Elizabeth M Gawron, Catherine Gilhooly Joy E Gorecki, Melissa Heenan, Kelley A Henson, Kristen Jozsa, Colleen Kelleher, Taiwo Kembi-Theodore, David King and Alisa K Krejci

Also Teresa Martin, David M McAndrew Caitlin A McCarthy Brian E McLain, Tracy A Meyer Samantha Moll, Korene E Musak, Thomas T Musak, Greg Naegele Antonija Novakovich, Nichole L O'Connor Tony Padilla Christina Parks, Michael D Peters, James J Piszczor Phillip A Prohaska, Valbona Ramadani, Erica L Randick, Wilbur L Rhoades Agnieszka Sadurska Matthew A Santor Joshua T Shearer Echo Sneed, Lisa D Stone Joanna Strzepek, An Chiu To Christina P Vandez Jason H Walker Kelsey Wand, Andriy A Yemenenko Katarzyna Zachulska, Angela Zakes and Jan Zarnowski-Siek

Census Bureau Household Survey

Census Bureau data show that the March 2003 unemployment rate in the United States was 5.8 percent, the median household income for calendar year 2002 was $42,400 and the proportion of the country's population in poverty that year was 12.1 percent.

The information for all three indicators was gathered in the Census Bureau's monthly Current Population Survey (CPS), which dates from 1942, making it the longest-running household survey in the country

"The CPS is the primary source of information for governments and businesses about the country's labor force," said Stanley D. Moore, director of the Census Bureau's Chicago regional office. "Even though this survey is conducted throughout the year, the greatest diversity of data are collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) over the three-month period of February, March and April."

Every month, Census Bureau field representatives ask the households about the characteristics of the country's labor force, including employment status, hours of work, earnings, age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment, occupation and industry From their answers come estimates of the monthly unemployment rate, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) releases. In addition, in the ASEC, the CPS collects statistics on topics such as income and poverty, health insurance coverage, demographic characteristics of households and families, living arrangements and geographical mobility

By law, all information that could identify survey respondents or their households is confidential. Local households selected in the nationwide sample receive a letter from Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. Some are interviewed by telephone and others in person. The field representatives carry official identification cards.

Sponsored by the BLS and the Census Bureau, the ASEC supplement to the CPS will be conducted this year during the weeks of Feb. 15th, March 14th and April 18th, when nearly 2,000 Census Bureau field representatives will interview about 78,000 households.

Faragoi Is Promoted

Founders Bank has announced the promotion of Daniel P. Faragoi (pictured) to the position of Vice President. Mr. Faragoi has been with the bank for more than 10 years.

Faragoi received his Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and later earned his Masters from St. Xavier University. He is also an Accredited ACH Professional and has successfully completed the Berkeley Cash Management Program.

Faragoi has been part of Founders Bank's Cash Management division and works closely with the bank's commercial customers. The Cash Management division is responsible for providing an array of sophisticated products designed to help businesses better manage their financial needs through the use of tools such as Internet access to their accounts. "Working behind the scenes in Cash Management is challenging," commented Faragoi, "the learning process never ends. Technology is constantly changing and we continually look for ways to develop products and services that are helpful for the bank's customers, while being competitively priced."

Faragoi, a resident of Oak Lawn, is engaged to be married in February.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor,

The film "The Passion" will open on Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday. The film has sparked a lot of controversy. It is my opinion (based on interviews and articles) that Mel Gibson translated, as accurately as possible, the gospel of the passion of Jesus Christ from words to a visual accounting without accusation or judgment.

A Christian believes that Jesus Christ, Son of God, became Man, suffered, died and rose again for his or her salvation. I feel the film was made to remind us of God's infinite love, forgiveness and mercy for all of us. His children. The beginning of Lent is the perfect time to reflect on the priorities of life. Life is a precious gift which should be handled with love and care.

Thank You,

s/s Marlene Jeziorski

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 2-10-04
Catholic League
Brother Rice 83, Hales Franciscan 73
Leo 68, De La Salle 47
Independent School League
Elgin Academy 55, Morgan Park Academy 42
SICA Central
Bremen 68, Tinley Park 54
Hillcrest 95, Oak Forest 70
T F North 54, Eisenhower 44
SICA West
Joliet 97, Lincoln-Way Central 65
Lincoln-Way East 52, Lockport 49, 2 OT
Sandburg 52, Andrew 51
Non-Conference
Chicago Christian 60, Oak Lawn 47
Homewood-Flossmoor 89, Kankakee 41
Lemont 61, IMSA 25
Reavis 59, Crete-Monee 46
Rich Central 78, Evergreen Park 32
Shepard 52, Argo 39
Wednesday, 2-11-04
Public League City Championship Tournament
Julian 71, Bogan 51
Morgan Park 65, Orr 57
Consolation Tournament
Corliss 71, Kennedy 42
Mather 68, Fenger 57
Sullivan 82, Ag Science 52
Friday, 2-13-04
Catholic League
Brother Rice 105, Bishop McNamara 51
Hales Franciscabn 58, Mt. Carmel 54
St. Ignatius 69, Leo 65 (3 OT)
St. Laurence 62, Providence 57
St. Rita 48, St. Francis de Sales 47
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 53, Benet 35
Nazareth 58, Marian Catholic 55
Private School League
Chicago Christian 75, Illiana Christian 65
SICA Central
Hillcrest 94, Eisenhower 61
T F. North 49, T F. South 40 (OT)
Tinley Park 80, Oak Forest 75
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 50, Bloom 47
Thornridge 41, Shepard 39
Thornton 53, Thornwood 29
SICA North
Bolingbrook 62, Argo 50
Reavis 64, Romeoville 51
Richards 54, Oak Lawn 35
SICA West
Joliet 80, Lincoln-Way Est 67
Lincoln-Way Central 70, Stagg 46
Lockport 49, Andrew 47
Suburban Prairie East
Fenton 59, Evergreen Park 52
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 68, Plainfield South 62
Saturday, 2-14-04
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 62, Marian Catholic 45
Private League
Chicago Christian 74, Luther South 23
Non-Conference
Homewood-Flossmoor 66, Rockford Boylan 56
Rockford Jefferson, 71, Bremen 59
Class AA Pairings
Monday, March 1
Reavis
St. Laurence vs. Oak Lawn
Mount Carmel
Tilden vs. Englewood
Evergreen Park
Evergreen Park vs. Calumet
Riverside-Brookfield
Argo vs. Nazareth
Morton
Kennedy vs. Kelly
Leyden
Holy Cross vs. Ridgewood
Lane Tech
Gordon Tech vs. Kelvyn Park
Westinghouse
Clemente vs. Collins
St. Ignatius
Dunbar vs. Juarez
Evanston
Senn vs. Lake View
Notre Dame
Taft vs. Mather
St. Patrick
Steinmetz vs. Schurz
St. Charles East
St. Charles East vs. Bartlett
Huntley
Crystal Lake South vs. Woodstock
Belvidere
Belvidere vs. Rockford East
Julian
Corliss vs. Fenger
Shepard
Richards vs. Stagg
Homewood-Flossmoor
Tinley Park vs. Oak Forest
Lockport
Lockport vs. Joliet Catholic
West Aurora
Kaneland vs. IMSA
Minooka
Minooka vs. Plainfield South
Wheaton South
Glenbard North vs. Benet
Addison Trail
Fenton vs. Addison Trail
Prospect
Prospect vs. Buffalo Grove
Conant
Rolling Meadows vs. Palatine
Libertyville
Vernon Hills vs. Carmel
Antioch
Grant vs. Round Lake
Tuesday, March 2
Vocational
Hyde Park vs. South Shore
Reavis
Robeson vs. St. Laurence-Oak Lawn
Mount Carmel
Simeon vs. Tilden-Englewood
Evergreen Park
Brother Rice vs. Evergreen Park-Calumet
Oak Park
Oak Park vs. Elmwood Park
Riverside-Brookfield
Fenwick vs. Nazareth-Argo
Morton
Curie vs. Kennedy-Kelly
Leyden
St. Joseph vs. Holy Cross-Ridgewood
Lane Tech
Farragut vs. Gordon Tech-Kelvyn Park
Young
Young vs. Wells
Westinghouse
Westinghouse vs. Clemente-Collins
St. Ignatius
St. Ignatius vs. Dunbar-Juarez
Evanston
Evanston vs. Senn-Lake View
New Trier
Niles West vs. Niles North
Notre Dame
Von Steuben vs. Taft-Mather
St. Patrick
St. Patrick vs. Steinmetz-Schurz
Bradley
Normal vs. Bradley
Prairie Ridge
Prairie Ridge vs. Crystal Lake Central

St. Charles East
St. Charles North vs. St. Charles East-Bartlett
Huntley
Dundee-Crown vs. Huntley
Barrington
Barrington vs. Cary-Grove
Belvidere
Rockford Jefferson vs. Rockford E.-Belvidere
Julian
Julian vs. Corliss-Fenger
Thornridge
Thornwood vs. T.F. South
Shepard
Marist vs. Richards-Stagg
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor vs. Tinley Park-Oak Forest
Lockport
Joliet vs. Lockport-Joliet Catholic
Lincoln-Way Central
Hillcrest vs. Providence
Rich East
Rich Central vs. Rich East
West Aurora
West Aurora vs. IMSA-Kaneland
Minooka
Plainfield Central vs. Minooka-Plainfield S
Batavia
East Aurora vs. Batavia
Naperville Central
Waubonsie Valley vs. Naperville North
Wheaton South
Downers South vs. Glenbard North-Benet
Hinsdale Central
Hinsdale Central vs. Hinsdale South
Bolingbrook
Bolingbrook vs. Lemont
Addison Trail
Wheaton North vs. Fenton-Addison Trail
Prospect
Hoffman Estates vs. Prospect-Buffalo Grove
Conant
Lake Park vs. Rolling Meadows-Palatine
Glenbrook South
Glenbrook North vs. Maine South
Elk Grove
Schaumburg vs. Maine West
Lake Zurich
Lake Forest vs. Wauconda
Highland Park
Highland Park vs. Deerfield
Libertyville
Zion-Benton vs. Vernon Hills-Carmel
Antioch
Warren vs. Grant-Round Lake
Wednesday, March 3
Vocational
Kenwood vs. Vocational
Reavis
Reavis vs. Hubbard
Mount Carmel
Mount Carmel vs. Harper
Evergreen Park
Bogan vs. St. Rita
Oak Park
Austin vs. Proviso West
Riverside-Brookfield
Riverside-Brookfield vs. Lyons
Morton
Morton vs. Gage Park
Leyden
Proviso East vs. Leyden
Lane Tech
Lane Tech vs. Lincoln Park
Young
Crane vs. Payton
Westinghouse
Prosser vs. Orr
St. Ignatius
Marshall vs. De La Salle
Evanston
Northside Prep vs. Amundsen
New Trier
New Trier vs. Sullivan
Notre Dame
Loyola vs. Notre Dame
St. Patrick
Foreman vs. Roosevelt
Bradley
Pontiac vs. Kankakee
Prairie Ridge
McHenry vs. Johnsburg
St. Charles East
Larkin vs. Elgin
Barrington
Jacobs vs. Streamwood
Belvidere
Sycamore vs. DeKalb
Julian
Washington vs. Harlan
Thornridge
Thornridge vs. Carver
Marist
Morgan Park vs. Shepard
Homewood-Flossmoor
Bloom vs. Marian Catholic
Lockport
Andrew vs. Sandburg
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way Central vs. Lincoln-Way East
Rich East
Rich South vs. Crete-Monee
West Aurora
Neuqua Valley vs. Oswego
Minooka
Yorkville vs. Morris
Batavia
Batavia vs. Marmion
Naperville Central
Naperville Central vs. West Chicago
Wheaton South
Glenbard East vs. Wheaton South
Hinsdale Central
Glenbard South vs. Downers North
Bolingbrook
Willowbrook vs. Romeoville
Addison Trail
Glenbard West vs. York
Prospect
Hersey vs. St. Viator
Conant
Fremd vs. Conant

BOYS SWIMMING
Wednesday, 2-11-04
St. Rita 72, L-High 20
Public League Championship
200 Medley Results: Lane Tech, 1:49.73; 200 Freestyle: Dan Neely, Northside College Prep, 1:[illegible].00; 200 IHM: Andrew Parro, Young, 2:2.85; 50 Freestyle: Kieron Thompson, Lane, 22.98; Diving: Andrei Kadar, Kennedy 305; 100 butterfly: Schmucker, Lane, 54.90; 100 Freestyle: Jonathan Weatherford, Morgan Park, 51.50; 500 Freestyle: Zachary Skinner, Lane, 5:24.3; 200 Freestyle Relay: Morgan Park, 1:46.14; 100 Backstroke: [illegible] in Schmucker, Lane, 57.89; 100 Breaststroke: Jarred Cochran, 1:08.95; 100 Breaststroke: Jarred Cochran, 1:08.95; 400 Freestyle Relay: Lane 3:32.14

BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Saturday, 2-14-04
Bloom Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Lincoln-Way Central 87; 2. Bartlett 84; 3. St. Patrick 80; 4. Bloom 69; 5. Argo 60; 6. Illiana Christian 46; 7. Oak Lawn 35; 8. St. Rita 34; 9. Gordon Tech 13; 10. Naperville Central 0

WRESTLING
Saturday, 2-14-04
IHSA Sectionals
Class AA
At Morton
State Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1. Matt McNaughton, Oak Lawn d. John Starzyk, St. Rita, 8-7 (2 OT); 3. Anthony Antonietti, De La Salle [illegible]; [illegible] Mario Morgan, Mt. Carmel pinned Arother Robles, Reavis, 1:52; 3. Adam Canty, St Rita, 119: 1. John Wernert, Reavis d. Thomas Webster, De La Salle, 13-2; 3. Kenny Jordon, Mt. Carmel. 125: 1. Matt Ross, Bogan d. Carlos Lopez, St. Rita, 5-2; 3. Joel Longo, De La Salle 130: 1. Mike Sands, St. Rita d. Alfonso Soler, Morton, 6-3; 3. Dave Bansley, De La Salle 135: 1. Albert White, St. Rita pinned Jack Love, St. Laurence, 5:09; 3. Joaquin Edwards, Morton 140: 1. Travis Hammons, Hubbard d. Brandon Mercado, Simeon, 19-10; 3. Jerry Starzyk, St. Rita 145: 1. Chris Argue, Mt. Carmel d. Bill Cascone, St. Rita, 7-2; 3. Kevin Rockett, Reavis. 152: 1. Tim Golden, De La Salle d. Obie Simpson, St. Rita, 5-1; 3. Mike Aboyte, Gordon Tech. 160: 1. Jim Kernats, Reavis d. Brett Wolmakowski, St. Rita, 5-2; 3. Alex Ybarra, Gordon Tech. 171: 1. John Murphy, St. Rita d. Steve Swanson, Reavis 21-9; 3. Jerome Ward, Gordon Tech 189: 1. Scott Sands, St. Rita pinned Adam Warren, Evergreen Park 3:46; 3. Tim Lambert, Mt. Carmel. 215: 1. Brendan McElligott, St. Rita d. Jake Polich, Reavis, 2-1; 3. Jonathan McGhee, Marist 275: 1. Freddie DelRamus, St. Rita d. Alex Contreraz, Gordon Tech, 4-2 (OT); 3. Marques Walton, Hubbard.
At Lincoln-Way East
State Qualifiers: 103 POUNDS – 1. Jeremy Johnson, Romeoville d. Ryan Prater, Plainfield, 9-8; 3. Matt Schmeski, Sandburg. 112 – 1. Jake Oster, Lockport d. Kyle Hutter, Providence, 17-10; 3. Brandon Precin, Sandburg. 119 – 1. Thomas Gagan, Lincoln-Way Central d. Marcus White, Joliet 4-2 (OT); 3. Jhared Blacke, Thornwood. 125 – Matt Cusick, Sandburg d. Dan Ruettiger, Providence, 14-4; 130: 1. David Murphy, Providence pinned Ray Mendez, Shepard, 1:36; 3. Dan Hamilton, Homewood-Flossmoor. 135: 1. Kevin Gagan, Lincoln-Way C. d. Eric Pretto, Lincoln-Way East 3-1; 3. Mike Anello, Sandburg. 140: 1. Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Eric Kruger, Sandburg, 6-1; 3. Mike Smith, Plainfield. 145: 1. Marty Engwall, Providence d. Ray Richardson, Joliet 5-2; 3. Brett Ambrosino Lincoln-Way East. 152: 1. Colin McKillip, Marian Cath. pinned Chris Rodgers, Homewood-Flossmoor [illegible]; 3. Craig Tokaraky, Plainfield South 160: 1. Jake Murphy, Marist d. Chris Smith, Plainfield, 3-1; 3. Brad Muthart, Lincoln-Way E. 171: 1. Matt Jones, Marist d. Jim Griffin, Lincoln-Way East, 5-2; 3. Pat McGovern, Stagg. 189: 1. Brad Wiorowaty, Marian Cath. d. De'Andre Nunn, Providence, 16-3; 3. Nick Metzger, Joliet Catholic. 215: Bob Sirvid, Sandburg pinned Evan Mitchell, Lockport [illegible]. 55; 3. Adrian Cerrillo, Joliet. 275: 1. Dan Joda Marist d. Mike Shaub, Lockport, (6-4); 3. Jon Pereiro, Sandburg

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 2-9-04
SICA Central
Hillcrest 74, Bremen 0
T.F. South 53, Eisenhower 42
SICA East
Thornwood 49, Shepard 31
Thornton 56, Bloom 53
SICA North
Bolingbrook 58, Richards
SICA West
Lincoln-Way Central 34, Andrew 32
Class A Regionals
Luther South
Lindblom 28, CICS-Longwood 2, susp
Tuesday, 2-10-04
SICA Central
Tinley Park 58, T.F. North 6
SICA North
Argo 7, Romeoville 2
Oak Lawn 62, Reavis 27
SICA West
Joliet 56, Stagg [illegible]
Sandburg [illegible], Lincoln-Way East 24
Non-Conference
Joliet Catholic 72, Lockport [illegible]
Lemont 70, Elmwood Park 25
Class A Regionals
Luther South
Morgan Park Academy 2, Hancock 0, forfeit
North Lawndale 47, Luther South 41
St. Francis de Sales
Illiana Christian 59, Brooks 0
St. Francis de Sales 48, Du Sable 0
Cristo Rey
Ag Science 60, Manley 31
Wednesday, 2-11-04
SICA East
Shepard 48, Bloom 30
Thornwood 54, Thornridge 0
Non-Conference
Carmel 57, St. Ignatius 48
Marian Catholic 68, Queen of Peace 8
Providence 39, Andrew 38
Thursday, 2-12-04
SICA Central
Oak Forest 70, T.F. North 31
SICA North
Bolingbrook 49, Oak Lawn 39
SICA West
Lincoln-Way Central 53, Lockport 32
Lincoln-Way East 41, Andrew 34
Class A Regionals
Luther South
Chicago Christian 74, Lindblom 30
Morgan Park Academy 61, North Lawndale [illegible]
St. Francis de Sales
Illiana Christian 45, St. Francis de Sales 40
L-High
Hope 57, Seton 50
Cristo Rey
Ag Science 59, Our Lady of Tepeyac [illegible]
Friday, 2-13-04
SICA Central
Bremen 60, T.F. South 48
Hillcrest 77, Tinley Park 26
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 61, Thornton 6
SICA North
Reavis 41, Argo 36
SICA West
Sandburg 58, Stagg 47
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont 47, Plainfield South 25
Non-Conference
Lane Tech 48, St. Ignatius 45
Class A Regionals
Title Games
Genoa Sectionals
St. Edward Regional
St. Edward 59, Marian Catholic 49
Illiana Christian Sectional
Luther South Regional
Chicago Christian 67, Morgan Park Acad. 23

Saturday, 2-14-04
Non-Conference
Fremd 71, Maria 28
Providence 42, Romeoville 37

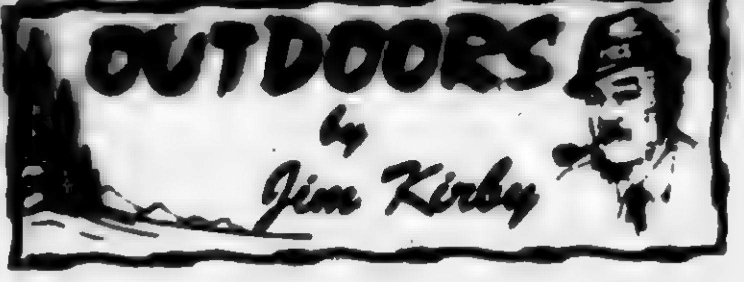
Intent

Alyson Kelley, a senior catcher at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar softball program.

Kelley, who plans to pursue a degree in sociology at SXU, is the daughter of Kerry and Karen Kelley, also of Aurora. She is currently coached by Jackie Palmquist at Waubonsie Valley and is projected to be a catcher at SXU.

"Alyson is loaded with talent and is a wonderful young lady," said SXU head softball coach Myra Minuskin. "She is a great addition to the program."

The St. Laurence Bowling Team captured the 2004 IHSA Sectional Title. Tom Hanley, coach of the St. Laurence Bowling Team, commented that "the team had an outstanding season and I was very proud of their accomplishment in winning the sectional title. "Pictured are the members of the IHSA Sectional Championship team: (front row) Andrew Borowski and Thomas Meade; (back row) Craig Salerno, Sam Covey, Thomas Sipple, Jeremy Podczerwinski, Sal Gaffney and John Malinowski.



A WEEK-END OUTING FOR THE FAMILY: The 21st Annual Southwest Chicago Fishing and Boating Show will take place this weekend, Feb. 21 and 22, at the Lockport East High School.

The show features local fishing experts, nationally recognized Super Stars and special seminars and casting contest for kids. This is an opportunity to make some good buys on outdoor and boating products.

Admission: Adults-$6; Seniors-$5; Students-$4; kids six and under-free. Hours are: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school is located at 1333 E. 7th, Lockport, IL. There's plenty of free parking. For information call 815-838-0790.

■**WISCONSIN'S FIRST DOVE SEASON:** Approximately 8 percent of small game license holders participated in the first modern mourning dove hunting season in Wisconsin, according to results of a recent Department of Natural Resources survey.

Results of the survey, mailed to a random sample of 3,000 small game license holders at the conclusion of the dove season, indicated about 24,400 hunters participated on an average four days during the season and harvested an estimated 202,000 mourning doves.

The survey showed participation and harvest were highest in the south-central part of the state, and southwest part of the state. Harvest was lowest in the north.

Forty-eight percent of hunters reported that their satisfaction with dove hunting was higher than what they expected. Ninety-six percent of dove hunters responding to the survey said they planned to hunt doves again.

■**ANTIS' TURN HOLIDAY BALLET INTO YULETIDE HORROR SHOW:** During the holiday season people imagine children sleeping with visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads, but an animal rights group anti-fur campaign probably gave them nightmares.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) activists menaced children at performances of "The Nutcracker" by distributing handouts that said, "Your Mommy Kills Animals." The campaign was intended to [illegible] young children whose mothers wear fur.

The fliers show a color illustration of a woman stabbing a rabbit. The text implies that a child's mother [illegible] for years [illegible] may kill the family pet.

"The sooner she stops wearing fur the sooner the animals will be safe. Until then, keep your doggie or kitty friends away from mommy—she's an animal killer."

■**MICHIGAN DNR WEBSITE:** According to the Calumet Harbor Sport Fishermen newsletter, State recreational officials unveiled a new online resource to help recreational boaters more effectively plan trips on Michigan waters.

The Michigan Recreation Boating Information System provides users with the tools to find boat launches by specific criteria, by county, by body of water and by location. Detailed information is included for each of the 1,324 public launch sites, including fish stocking history, water craft regulations, lake attributes, handicapper accessibility, use fees and water depths. Boaters also will be able to create, save and print lake contour maps for future review and planning and obtain driving instructions to each launch site. This information is free to all Internet users by visiting the DNR's web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

■**ILLINOIS DEER & TURKEY CLASSIC:** This annual event will be held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington, Illinois on Feb. 27-28-29. The Classic features 260 exhibit booths, trophy deer contest, and seminar speakers.

Hours are Friday, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets: Adults-$9, Kids five and under-free. For information: 1-800-324-3337 or www.deerinfo.com.

■**PROJECT CHILDSAFE:** Project ChildSafe will launch a safety tour to distribute 20 million free firearm safety kits to thousands of communities across America. The safety tour coincides with launch of the Project ChildSafe program developed and managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded by a $50 million U.S. Department of Justice grant. The program supports a mobile safety tour of 5 education vehicles that will visit all 50 states.

The free firearm safety kits, which includes gun locking device, can be obtained by visiting any of the scheduled tour stops across the country. The education vehicles will offer free safety information, use of the gun locks, and tips on firearm safety. For info: www.psn.gov

Illinois Deer And Turkey Classic

You're invited to enter your trophy Illinois whitetail deer on Feb. 27th, 28th and 29th at the Illinois Deer & Turkey Classic at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. You get a three-day show pass when you enter a trophy, and that's the most economical way to see the show. There is no advance entry, just bring your trophy to the show. The deer antlers do not need to be mounted; a solid skull plate is all that is required for official scoring. This is not a beauty contest; awards will be given on antler score alone. The Boone & Crockett Pope & Young measuring scoring system is used. More than 400 deer are expected.

Award presentation begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, and winners must be present to win. No trophies will be released between noon and [illegible] p.m. on Sunday.

Contest rules:

- Entries begin at noon on Friday and close [illegible] on Sunday.
- Entry fee [illegible] three-day pass [illegible] additional entries, $7.50 if the trophy already has been officially measured, $12 if the trophy has not been officially measured. If the trophy already has been officially measured, it will not be measured again, so bring paperwork proof with you.
- There are firearms and archery divisions, with typical-antler and non-typical antler classes in each division. Both classes in both divisions are Historical (2002 and earlier seasons) and Current Year (2003 season) classes.
- Entries in the Collected Antlers category can come from anywhere. There is no separate Illinois category. Antlers which have been found or purchased, or where the hunter is unknown, must be entered in the Collected Antlers category. It has typical and non-typical classes.
- Previous First Place Historical Category winners are not eligible for re-entry. They are, however, automatically invited to display on the "Board of Honor." First Place winners in Current Year Category at last year's show are eligible to be entered in the Historical Category this year.

Antlers are scored by measurers certified by the Illinois Big Buck Recognition Program or by the Pope and Young Club or the Boone and Crockett Club.

Show hours are 2 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27th; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28th; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 29th. Tickets are $9 one-day adult; $15 two-day adult; $6 for Hunter Safety Course graduates ages 12-18 who present proof of course completion at the ticket window (regular adult price w/o proof of course completion); $3 youth ages 6-11, with children five and under admitted free. On Friday Family Night all youth ages 11 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. All seminars are free once you have purchased your admission ticket. There is a $3 per car facility parking fee.

Tickets will go on sale at 8:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings to ease the ticket-line crunch.

For all details on the Illinois Deer & Turkey Classic and Shooting Sports Show call (800) 324-3337 or check the expo web site www.deerinfo.com

SXU Makes Mark On College Basketball

When a new program is built from the ground up, there is usually a period of transition before it becomes [illegible]. [illegible] apparently, head coach Bob Hallberg and his St. Xavier University women's basketball team did not get [illegible] waiting, and [illegible] Saturday [illegible] against Illinois Institute of Technology have achieved their fourth straight [illegible]-win season in the program's four-year history.

In most cases, it takes a program a few years to establish itself and find success," said Hallberg. "However, our program has made an immediate mark in small college basketball, not only in our area but also in the nation. This is a testament to our girls, especially the senior class we have this year. They have been with us since the beginning."

There are seven seniors on the 2003-04 SXU women's basketball roster and all seven have been with the program since it started in 2000. Over the first three seasons, the Cougars finished with an impressive 74-27 overall. Following the 2001-02 season, SXU earned its first-ever regular-season CCAC championship.

Last year, Hallberg led his team to both a CCAC regular-season and tournament championship and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. Currently, the Cougars are 20-8 overall and at 6-3 sit just a half-game out of first place in the conference standings.

"A 20-win season is usually the benchmark for success for most basketball teams," said Hallberg. "However, for our program it has become the standard. This shows just how dedicated our women, especially our seniors, are to winning and that makes my job a lot easier. I am so proud of these women and what they have been able to accomplish."

SXU's record stands at 20-8, 6-3 CCAC.

Podczerwinski Transfers

Marek Podczerwinski, a native of Summit, has decided to transfer from Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills and will continue his academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar men's soccer program.

Podczerwinski, who plans to pursue a degree in finance at SXU, is projected to play at the midfielder position for the Cougars. He is the son of Michal and Wladyslawa Podczerwinski, also of Summit. Podczerwinski was selected to the all-conference and all-regional team while playing.

"Marek is a very physical player," said SXU head men's soccer coach Henry Barsch. "He has the left foot skill needed to fill a starting position at outside midfield and will be a difference maker for us in the fall."

SPORTS ROUND-UP

GIRLS BOWLING
Tuesday, 2-10-04
Public League Championship

Teams: Morgan Park 2,390, Von Steuben 2,336, Mather 2,015, Lane Tech 1,978

Friday, 2-13-04
State Championships

Team Standings: 1, Schaumburg 5,657. 2, Lemont 5,528. 3, Taylorville 5,503

Local Finishers: 11, Lockport 5,342. 16, Bremen 5,257. 19, Lincoln-Way Central 5,116. 22, Morgan Park 4,714

Individuals: 1, Katie Van Der Heyden, East Moline United, 1,248. 2, Alyssa Surges, Schaumburg, 1,240. 3, Sam Ruglio, Bremen, 1,236

Local Finishers: 6, Jocelyn Bradley, Eisenhower, 1,215. 7, Sammi Hernreich, Oak Forest, 1,195. 9, Jenny Petzoldt, Lemont, 1,185. 15, tie, Jill Szklarski, Reavis, 1,166. 23, Nikki Watters, Lemont, 1,155. 33, tie, Janelle Mitchell, Morgan Park, 1,129. 36, Rachel Candari, Lincoln-Way Central, 1,128. 37, Julie Kontos, Lincoln-Way Central, 1,123. 41, tie, Danielle Humphrey, Lockport, 1,116. 45, tie, Ta'Sheika Green, Lockport, 1,111. 48, Jessica Everman, Lockport, 1,102. 49, Sara Cahill, Lincoln-Way East, 1,101. 74, tie, Sam Swanson, Lemont, 1,065. 78, tie, Lauren Pollard, Lemont, 1,062. 80, tie, Caitlyn Quinn, Lemont, 1,061. 85, Heather Cory, Bremen 1,052. 88, tie Kim Klich, Lockport, 1,046. 98, Lorri Gurnak, Bremen, 1,032. 99, Carmella Tirrito, Oak Lawn, 1,028. 104, Brittany Johnson, Morgan Park, 1,021. 113, tie, Kristine Jutzi, Reavis, 1,004. 117, Nicole James, Lincoln-Way Central 998. 119, Ryan Marie Ebbens, Bremen 996.

Saturday, 2-14-0-4
State Championships

Final Team Standings: 1, Schaumburg 11,404. 2, Machesney Park Harlem 11,093. 3, Lemont 11,001. 4, Belleville East 10,940. 5, tie, Dixon and Lockport 10,874. 7, Rock Island, 8,031. 8, Palatine 8,029. 9, Taylorville 8,016. 10, DeKalb 7,988. 11, O'Fallon 7,948. 12, Conant 7,929.

Individuals: 1, Kim Unger, Prospect 2,529. 2, Alyssa Surges, Schaumburg 2,516. 3, Sam Ruglio, Bremen 2,485.

Local Finishers: 6, Ta'Sheika Green, Lockport 2,364. 7, Nikki Watters, Lemont 2,351. 10, Jocelyn Bradley, Eisenhower 2,316. 11, Sammi Hernreich, Oak Forest 2,311. 13, tie, Jill Szklarski, Reavis 2,269. 20, Jenny Petzoldt, Lemont 2,250. 25, Danielle Humphrey, Lockport 2,210. 27, Sam Swanson, Lemont 2,174. 29, Jessica Everman, Lockport 2,141.

Host Tournaments

Moraine Valley Community College will host the 2004 National Junior College Athletic Assn.'s Region IV Division II men's and women's basketball tournaments for the second consecutive year. The games will take place on Feb. 28th and 29th and from March 4th to 6th in the college's gymnasium.

The tournament schedule is as follows: Saturday, Feb. 28th, Men's Quarterfinals, 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 29th, Women's Quarterfinals, noon, 2, 4 and 6 p.m.; Thursday, March 4th, Women's Semifinals, 6 and 8 p.m.; Friday, March 5th, Men's Semifinals, 6 and 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 6th, Women's Championship, 6 p.m., Men's Championship, 8 p.m.

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Fire Dept. Grants

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced recently that the United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded $434,062 in grants to eight fire departments throughout the state of Illinois.

"Our nation's firefighters are called upon day after day to protect America's citizens," Durbin said. "Today's Fire Administration grants will go a long way towards ensuring that these brave men and women are equipped with the best possible tools to do their jobs well. I will continue my efforts to help secure these important funds for Illinois fire departments."

Durbin said the funding is being provided through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. In addition to the federal funds, each department must provide some portion of the funding on its own. The cost sharing is based on department size, with larger fire departments bearing a larger share of the program costs. Fire departments serving 50,000 residents or fewer are responsible for 10 percent of the total program costs while departments serving more than 50,000 residents share 30 percent of the total program costs. More than 19,950 fire departments nationwide applied for grant awards in 2003.

Shriners Reunion

Shriners Hospitals for Children is looking for former patients of all ages, as well as former staff, to participate in the rededication of their newly enlarged and renovated hospital on June 13th. The hospital is planning a reunion, with tours of the new facility, an open house and parade, for former patients, staff and the public. If you were treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago, or worked there, please contact Elise Wachspress, Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707, (773) 385-5840.

Jewelry/Design Repair Class

The Worth Township Seniors are considering having a Jewelry, Design & Repair Class. This would be on Tuesdays in the afternoon in the Senior Room at the Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Those interested should call Jean at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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Annual Women's Courthouse Tour

Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the *Circuit Court of Cook County Annual Women's History Month Courthouse Tour* of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., will take place on Thursday, March 11th. Co-sponsoring the tour is the Women's Bar Assn. of Illinois.

The tour offers the public a sense of day-to-day operations of one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights include visiting a courtroom to observe a trial in progress, meeting with a panel of women judges of the Circuit Court for an informal presentation, and watching the court's juror orientation video. Tour participants also receive a copy of the court's information guide which outlines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a directory of court and county services.

The *Circuit Court of Cook County Annual Women's History Month Courthouse Tour* is part of the court's year-round Community Heritage Month Courthouse Tour series which combines public education activities with national and local observances marking racial and ethnic diversity. Tours are also held during Black History Month, Asian Pacific Heritage Month, National Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month, Arab Heritage Month, Polish Heritage Month, and on Puerto Rican Heritage Day. The tours have been attended by hundreds of Cook County residents.

Individuals or groups planning on attending the *Courthouse Tour* may contact Milissa Pacelli of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 on or before Tuesday, March 9th. The tour is limited to persons age 10 and older, with a limit of 35 persons to a group. Reservations are recommended. The tour will depart at 10 a.m. from the Daley Center's west lobby located on the Randolph and Clark St. side of the building.

For more information about courthouse tours and other programs and services of the Circuit Court of Cook County, visit www.cookcountycourt.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Republic Bank d/b/a Flagship Capital, Plaintiff, vs. Douglas Thomas a/k/a Doug Thomas, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12592

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7949 S. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,008.26

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7116.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Americquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Andrew Scott, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-21297

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 7, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8122 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $98,943.76.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James R. Geraghty, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7132 W. 113th St., Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $141,614.18.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number [illegible]54800.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. [illegible] et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 5276

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 56445

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 19, 2003.

Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 10, 2004 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately in the building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C.K.A. 4521 W. 89th Street, Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $8[illegible],647.73.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sotero J. Cervantes, et al. Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13413

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3832 W. Myrick St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $134,9[illegible]4.49.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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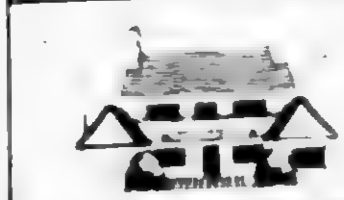

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank FA, successor in interest to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia [illegible] et al. Defendants. No. 03Ch-10152

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7410 W. 111th St., #312, Worth, IL 60482.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $62,282.01.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Robert S. Westcott, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13003

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 11, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11902 S. Leamington, Alsip, IL 60658.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $9,883.66.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Rappin, Esq., Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., [illegible] Suite [illegible], Chicago, IL [illegible]. Please refer to file no. [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. [illegible], Defendant. Case No. [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September [illegible], The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March [illegible], in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as [illegible] W. 82nd St., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $1[illegible].

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7376.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Wanda Bridges-Thompson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-12365.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2704 W. 96th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,289.33.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number [illegible].

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leona Roller a/k/a Leona Rollerova, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-6805

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 2, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property.

Commonly known as: 3404 West 83rd Street, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a separate 1.5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $163,458.64.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny M. Jimmerson a/k/a John M. Jimmerson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13429

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3634 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $100,716.10.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-198.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Linda J. Judge-Featherstone, et al., Defendant. Case No. [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2[illegible], 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 12[illegible] S. Kenneth Avenue, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $93,[illegible]3.49.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7885.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Aniello Ferraro, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13136

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3932 151st Place, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $145,666.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-38320.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Wasowicz a/k/a Michael Wasowicz, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-[illegible]

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. [illegible]

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 3, 2003.

Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 24, 2004 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at Main Corridor 23rd Floor Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described premises.

C.K.A. 14340 Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,933.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America, Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Harold McClarin a/k/a Harold L. McClarin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12764

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8740 S. Mozart St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $103,188.74.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the Sales Department. Please refer to file number 14-03-7428.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202729C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Estate of Floyd Blackburn, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-12722.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 13721 Keystone, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107 630/548-6058.

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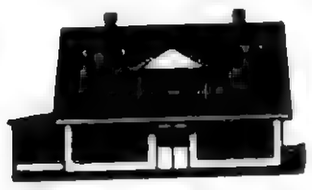

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Zamarron Jr., et al., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13937

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 12824 S. Apple Ln., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family home two story brick construction aluminum/vinyl frame attached (1 car) garage very light brown.

The judgment amount was $121,711.27.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306632.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202664C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Neil Franzen, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-9990

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14944 Sunset Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $157,130.74.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

202269C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Alliance Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Abrams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13773.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8130 S. Mulligan Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $169,495.52.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-94250.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202181C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Stasiuk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12397

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as. 4937 W. 109th St., #301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence in a 3 story, brick building.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $69,736.27.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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File No. PA0306003.

202428C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., Plaintiff, vs. Richard Terran, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3317.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7728 W. Suburban Lane, Bridgeview, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,748.12.

Sale Terms. The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203050C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee under the Applicable Agreement, Plaintiff, vs. Lori A. Shelton, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12974

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8824 S. Rockwell Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $140,512.61.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7354.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202692C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Larry E. Leipart, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-5674.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 13, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14641 Spaulding, Midlothian, IL 60445

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $88,383.79.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

203440C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bk, F.A., successor in interest to Fleet Mtg Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Cerullo, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-10621

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/2/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 3/3/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A 4541 W. 88th St., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $97,109.21.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 02-3375D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203607C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125

201788C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Donald et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-1583

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 5, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 13631 S. Keystone Ave., Robbins, IL 60472

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $47,612.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990. between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-6732D.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-1, agreement dated 3/01/98, Plaintiff, vs. William P. Graffeo, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7237.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 6, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, March 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4130 W. 143rd St., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

203359C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Edward H. Haywood Married, et al. Defendants. No. 99Ch-16648.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 8, 2000, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property.

Commonly known as 8034 S. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $[illegible] 336.17.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 996157

202378C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. David W. Cain Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-21349.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property.

Commonly known as 3729 W. 121st St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level, brick and frame, single family residence with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,345.02.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0210027.

202263C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Timothy Yracheta a/k/a Timothy Yracheta, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12901.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7756 S. Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $112,880.10.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3835.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

202174C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a America's Wholesale Lender, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Demeckis, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12187.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2776 W. Myrick St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $68,309.02.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7129.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203411C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Brenda Myers a/k/a Brenda Louise Myers, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11991.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3301 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $229,016.47.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7033.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203747C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Robert C. Ambuhl, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13239.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7101 W. 115th Pl., Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,706.96.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7413.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff, vs. Anthony M. Winfield, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-8583.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 1, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4410 W. 111th St., #203, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a twelve unit building three story brick construction no garage brown.

The judgment amount was $78,675.62.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty.pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0304052.

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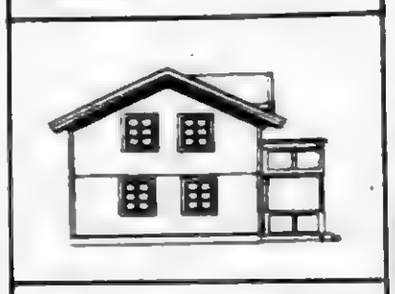

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Express, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michele A. McSwain, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-17856.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 8551 S. Drake, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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NOTICE

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Access Best Practices Award Deadline Extended

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that the deadline has been extended to March 15 for nominations for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards. The Awards are designed to recognize organizations, businesses, individuals and government agencies that have created recreation opportunities for Illinois residents with disabilities.

The Best Practices Awards add a new dimension to Recreation Access Illinois (RAI), Madigan's ongoing statewide effort to promote recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The awards are intended to recognize outstanding efforts and to encourage full access to recreation programs and events for Illinois residents with disabilities.

Public and private organizations, individuals, businesses and government agencies may qualify for the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards. Applicants should submit details of activities, programs, facility upgrades, events and other initiatives that illustrate unique and effective approaches to accessibility in recreation. Eight Best Practices Awards will be available, one in each of the following categories: Single unit of government (budgets up to $1 million); Single unit of government (budgets over $1 million); Two or more units of government (budgets up to $1 million); Two or more units of government (budgets over $1 million); Commercial for Profit (budgets up to $2 million); Commercial for Profit (budgets over $2 million); Not-for-Profit (budgets up to $250,000) and Not-for-Profit (budgets over $250,000).

Applicants may submit only one award nomination.

A panel appointed by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) will renew all entries and make recommendations for awards. Madigan will chair the panel, which will include a representative of a park district, a special recreation association, a not-for-profit agency, a for-profit firm and two persons with disabilities.

"The Recreation Access Best Practices Awards program has two goals," Madigan said. "We want to recognize the work of those who promote good health and fitness in the disability community. And by doing so, we hope to encourage others to follow their lead and increase the availability of accessible recreation facilities and inclusive programs."

Madigan added, "The deadlines for nominations has been extended to ensure that all qualified applicants have the chance to apply for an award they have earned through their hard work and dedication to this cause."

Recreation Access Best Practices Awards nominations must be received by Mark 15. For qualifications and nomination forms call 1-800-900-8086 (Voice and TTY) or visit www.RecreationAccessIllinois.org.

Funding for Recreation Access Illinois (RAI) and the Recreation Access Best Practices Awards is provided through the Vitamin Anti-Trust Settlement and administered by Attorney General Madigan's office.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Common Sense" Gun Laws Needed in Illinois

Illinois needs to use some common sense in enforcing its gun laws. Common sense would tell us that a man who shoots an intruder in his own home should not be punished. Yet, in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, a man faces charges for simply possessing the gun he used to protect his family and property in his own home.

Gun laws go too far when people are prosecuted for protecting their families from a dangerous intruder. More and more, law-abiding citizens are getting caught in the wide net cast by local ordinances that were intended to stop criminal activity with guns. The recent case in Wilmette is a prime example of how a law-abiding citizen – protecting himself and his family from an intruder – becomes the scapegoat for laws that were intended to protect him rather than prosecute him.

Gun control has long been a tumultuous and controversial issue. The Wilmette incident gained national attention and has rallied gun rights activists to the cause. Situations like this should not become fodder for political fights over firearms. Gun laws are intended for criminals. That's the argument used by anti-gun activists who come to Springfield asking for such legislative intervention.

If gun laws are meant to protect us from criminals with guns, law-abiding citizens should have a defense when they become caught in the net. That is why I am co-sponsoring Senate Bill 2165, a common sense approach that shields law-abiding citizens from prosecution. Senate Bill 2165 excuses violators if and only if they can prove the gun was fired in self-defense.

Illinois needs a return to such common sense approaches to prosecuting gun crimes; and Illinois citizens need the protection of a law that says it is not a crime to protect yourself and your family from danger. A person has the absolute right to defend himself, especially in his or her own home. Self-defense should not be viewed as a crime.

As always, I welcome your opinion and would like to hear from you on this or any issue. Please feel free to contact me at danrutherford@danrutherford.com.

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Oak Lawn Man Missing Since February 5th

Oak Lawn police are searching for Eric Kaminski (pictured), 25, of Oak Lawn who has been missing since Feb. 5th. He was last seen at the Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., where he was working. He reportedly said goodbye to his co-workers about 3:30 p.m. He had been refinishing bathtubs in the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel, said police.

When last seen Eric was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, white gym shoes, and navy colored Carhart jacket.

Police have recovered his vehicle, a white 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up, in the area of 2514 W. Van Buren. He was reportedly seen by a witness getting into a newer model blue Cadillac in that area.

Police said they have not found anything to indicate there has been a crime committed. Family members say it is totally out of character for him to disappear like this.

The family is offering a $5,000 reward to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating him. Eric is described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, has hazel eyes, bald (brown) hair, and light complexion.

Anyone with information is asked to call Oak Lawn police at (708) 422-8292.

Hold "Living Well On Dialysis" Program

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) will present "Living Well on Dialysis!" on Sunday, Feb. 29th at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center (Marriott), 1195 Summerhill Dr. in Lisle. "Living Well on Dialysis" is an educational day for kidney patients, family members, friends and dialysis unit healthcare professionals.

The program will begin with lunch and an uplifting NKFI video featuring patients who are living well on dialysis. The afternoon's activities include a program on "Eating Well," tools and tips to better manage and comply with a kidney diet or diabetic kidney diet. "Moving Well" will offer tips and presentations about traveling while on dialysis and keeping active.

"Living Well on Dialysis" will take place between 12 noon and 4 p.m. The $5 per person registration fee includes program, materials and lunch. Meals can only be guaranteed for those registered by Feb. 24th. To register and for additional information, call Dotty Zecca at (312) 321-1500, ext. 238, or e-mail dzecca@nkfi.org.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Meet

More grandparents are raising grandchildren now than ever before. Grandparents who step in when their own children are unable to parent represent every class and race. The challenges that grandparents have as "repeat parents" are quite different from the routine kinds of stress accompanying raising children.

An Orland Township support group for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren now meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 S. 94th Ave. Their next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 25th and the speaker for the evening will be Karen Chan from the University of Illinois Extension Center. Her topic for the evening will be "Financial Planning for Your Future."

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is designed to help bring essential resources to forming, maintaining and successfully supporting the relationship between the grandparents and grandchildren that they are caring for. Group members will get ideas on how to solve difficult problems as well as the opportunity to explore the emotional ups and downs of raising their grandchildren.

For more information, call Sue Bienias, Health Service Coordinator, at (708) 403-4222.

Sacred Concert Of Religious Music

The Music Department of Mother McAuley High School will present a Sacred Concert, an annual celebration of religious music, on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Mercy Convent Chapel, 3737 W. 99th St. Participating in the concert will be McAuley's String Ensemble directed by Jennifer Venutolo, Chamber Ensemble directed by Roger Rocco, and the A Capella Choir directed by Julie McKee.

There is no charge for admission, but there will be an opportunity for a free will offering.

For further information, contact Christine Stefaniak, Music Department Chair, at (773) 881-6528.

Bridgeview Donates Fire Truck

The Village of Bridgeview has announced that it gave one of the community's fire trucks to neighboring Ford Heights, a gesture the mayor and fire chief hope will start a trend among neighboring communities in Chicago's Southland region.

"This is a great idea, and I give Fire Chief Terry Lipinski a lot of credit," said Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek. "We are hoping this is not an isolated gesture. One of the easiest ways to improve the quality of life is for people to share what they have with each other. That's what we're doing."

The Bridgeview Fire Department is expecting the delivery of a new fire truck soon. Chief Lipinski recommended giving the department's 1976 Ford Pumper to Ford Heights. Two years ago, the truck was reconditioned, having had its engine rebuilt and a new pump installed. The new engine has fewer than 1,000 miles on it.

"To re-sell a fire truck doesn't make much sense," Chief Lipinski said. "You can't really trade-in a fire truck. What you can do is help somebody who needs help. This is something Ford Heights can really use, and I'm happy we can provide it for them."

Bridgeview also gave an air bank to Ford Heights. Air banks are used to fill the oxygen cylinders firefighters use when entering smoky buildings."

"They (Ford Heights officials) were thrilled with the donation," Chief Lipinski said. "Especially with the air bank, since they don't currently have one."

Ford Heights Mayor Saul Beck and fire department officials joined Mayor Landek and Chief Lipinski when the truck was handed over Wednesday, Feb. 18, during a ceremony at the Bridgeview Fire Department's Station 1, 7500 S. Oketo.

"I remember what it was like early in my career to fight fires with inadequate equipment," Chief Lipinski said. "It's not an easy job. Hopefully this donation will make the Ford Heights department's job a little easier."

Chancery Division Advice Desk

Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced that pro se litigants in the Chancery Division can receive free assistance with filling out court forms and understanding court procedures through the court's new Chancery Division Advice Desk which opened Feb. 18 in the Richard J. Daley Center. The new program will also screen litigants to determine if they qualify for the appointment of counsel through the Chicago Bar Association's Access to Justice Program.

Chief Judge Evans was joined by Chancery Division Presiding Judge Dorothy Kirie Kinnaird in praising the Chicago Bar Foundation, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Chicago Legal Clinic for their assistance and support in developing the Chancery Division Advice Desk.

"Our goal is to demystify the court process for pro se litigants who stand a better chance of presenting their cases if they can do so with the benefit of competent assistance and accurate information," said Chief Judge Evans. "Presiding Judge Kinnaird has worked hard with the Chicago Bar Foundation of the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Legal Clinic to develop this program, and we will all anticipate substantial benefit to the public."

Located in Room 1303 of the Daley Center, the Chancery Division Advice Desk office will be staffed by volunteer attorneys from the Chicago Legal Clinic, which is also providing an on-site supervisor and clerical support. The office will operate Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will have a minimum of three years of practice experience and have received training for the program.

Cases will be screened by Chancery Division Advice Desk volunteer attorneys to determine nature, complexity, and viability. Pro se litigants who wish to continue representing themselves will have court procedures explained to them and will be offered assistance in filling out court forms. Litigants who opt for legal representation, depending on their income levels, will either be referred to free or low-cost legal assistance organizations, or bar association referral programs. Other litigants may be referred to the Chicago Bar Association's Access to Justice pro bono pilot program in which judges have the ability to appoint counsel, in appropriate cases, from a list of volunteer attorneys who have agreed to provide pro bono legal counsel for litigants unable to obtain representation.

Presiding Judge Kinnaird expects the majority of pro se litigants seeking Chancery Division Advice Desk services will have matters involving mortgage foreclosures, name changes, and appeals of administrative review decisions, although help will be available for all matters heard in the Chancery Division.

"The Advice Desk is an important step in improving the fair and impartial administration of justice in the Chancery Division," said Presiding Judge Kinnaird.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Cook County is now at "code red" where the survival of small and medium-sized businesses is concerned. Politicians led by Gov. Blagojevich, Cook County President Stroger and Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan have picked Illinois' business community as their revenue cash cow for continued record spending. The resulting increased taxes and fees are imprudent and unjust.

According to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Blagojevich has increased taxes on businesses by over $1.3 billion! New taxes on natural gas, environmental fees and increased trucking taxes are spelling doom for Cook County businesses. A minimum wage increase that makes Illinois the highest in the Midwest puts our struggling suburban area at a disadvantage. According to a survey sponsored by the Illinois Chamber, more than 16,000 jobs and $120 million in business investment have been lost since the new fees and taxes were imposed in July. On top of all the increases is Cook County President Stroger's proposal to increase the sales tax by .25% and impose a 4% lease tax. Meanwhile, Assessor Houlihan is suggesting shifting a greater tax burden to the business community to alleviate the effects of his assessments.

Democrats refuse to recognize that new taxes and fees often fail to raise the amount of revenue originally expected. In fact, they often have unintended negative consequences that result in lower wages, higher unemployment, empty storefronts, vacant property and reduced revenues for local taxing bodies. This can be illustrated by looking at cigarette tax increases and their effect on small businesses like gas stations and convenience stores near the border with Indiana. Not only did those businesses lose revenues from cigarette sales but they also lost the accompanying revenues received from sales of milk, newspapers, gasoline and a myriad of other products. The proposed $.82 per pack county tax increase will only serve to exacerbate this situation.

South suburban townships have been struggling for years with the ever accelerating cycle of high property taxes and the exodus of businesses to other states and counties. The result has left residential property owners with more and more of the property tax burden as the assessment base vanishes and tax rates skyrocket. Assessor Houlihan's proposal to cap assessments for only residential property will serve to exacerbate this crisis. An unfair burden will shift to small businesses, apartment dwellers, nursing homes and manufacturers.

With the taxing trio of Gov. Blagojevich's increased state taxes and fees, President Stroger's increased county taxes and fees and Assessor Houlihan's faux assessment caps, it won't be long before the south suburbs' economic crisis will be visiting central and north suburban Cook County as well. Somewhere the taxing has to stop before all of Cook County becomes an economic wasteland. As several Cook County board members noted, any tax increase is indefensible.

Sincerely,
s/s Maureen Murphy, Commissioner
Cook County Board of Review

Investigate Attempted Child Abduction

The Oak Lawn Police Department is investigating an attempted child abduction which occurred in the 7000 block of 95th Street between 5:45 and 6 p.m. The 14-year-old victim was walking eastbound when the offender yelled to her as he drove westbound. He made a U-turn and pulled along side of the road and put on his flashers. He yelled at the victim to come to the vehicle and she refused. He then got out of his truck and approached the victim grabbing her arm and telling her to get into his vehicle. The offender was scared off by a motorist who stopped to see what was happening. The offender's vehicle was described as a red SUV possibly a blazer type. The offender was described as a male white or Hispanic, age 35, 6 feet tall, 220 pounds, bald and brown eyes, wearing a black leather coat, dark shirt and dark jeans. Anyone having or needing additional information contact Det. Ross Finnelly at (708) 499-7845.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Z Erol Smith II

A memorial mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for Z Erol Smith II, 78, the first elected mayor of Palos Heights, a position which he held for 14 years. After being re-elected three times he retired in 1973. He graduated from South Shore High School and the University of Colorado. He served as an aerial gunner with the Army Air Force in World War II. He was also an Air Force fighter squadron leader during the Korean War. He ran an insurance agency from his Palos Heights home for many years and worked part-time as a private aircraft pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; his children, Tracy Cawley, Susan Kuester, Cameron Farley, Z Erol III and Scott; his step-children, Thomas, David and Peter Sterna, Cathy Hobbs and Sandy Brdar; several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Bernice F. Tujo

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Bernice F. Tujo, 82.

She is survived by her husband, Philip J.; her children, Philip G. (Joann) and Thomas; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and her brothers, Raymond (Lee) and Robert (Lynn) Donovan.

Charlotte T. Vestal

A memorial mass was said Saturday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for Charlotte T. Vestal, wife of the late Robert.

She is survived by her children, Wm. Timothy and Joan (David) Coyne; three grandchildren and her sister, Catherine Downing.

Lillian Wolff

Services were held Tuesday at Salem Lutheran Church, Blue Island, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Lillian Wolff, wife of the late Earl.

She is survived by her son, Ronald (Nancy); four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donald G. Bruesch

Services were held Wednesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Donald George Bruesch, World War II veteran and member of American Legion Post 854 in Evergreen Park.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Sally, Diane Airey (Ron Mitchell), Donald (Jan) and Eric (Susan) and 11 grandchildren.

Alice M. Burke

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Alice M. Burke.

She is survived by her husband, Robert M.; her children, Colleen, Robert Jr. (Deidre), Peter (Michelle), Matthew, Joseph (Andrea) and John (Tracy); 16 grandchildren and her brother, John C. (Mary) Doyle.

James T. Conners II

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Walter Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James T. Conners II, husband of the late Mary Suzanne.

He is survived by his children, Laura (Bob) Hensel, Jim (Kitty), Colleen (Rick) Geurts, Kevin (Barb), Sean (Kerry), Timothy, Kathleen (Scott) Spinks and Suzanne Osman and 13 grandchildren.

James T. Conners II

Mass was said Tuesday at at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, for Margaret M. Cunnea, 97, retired Chicago Public School teacher with 34 years of service.

She is survived by her brother, John M. Cunnea.

Jason R. Grencik

Mass was said Saturday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Jason R. Grencik, 22.

He is survived by his parents, Richard "Pops" Grencik and Deborah (Robert) Yukich; his sister, Christine and his brothers, Justin and Michael.

Harry J. Hanigan, Jr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Harry J. Hanigan, Jr., 74, a veteran. He was the owner and president of Hanley Manufacturing, a printing supply company. He was an active parishioner at St. Linus Church for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marie E.; his children, Brian (Mary), Mary Beth (Hugh) McLean, Daniel (Therese), Maureen (Robert) Marthaler, Robert (Cheryl) and Carol (Brian) Gannon; 11 grandchildren; his sisters, Carol (James) Coghlan and Mary Jane Manley and his brother, Donald (Nancy).

William V. Heniff, Jr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for William V. Heniff, Jr., a veteran and husband of the late Arlene.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Michael W., M.D. (Joann), Patricia A. (Mitchell) Kampert and Dr. Thomas W., M.D. (Dr. Melanie); eight grandchildren and his sisters, Marilyn (Stanley) Bryck and Geraldine Bracken.

Patricia A. Hopp

Mass was said Wednesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Patricia A. Hopp of Crestwood.

She is survived by her husband, Henry A.; her children, Mark (Barb), Heidi (Rick) Glatz and David; three grandchildren and her sisters, Johanna Dvaronis, Angela Margaret Brady and Elaine O'Keefe.

Katherine J. Kingston

Mass was said Wednesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Bloomfield Township Cemetery, for Katherine J. Kingston, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her children, James (Mary) and Kathleen (George) Barzydlo; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Phyllis J. Liekis

Services were held Friday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Phyllis J. Liekis.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald; her children, Michele (Thomas) Hennelly, Kathie Parnell, Patricia (Stuart) Rhodes, Cheryle (Ron) Green and Michael; nine grandchildren; her sister, Cathy (Ken) Jett and her brother, Grover "Teddy" (Kelly) Fischbeck.

Lillian Lucas

Mass was said Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lillian Lucas, wife of the late Henry. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Diana); two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her brother, Albert (Sally) Nosek and her sister, Irene (Richard) Nowicki.

Michael T. McCarthy

Mass was said Saturday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael T. McCarthy, Attorney at Law.

Ellen B. McGinley

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for Ellen B. McGinley, 48.

She is survived by her children, David and Thomas; her mother, Bridget McGinley; her brothers, Pete, Jim, Joe, Brendan and Ed (Diane) and her sister, Christine (Eli) Khoury.

Mary T. Miller

Mass was said Saturday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary T. Miller.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J.; her children, Margaret (Lenny) Sosnowski, Mary Kay (Leon) Eaton, Rita (William) Cummane, Bob (Laura) and Kevin (Nancy); six grandchildren; her sister, Katie Loftus and her brother, Martin (Kathleen) Smith.

Maria A. Stuckart

Services were held Wednesday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Maria A. Stuckart, 66, wife of the late Harold and a 40-year resident of Crestwood.

She is survived by her children, Roland (Victoria) and Ralf (Angie); six grandchildren and her brothers, Karl, Richard and Fritz Oberdorf.

Mary C. Thompson

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary C. Thompson, 80, Visitation High School Alumni, class of 1941.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Edward) Walsh and Patricia Thompson and seven grandchildren.

Herbert J. Gosewisch

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, for Herbert J. Gosewisch, U.S. Army veteran. He was a Loyola University graduate, class of 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; his children, Phillip (Colleen), Herbert (Judy), Larry (Andrea), Kevin (Trish), Patrick (Yolanda), Fran (Mark) Wallace and Sarah Gosewisch; 15 grandchildren and his sisters, Noreen Jones and Shirley (Al) Kudukis.

Kenneth C. Lew

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Kenneth C. Lew.

She is survived by his wife, Bonnie; his children, Ken, Charlie and Nick.

Warren H. Fredericks

Services were held Tuesday at the Salem Community Church, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Warren H. Fredericks, 74, World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Laverne B.; his children, Dr. Debbie (Dr. Charles) Cosgrove, Donna (Greg) Benson, David (Sandra) and Daniel (Carol); nine grandchildren and his sisters, Irene (Eugene) Kelly and Virginia (George) Barratt.

Robert B. McAuley, Jr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Robert B. McAuley, Jr.

He is survived by his mother, Fay K.; his brothers, Tom (Mary Carol), Dan (Nancy) and John (Marianne) and his sister, Laurie (Mark) Finch.

Martha A. Gaudis

Services were held Wednesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Martha A. Gaudis, 84, wife of the late Frank.

She is survived by her children, Gayle (Gregory) Yore and Glenn and three grandchildren.

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In an effort to give consumers more control of their financial lives, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act was signed into law on Dec. 4th, 2003. One of the highlights of the bill is that consumers will be able to obtain one free credit report per year from all three major credit reporting bureaus, Experian, Equifax and Trans Union. The free reports will be available in the coming year after the Federal Trade Commission and the credit bureaus work out details of the new law.

"Consumers have the right to know what their creditors are reporting about them, and this bill will hopefully make it easier for Americans to monitor their credit reports," said Pam Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org, a nonprofit consumer education organization. "In addition to getting their free credit reports once a year, we recommend that consumers also purchase a consolidated copy of their credit report at a different time of year."

While free reports from all three bureaus will arrive at different times and in different formats, a consolidated credit report contains information from all three credit bureaus in a side-by-side format.

"Since different credit bureaus report different things, being able to compare what each bureau is saying is extremely important," Rhode said. "Your credit report has become much more important in recent years. Lenders, insurance companies and even some employers use it. A consolidated credit report will give you the ability to quickly and easily compare what all three bureaus are reporting. It's the easiest and most effective way to get the total view of your credit standing."

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Returns From Iraq

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michelle N. King, daughter of Pamela M. and Donley L. King of Oak Lawn, recently returned from an eight-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, home-ported in San Diego.

King's ship was the first to deploy with the new F/A-18F Super Hornet (two-seat version) and E-2C Hawkeye 2000 aircraft. The Nimitz flew more than 6,500 missions and used 125,000 pounds of ordnance in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the deployment King's ship visited ports in Dubai and Singapore. While in Singapore the Nimitz's Religious Ministries Dept. coordinated a community-service project designed to lend a helping hand to the local community and strengthen ties between both cultures.

King's ship also raised $2,000 for the USS Missouri Memorial that will assist in restoration of the chief petty officer spaces and the founding of a Chief Petty Officer's museum.

Aircraft carriers are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

King is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and joined the Navy in February 2002.

Resale

Southwest Chicago Christian School will hold its annual Spring/Summer Children's Clothing Resale on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Oak Lawn gym, 5655 W. 101st St. Toys and baby equipment will be sold along with gently used boy's clothing (infant to size 20) and girl's clothing (infant to size 16).

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Oak Lawn Board Of Trustees Approved Agenda At The

Village Board Meeting

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday evening was all business with the board approving every item on the consent agenda without any discussion on any of the routine items such as parking violations, building height and front yard set back variations.

The board voted to approve the village manager's request to waive the bidding process for the purchase of a 2004 McCoy Miller ambulance due to reliability and past dealings with Midwest Emergency Vehicle Sales. The cost of the new ambulance will be $90,187. The board also approved Chief Moran's request to sell or trade in the 1999 McCoy Miller ambulance that is being replaced. Previous used ambulances have been sold to a McCoy Miller dealer in Colorado for no less than $15,000.

A resolution requesting the board to approve the submission of an over the counter "no cash bid" on a tax delinquent property at 9431 S. 54th Ct. No real estate taxes have been paid on the twenty-five foot parcel since 1987. Liens against the property including the unpaid real estate taxes total $16,486.80. The property will be offered for sale at the Spring 2004 scavenger sale unless the village submits a "no cash bid." As part of the "no cash bid" process the delinquent real estate taxes will be extinguished and the village attorney will seek to have the remaining liens extinguished.

Ordinances amending the ordinances adopted at the Jan. 27th meeting authorizing the study of the feasibility of establishing TIF Districts at the commuter parking lot/train station and 87th Street from Major to Menard were approved. The commuter parking/train station's amendment was due to technical revisions to the area boundaries. The 87th Street amendment was approved at the recommendation of the TIF consultant.

As the meeting was coming to an end, a retired village employee requested permission to ask a question. This was denied, however the pensioner would not be stopped and his question, "Why is the Coalition Party reducing the retirees' benefits?" was also gaveled out of order with Acting Village President, Ron Stancik, adding that it is in legal arbitration and that it was a "cheap shot." After the meeting was adjourned the retiree again attempted to question Stancik, but again Stancik replied that it was in legal arbitration. The retirees had received letters notifying them that there is to be a reduction in their benefits. The retired workers have contacted their unions.

Conduct Babysitter Course

The Oak Lawn Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau will conduct a six-week Babysitter Education Course on Tuesdays beginning April 13.

The classes will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Church of the Nazarene, 6343 W. 90th Place. There is no charge for this class, but registration is limited to the first 35 participants.

Call (708) 499-7700 to register for the Babysitter's Education class. No registrations will be taken after 5 p.m. on April 12.

Business Showcase

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold its fifth annual Business Showcase Saturday, March 27th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th St. and Southwest Highway. The showcase is being held in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher School Association's Spring Arts & Crafts Fair.

More than 50 area businesses and service companies will offer exhibition booths in the main gym of the high school, says George Cachares, event organizer and owner of Southwest Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation in Oak Lawn.

"Residents of the Oak Lawn area are invited to stop by and get acquainted with their local business people," says Cachares. "The exhibitors are excited to have the chance to meet with residents. We're looking forward to a great day in the community."

The showcase will also feature free activities, gifts, promotional items and free picture with the Easter Funny for children.

For more information or to reserve a business display booth, contact the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, (708) 424-8300.

Pictured: George Cachares and 2004 Chamber President Anne Marie Casey.

Lunch Programs

March is an important month for senior lunch programs across the country. In March, 1972, senior meal programs became part of the Older Americans Act. Today, the meal program is the most widely recognized of all services provided under the Act.

On March 1, Mayor Ronald Stancik, Oak Lawn, will join the seniors at lunch. The senior lunch program in Oak Lawn, welcomes all seniors living in the Oak Lawn community to enjoy not only lunch but all the activities provided.

"We are happy to have our Mayor joining us during this important month for our program," said Marie Arrigoni, manager of the Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network.

"The Wizard Of Oz" Performers

Performing in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" are (left to right): Reid Harrison O'Connell of New Lenox (Scarecrow), Mike Reams of Oak Lawn (Lion), Dawn Schnolls of Chicago (Dorothy) and Joel Craig of Oak Lawn (Tinman). Schnolls' terrier, Tootsie, will accompany her as Toto. The show will run March 5-7, 11-14 and 19-21 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Limited tickets are available for $16-$17 at (708) 857-2200.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 27 – Friday – Mardi Gras Mambo, Community Pavilion, 9401 Oak Park Ave., 7 to 9 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28 – Saturday – Children's Clothing Resale, Oak Lawn Gym, 5655 W. 101st St., 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

FEBRUARY 28 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

MARCH 1 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 1 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 2 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 3 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 4 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

MARCH 4 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

MARCH 4 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

MARCH 4 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 5 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

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Pictured are (left to right) Kevin Caliendo and Krupa Patel, students from Richards High School who each won a Gold Key at the 2004 Scholastic Art Awards.

Pictured, left to right, are Richards High School students who won Silver Key Awards at the Scholastic Art Awards: Ryan Le, Christopher Janiszewski, Jim Papadopoulos, and Catherine Blinstrup.

Richards High School Students Won 21 Scholastic Art Awards

Students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn won 21 awards at the Scholastic Art Awards the weekend of Jan. 24. The Scholastic Art Awards is the oldest and most prestigious competition for student-artists in the United States.

Students who won awards will have their works displayed in an exhibit at the Elmhurst Art Museum from Feb. 1 to 13.

Students who receive Gold Keys now have their artwork advanced to the national Scholastic Art Award in New York City in April. Richards students developed their artwork in classes taught by Claudia Craemer, Marie Curtis, and Linda Gross-O'Neill.

Gold Keys were judged as the finest artwork in the exhibit, followed by artwork awarded Silver Keys, and finally, those receiving Honorable Mentino recognition. Richards students won awards in the drawing, painting, ceramic, and mixed media categories.

Richards student, all of whom live in Oak Lawn or Chicago Ridge, who won awards include: Gold Key, Kevin Caliendo and Krupa Patel (both for ceramics); Silver Key, Catherine Blinstruip, Kevin Caliendo, Gildardo Delatorre, Christine Janiszewski, Ryan Le, Jim Papadopulos (2) and Maggie Wright; Honorable Mention, Jeanette Bukowiecki, Stacey Bumber, Patrice Connelly, Kate Enright, Christine Janiszewski, Ryan Le, Mike Monahan (2), Rushdi Naser, Jim Papadopoulos, and Willie Swafford.

Pictured, left to right, are Richards High School students who won Honorable Mention Awards at the Scholastic Art Awards: Standing (back row) Willie Swafford and Jim Papadopoulos; (seated, second row) Christine Janiszewski, Jeanette Bukowiecki, Stacy Bumber and Patrice Connelly; and (seated, front row), Ryan Le and Kate Enright.

Offer Three Programs To Assist Students

Eisenhower High School and Richards High School offer three distinct programs to assist students seeking academic help. All are new this school semester.

Parents and Students Succeeding (PASS) allows students and their parents to learn about math and reading strategies, grading practices, standardized tests, life skills and community resources. Teachers and social workers staff sessions at Eisenhower, Richards and ASPEN High Schools on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and at the Calumet Park Recreation Center on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ASPEN High School is located at Pulaski Road and Midlothian Turnpike in Robbins and the Calumet Park Recreation Center at 12426 S. Loomis St. in Calumet Park. PASS classes will be in session through April 8.

Students may sign up for the PASS sessions in the Title I Tutorial Assistance Program labs at Eisenhower and Richards. Parents must accompany their students to PASS sessions.

The second program offered for Eisenhower and Richards students is titled Student Wanting Additional Tutoring (SWAT). Students receive one-to-one tutoring in SWAT on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:25 to 4:05 p.m. through May 20. Teachers will provide academic assistance in match, science, English or social studies.

Teachers who help students in SWAT sessions maintain a daily log to track improvement and inform students' classroom teachers about students' progress. Students may register for SWAT in the Tutorial Assistance Program labs at Eisenhower and Richards.

Homework Helpline is the third program available to Eisenhower and Richards students. Teachers staff telephone lines from Monday through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. through May 20.

Students may call the following phone numbers for assistance: English, (708)473-1271; Math, (708)473-0405; Science, (708)473-1235; and, Social Studies, (708)473-1253.

Students who wish to communicate via the Internet may call Helpline to learn how to arrange for e-mail assistance. Students should be ready to provide their student identification number, home school, and teachers' names when contacting Helpline.

The federal government funds three programs through Title I, Shepard High School, which is District 218's third comprehensive campus high school, does not meet eligibility guidelines for Title I funds.

For more information, contact Director of State and Federal Programs Dr. Diana Oldenburg at (708) 424-2000, ext. 2550.

Fish Frys Begin At Stony Creek Clubhouse

Beginning Friday, Feb. 27th, the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., will begin its fish fry season. That night and every Friday that follows through April 9th, an all-you-can-eat fish fry will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. The fish fry menu includes fried cod, fried perch, coleslaw, meatless pasta and fresh rolls with butter for $7.99 for adults, $4.99 for children under 10, and free for tots 5 and under. A shrimp dinner will also be offered on those nights for $6.99.

At the opening fish fry on Feb. 27th, a Clubhouse favorite, vocalist Vince Clark – best known for his work with the Outcast Jazz Band – will be joined by the Rob Zettl Quartet for an evening of live jazz from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call (708) 857-2433.

Schedule Open Forums

The Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary School District 126 has placed the issue of an Education Fund tax rate increase on the ballot for the March 16 elections. The Board of Education, in an effort to inform the community, has scheduled a series of forums open to all citizens.

Forums are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at Stony Creek School, 11700 S. Kolin; Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at Prairie Jr. High School, 11910 Kostner; Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Hazelgreen School, 11751 S. Lawler and Wednesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. at Lane School, 4600 W. 123rd St.

Information will be provided and questions and concerns will be addressed.

Soaring Property Tax Protection

Mayor Richard M. Daley was joined by government and community leaders last week in announcing their support for legislation to protect homeowners from soaring property taxes.

Recently, I challenged the people of Chicago to come together to support our efforts to keep Chicago's neighborhoods affordable and provide meaningful property tax relief to our hard-working seniors, low-income homeowners, renters and long-time residents," Daley said at a news conference event at Sherman Park, 1301 W. 52nd St.

Daley continued, "I'm pleased to announce the support of leading members of the business community, the Illinois General Assembly, the Chicago City Council and community and not-for-profit organizations.

"They come from every part of Chicago. Their support reflects the widespread concern throughout the city that we need to do more to keep Chicago affordable. And it reflects our concern over higher property taxes that will result this fall from last year's reassessments."

The Mayor noted that more than half the homes in Chicago increased in value by at least 32 percent this last year as a result of re-assessments by the Cook County Assessor's Office.

This is expected to result in property tax bills this fall that are 10 to 50 percent higher than last year's.

The Mayor called for passage of state legislation that limits the increase in the taxable value of homes and small apartment buildings to 7 percent a year.

Drake And Jeanes Are Named To MVCC Board

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation has appointed two new members to its Board of Directors. Anthony Q. Drake of Olympia Fields and Donald H Jeanes of Palos Park

Drake is the founder and president of Unison-Maximus, Inc., an aviation planning and consulting firm. Prior to founding Unison, Drake served as vice president and regional manager of Landrum and Brown, Inc., an aviation consulting firm. In addition, Drake is a former chief financial officer for Chicago's Department of Aviation where he directed the $1.8 billion O'Hare International Airport Redevelopment Program, the revitalization of Midway Airport, and the administrative oversight of Meigs Field. He also served as Chicago's deputy chief operating officer, a principal financial advisor to the mayor, and also served as chief financial officer for the Chicago Housing Authority, the nation's second-largest public housing authority.

Jeanes is the president of Jeanes Construction Co., Inc. which he founded in 1970. Besides residential building, the company also has a commercial division that builds schools, churches, shopping centers, and warehouses. Jeanes, a former mayor for the Village of Palos Park, also served as a Palos Park commissioner and a Fire Protection District trustee. He is also a former director of the South Suburban Home Builders Association and an avid supporter of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Chartered by the state of Illinois in 1982, the Foundation serves as the official fundraising and gift-receiving agency of Moraine Valley Community College. As a not-for-profit organization, the Foundation was established to raise, receive, and administer gifts from individuals, corporations, private foundations and other organizations and associations, and manage assets that support the mission, goals and objectives of the college. Gifts received by the Foundation are used to support numerous academic programs, programming at the Fine and Performing Arts Center, scholarships, capital improvements to the campus, technology enhancements, and other special initiatives.

For more information, call the Foundation Office at (708) 974-5740.

World Day Of Prayer In Evergreen Park

World Day of Prayer in Evergreen Park will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 94th St. and Homan Ave., on Friday, March 5th at 1 p.m.

Women from Evergreen Park Churches will participate in the service. The Evergreen Park Chorus, formerly the PTA Mother Singers, will provide special music. Joyce Lowe, Methodist coordinator, invites all women of the village to participate. Eleanor Hartman of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, is the Evergreen Park Church Women United representative. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

This year's program was written by the women of Panama on the theme "In Faith Women Shape the Future" reminding us that actions of women have shaped our future.

World Day of Prayer, a day on which millions of Christian women all over the world join in "informed prayer and prayerful action," traditionally takes place on the first Friday in March and is translated into hundreds of languages.

Funds collected at the World Day of Prayer service will be distributed for programs including Intercontinental Grants to many regions of the world. Church Women United, since its founding in 1941, has been the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in this country, where approximately 5,000 communities and 178,000 people celebrate the service.

Web Site Gives St. Francis - Orland Updates

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center announced a consumer Web site to provide information and updates on plans for St. Francis Hospital-Orland, a state-of-the-art, 130-bed community hospital to be constructed at 171st St. and LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Community residents can visit www.stfrancisorland.com to keep up to date on developments with the new hospital.

"With this new hospital, we will be extending our award-winning medical care throughout the Orland area, said Colleen L. Kannaday, president of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, a nonprofit hospital in Blue Island. "We want to share details about the project with all southwest suburban residents, as well as hear the comments and questions they may have for us. Our Web site is the perfect way to stay connected."

The St. Francis Hospital-Orland Web site will offer frequent updates on plans and important meeting dates. It also will offer links for community members to voice their support for St. Francis

"People often call us 'the hospital with heart,' both for our award-winning Cardiovascular Center in Blue Island and for our long-term commitment to the southwest suburban community," Kannaday said. "While we are far along in planning the new hospital, we are working closely with medical professionals, the community and city planners so the finished facility meets local needs "

A public hearing about St. Francis Hospital-Orland will be held by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board at a to-be-announced date, time and location. Local physicians and health workers, civic and business leaders and community residents will testify about the important of building St. Francis Hospital-Orland.

St. Francis Hospital-Orland will be built on 66 acres of land St. Francis purchased in 1991. Plans for the new hospital, which will create 500 jobs, include:

- 102 private rooms, with private baths for medical and surgical patients;
- 12 obstetric suites where women and their babies will stay from labor and delivery until they go home
- An emergency room with the most up-to-date technology;
- 16 intensive care beds for those who are very seriously ill;
- a diagnostic imaging service; and
- two world-class cardiac (heart) catheterization labs for diagnostics and some treatment procedures. The nationally recognized Cardiovascular Center at St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island will be closely tied to the St. Francis Hospital-Orland cardiac service for a full continuation of care.

St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island has served the southwest suburbs for 100 years and has long planned for a hospital in Orland Township. St. Francis Hospital-Orland will complement St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island, and medical staff will have privileges at both hospitals. St. Francis Hospital-Orland plans to open in 2007. The growth of the entire southwest suburban region – a 31 percent increase in the population of Orland Township alone from 1990 to 2000 – convinced St. Francis that the time to build a new hospital is now.

St. Francis already has a number of programs in Orland, including educational seminars and classes, free health screenings, a mall walkers program at Orland Square and a popular children's play area in the mall.

St. Francis Hospital & Heath Center is a member of SSM Health Care based in St. Louis, MO, a national health care systems with more than 20 member hospitals. In 2002, SSM Health Care became the first health care recipient of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which is given by the U.S. Department of Commerce, and is the top honor a U.S. company can receive for quality management and quality achievement. Each year, the president of the United States presents the award.

Business Challenges Of The New Millennium

A unique program designed to help Southland firms meet the business challenges of the new millennium will be held on Friday, March 5th at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor

The Economic Development Institute for Southland Businesses – presented and sponsored by Holland & Knight LLC and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce will provide a forum for area companies to learn about sources of financing for expansion, how to meet their community's residential and commercial needs, and strategies for promoting their business in the international marketplace

In addition to offering an engaging lineup of expert speakers on these issues, the Institute program also includes award presentations to individuals who have made significant contributions to economic development in the Southland region.

Registration will get underway at 8 a.m. and will include lunch and a keynote address by Mary Sue Barrett, president of the Metropolitan Planning Council. Local governments, businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the Chicago Southland region are invited to attend.

For more information or to register, call (708) 957-6950, ext. 200, or e-mail jgilbert@chicagosouthland.com.

Books

Governors State University's Social Science faculty and Borders Bookstore will present a community reading and discussion group focused on late Senator Paul Simon's book "Our Culture of Pandering," on Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Borders Bookstore, 4824 W 211th St., in Matteson The public is invited to attend. Copies of the book will be available at Borders for 20 percent off the cover price

For more information, contact GSU Donald Culverson at (708) 534-4576

Summer Camp Programs

Registration will begin on March 1st for Summer Camp Programs at Worth Township, 11601 S Pulaski, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Information packets and registration forms may be picked up at the Switchboard Office Information can also be found on the Internet at www.worthtownship.com.

Kiddie Kamp will be held for children 3-5 years of age (must be toilet-trained) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 22nd to July 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $115 township resident, $140 non-resident

Day Camp will be held for children 6-10 years of age on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, June 21st to July 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $125 township resident, $150 non-resident

Tween Camp will be held for children 11-15 years of age on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 22nd to July 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $125 town-ship resident, $150 non-resident.

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Fund Victim Abuse Services

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority announced recently that during 2003 it helped fund services for more than 100,000 victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse and other crimes.

Crisis counseling, shelter, legal advocacy and other services were provided to victims using federal funds allocated under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

"Being the victim of domestic abuse or any other crime is traumatic and can shatter a person's life. These programs help protect victims from further abuse and assist them in taking the first steps toward putting their lives back together," said Lori G. Levin, executive director of the Authority.

Victim service programs funded by the Authority served 105,670 victims in 2003. Among those served, 62,921 were victims of domestic violence, 4,138 were adult victims of sexual assault, and 8,635 were victims of child sexual abuse.

Among the VOCA and VAWA initiatives funded by the Authority in 2003 were:

Transitional housing. Ten transitional housing sites were established to provide housing and related support for victims of domestic violence. These sites will allow these victims to pursue financial independence and receive services that will help provide them and their children with long-term safety.

Model protocols and guidelines. Nine model domestic violence protocol sites and two model sexual assault guideline sites are operating in different parts of the state. The sites are designed to bring together criminal justice agencies and victim service providers and to restructure the criminal justice system's response to crimes of violence against women.

Victim notification system. Through the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the Illinois Automated Victim Notification system is being implemented statewide. This system is a toll-free, bilingual telephone service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide information about offender custody and case status, and automatic notification (to those who register) of any change in status.

Victim data collection. InfoNet, the Authority's state-of-the-art data collection system for victim service providers in Illinois, has been enhanced. In an effort to encourage and effectively coordinate data collection by domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, the Authority worked closely with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault to develop this automated data collection tool.

Elder abuse training. The Authority, along with the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Illinois Dept. on Aging, used VOCA and VAWA funds to provide statewide elder abuse training for more than 300 police, prosecutors, health care workers and administrators during a daylong conference.

Elder abuse services. In cooperation with the Illinois Dept. on Aging, funds have been designated for the development of three elder abuse programs in southern Illinois for long-term counseling and assistance. These programs will help address a critical need for services for the elderly in rural and sparsely populated areas of the state.

For federal fiscal year 2003, the Authority received $14.5 million in VOCA funds and $4.9 million in VAWA funds from the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Unveil Budget Blueprint

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich unveiled a budget blueprint for fiscal year 2005 that delivers on his promise to reform education, further protect the citizens of Illinois and better spend taxpayers' dollars. Just as he proposed last year, the governor's budget plan fulfills these promises without raising the state sales or income tax.

"The change and reform we began last year has to continue," Blagojevich said. "And like last year, there are no easy answers. We're going to make tough decisions. We're going to make painful cuts. We're going to ask those who, for a long time, have benefited from the system, to give something back and to lead in the shared sacrifice. That's what we will do. What we won't do is balance the budget on the backs of the hard-working people of this state."

Speaking to a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly, Blagojevich presented a general operations budget for all funds of $43.5 billion. The governor's proposal allocates an additional $400 million for K-12 education and puts new Illinois State Police officers on the streets. His budget proposal solves the $1.7 billion structural deficit caused by major expenses, including Medicaid and employee health insurance, growing faster than revenues.

Overall, Blagojevich proposed balancing the upcoming year's budget by reducing operational costs by $840 million, and adding $945 million in new revenue to the state's coffers by taking a number of steps, including maximizing the amount the state receives from the federal government and closing loopholes that allow wealthy corporations to avoid paying their fair share in state taxes. The governor also projected a modest 1%, or $280 million, growth in base revenue.

Focus On Family Response

Focus on the Family Chairman Dr. James C. Dobson issued the following statement in response to President George W. Bush's endorsement of a federal marriage amendment:

"President Bush's endorsement of a federal marriage amendment today is the lynchpin in efforts to protect marriage in our country. The president clearly understands that families formed through the union of one man and one woman are best for America and America's children. His comments should signal to Congress and the states that only an amendment to the U.S. Constitution can adequately address the inevitable showdown between the courts and the will of the American people as expressed through their elected representatives.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Once again the Village of Oak Lawn has proven that veteran leadership and excellent personnel are invaluable when hosting a municipal function. Acting Mayor Ron Stancik hosted the Annual Business & Housing Breakfast, held Friday (2/20). It was a great success. Over 230 community business men and women, as well as a number of elected government officials and suburban mayors attended the breakfast meeting at the Oak Lawn Hilton. The theme of the event "Discover more about The Renaissance of Oak Lawn" touched upon departmental responsibilities and overviews of the major renovations that have taken place in the village over the past 20 years.

Speakers from the municipality included Acting Mayor Stancik, Village Manager Joseph Farber, Business Development Director Jim Webb, and Lynn Krauss, Deputy Village Manager and Director of Quality Control & Public Works. The featured speaker was Oak Lawn's own Dave Wills. Mr. Wills is a member of the Chicago White Sox broadcast team since 1994. He also is the play-by-play announcer for the University of Illinois Chicago and hosts ESPN Radio 1000's Notre Dame football coverage weekly. Wills is a graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, Elmhurst College and he and his family reside in Oak Lawn. Great job by all who participated.

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Cook County Clerk David Orr's office hopes to remind suburban voters, who will be unable to reach their polling places for the March 16th primary election, that they can still apply for a mail-in absentee ballot. By voting in a primary election, voters will help to decide respective political party nominees for the November general election for U.S. president, U.S. Senate and Congress, for the Illinois General Assembly and for Cook County offices including State's Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk and Recorder of Deeds. There will also be elections to fill judge vacancies and to decide referendums in some suburbs.

Voters most commonly request absentee ballots if they are physically incapacitated, going to be out of the country, serving as election judges, jury duty, or will be observing a religious holiday.

To obtain a mail-in absentee ballot application contact the Clerks office at (312) 603-0906 for more information.

Remember…completed applications must be returned no later than March 11 to the Cook County Clerk's downtown office at 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60602.

Also in-person absentee voting for the March 16 primary election began Feb. 23 and will end March 15. Eligible voters can cast ballots at their village and township clerk's office or at the Cook County Clerk's downtown office. Voters should call the Clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 or their local village or township clerk for times and locations.

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Cook County Board President John Stroger hosted a reception celebrating Black History Month last Thursday (2/19) in the fifth floor lobby of the County Building. Joining President Stroger were Cook County Commissioners, elected officials and special guests. Longtime Chicago television personality Jim Tilmon, of CBS 2 Chicago, served as master of ceremonies. Special honoree of the evening was Judge George N. Leighton, the first African-American to be elected to the Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers and one of the first African-Americans to hold the position of Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois.

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The Cook County Republican Party will sponsor a Debate for Republican U.S. Senate candidates on Monday evening March 1st, at the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. The gathering will kick off with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. for Republican voters followed by the debate starting at 6:30 p.m. Unlike the "forums" sponsored by local media, civic and Republican organizations over the past three months, this event is designed to foster real dialogue between the candidates with opportunities for them to pose questions to each other on a variety of national and state issues. This event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

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Cook County Sheriff Mike Sheahan and Stickney Township Supervisor Louis S. Viverito wish to invite all senior citizens interested in crime awareness issues or law enforcement to enroll in the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy beginning March 8th.

Top staff members from the Sheriff's Department will conduct the eight-session Academy. Topics to be considered will include: law enforcement agency operations, crimes against seniors, gang and drug awareness, and understanding the criminal justice system and functions of the Cook County Jail.

The Academy meets on Monday afternoon, 1 to 3 p.m. through April 26th at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington in Burbank.

This program is offered free of charge to all seniors living in Cook County. For more information or to register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy, call the Sheriff's Office at (773) 869-7725.

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Village of Worth Mayor Ed Guzdziol and members of the Integrity Party will celebrate this coming Friday, Feb. 27th, by hosting a Mardi Gras celebration at the Garden Chalet, 110th and Ridgeland Ave., in the Village. Enjoy the music camaraderie and optional costumes from 7 p.m. 'til midnight. Tickets include: hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks. For information or to reserve tickets at the door call Anita at (708) 361-4673.

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Congressman Bobby L. Rush, in conjunction with the Office of Commissioner Robert Shaw, Chairman, Cook County Board of Review, will conduct another in a series of Tax Assessment Appeal Community Workshops to address the recent property tax increases in Chicago at Foster Park Field House, 513 W. 72nd St., Chicago, on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the First Congressional District of Illinois Office of Congressman Rush at (773) 224-6500.

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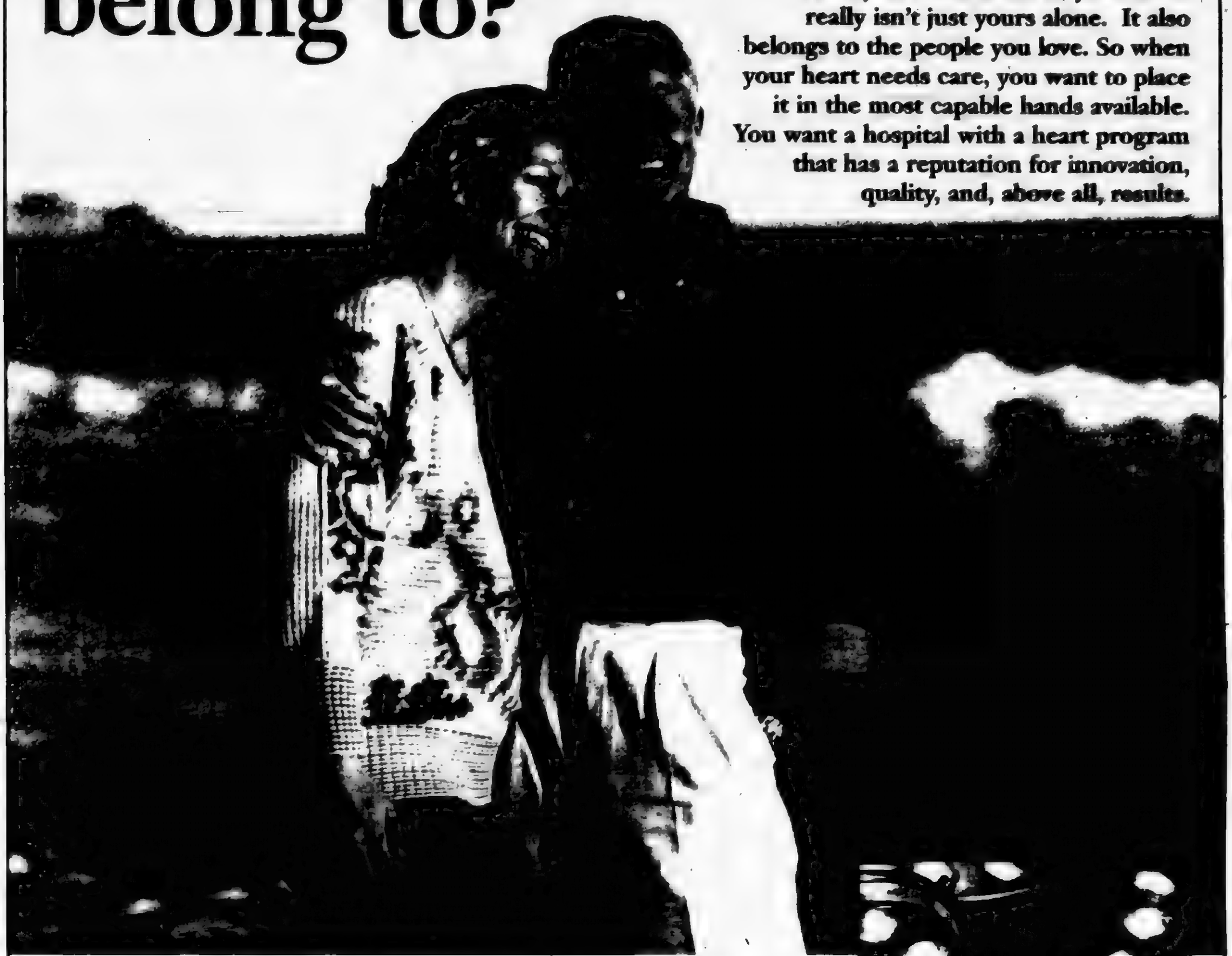
Commissioner Robert Shaw, Chairman, Cook County Board of Review, has announced that his campaign committee is hosting a Grand Opening for his suburban re-election office this Sunday, Feb. 29th, from 2 until 5 p.m. at 21 Pulaski Road in Calumet City. For information, call (708) 862-5484.

Who does your heart belong to?

When you think about it, your heart really isn't just yours alone. It also belongs to the people you love. So when your heart needs care, you want to place it in the most capable hands available. You want a hospital with a heart program that has a reputation for innovation, quality, and, above all, results.



At St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, our cardiac services are ranked at the top in the Chicago area – and the nation! We've been pioneers in the field since the mid-1960s when our cardiac surgeons first began performing treatments to address coronary artery disease. By the early 1970s, St. Francis was the **first** hospital in the region to perform open-heart surgery – making our program the most established in the entire Southland. We've had many other firsts over the years as well, including minimally invasive treatments for abdominal aortic aneurysms, surgical treatment for congestive heart failure, lasers, endoscopic vein harvesting, drug-eluting stents and much more!

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Auction Late Model Police And Agency Vehicles

The Illinois Dept. of Central Management Services announced recently that approximately 175 late-model police and agency vehicles are to be auctioned off at its surplus vehicle sale on Saturday, Feb. 28th at the CMS Surplus Warehouse at 1924 S. 10 ½ St. in Springfield.

"This is a good opportunity for the public to obtain reasonably priced, pre-owned vehicles that have outlived their usefulness to the state," said Curtis Howard, acting manager of CMS Property Control Division

Registration will open at 7 a.m. and the sale will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The vehicles will be available for inspection on Thursday, Feb. 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Feb 27th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb 28th from 7 a.m to the beginning time of the sale Keys will only be available on Thursday and Friday during the hours stated and will *not* be available on Saturday

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition and all sales are final. There are no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied and no refunds or exchanges. Vehicles are sold individually.

Bidders may pay for purchases with cash, cashiers check, money order, or travelers checks in increments of $100 or less. Business or personal checks are also accepted, but these checks must be supported by a letter of credit from a financial institution that includes the maximum amount of credit approved through a specific date. These letters should also state that they cover the purchase price of State of Illinois property only. All letters of credit must be approved prior to the sale. Two types of identification must also be provided, including one with a photograph. The state reserves the right to reject any payment or identification of a bidder if it appears it may not be in the best interest of the State of Illinois. All buyers must take possession of all vehicles purchased immediately upon conclusion of the auction.

All buyers must adhere to the Illinois Mandatory Insurance Law. All vehicles operated in Illinois are required to carry minimum liability insurance and vehicle operators should be prepared to present evidence of such if asked by law enforcement officers.

For more information about the state surplus program, contact Curtis Howard at (217) 782-7786.

How to Buy A Home With Absolutely No Money Down

Oak Lawn- A new home ownership program allows qualified buyers to buy a home with absolutely no downpayment

You may have owned a home before and are presently renting, or maybe you are a first time homebuyer and need a way to break into the housing market but held back because you thought you required $10,000, $20,000 or even more for a downpayment. Well regardless of your present situation, if you want to get into, or re-enter the housing market without having to make a cash downpayment, then this new program may be just what you're looking for Why pay your landlord's mortgage when you can be building your own equity

Industry insiders have prepared a new special report entitled, **"How to Buy a Home With Zero Down,"** which reveals how this new and innovative program can get you into the housing market immediately and with absolutely no downpayment.

For pre-recorded information about how to order your FREE report **call 1-877-784-5659 and enter ID# 5025** Call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and discover how you can get into the housing market **NOW** and with **ABSOLUTELY NO DOWNPAYMENT.**

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SCORE Workshop

Attend a half day workshop on Tuesday, March 9 offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business Learn how to find your prospects and keep them as customers This workshop is the second of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m The fee is $35 Call (312) 353-7724 to preregister Same-day registration is at 8:30 a.m. at SCORE

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago

For more information call (312) 353-7724 Or visit the website at www.scorechicago.org

"A Fragile Stone"

CCM Artist Michael Card will bring his tour "A Fragile Stone" to the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W College Dr., on Saturday, Feb 28 at 7 p.m Proceeds from this concert will benefit West Englewood Community Christian School Tickets are $20 and $30. Call (630) 241-4691 ext. 11 for tickets.

Sertoma Honored

Sertoma Centre, Inc has been named a 2003 United Way Metropolitan Agency of the Year by United Way of Metropolitan Chicago

Janet Froetscher, president and CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, said, "Congratulations on winning the 2003 United Way Metropolitan Agency of the Year award! Sertoma Centre's hard work and commitment will impact the lives of thousands of people in need throughout metropolitan Chicago"

The award will be presented at United Way's Celebration Event on Monday, March 1st at the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance, Millennium Park, Chicago. Every year United Way hosts its Celebration Event as an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations throughout Chicagoland who have partnered with United Way to improve people's lives

Sertoma Centre, Inc., with two locations in Alsip and nine residential homes throughout the south and southwest suburbs, is a not-for-profit, nationally accredited agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness

Individuals come from 45 south and southwest communities and the city of Chicago.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION
David Orr, Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Polling Place Locations for the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004

* The **PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held in all precincts of each Township, the cities of Berwyn and Evanston and the Town of Cicero, under the jurisdiction of the Election Department of the Cook County Clerk's Office
* The Polls for said Primary Election will open at 6:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.
* The official Primary Colors to be used at the Primary Election will be green for the Democratic Party, Yellow for the Republican Party, Blue for the Libertarian Party (where applicable), Tan for the Green Party (where applicable) and White for Nonpartisan ballots
* At the **PRIMARY ELECTION**, the voters of the Democratic Party, Republican Party, Libertarian Party (where applicable) and Green Party (where applicable) will nominate candidates for the following offices to be elected at the November 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION:

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Representatives in the General Assembly (all districts)
Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated)
State's Attorney
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Recorder of Deeds
Commissioner of the Board of Review (3rd District)
Circuit Court Judges (to fill vacancies & additional judgeships)
Circuit Court Judges (Judicial Sub-Circuits 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15)

* At the **PRIMARY ELECTION**, the voters of the Democratic Party and Republican Party will ELECT candidates for the following offices.

Delegates to the National Nominating Conventions
Alternate Delegates to the National Nominating Conventions
Local Elections (where applicable)
Cook County Advisory Question
Referenda (where applicable)

* at the PRIMARY ELECTION the colors of the Official Ballots will be as follows.

DEMOCRATIC	GREEN
DEMOCRATIC (Federal Offices Only)	WHITE/GREEN STRIPE
REPUBLICAN	YELLOW
REPUBLICAN (Federal Offices Only)	WHITE/YELLOW STRIPE
LIBERTARIAN	BLUE
GREEN	TAN
NONPARTISAN	WHITE

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Family Of Missing Man Offers Rewards

A $10,000 reward is being offered by the family of Eric Kamiucki (pictured), 25, of Oak Lawn, to be paid to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating Eric who has been missing for some time.

Eric was last seen on Feb. 5th at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Ave., where he was working. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, white gym shoes and navy colored Carhart jacket.

Police have recovered his vehicle, a white 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up, in the area of 2514 W. Van Buren. He was possibly sighted getting into a newer model blue Cadillac in that area.

Eric is described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, has hazel eyes, bald (brown) hair, and light complexion.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Oak Lawn Police Department at (708) 422-8292.

Arrest Known Street Gang Member

Recently, teams of federal agents and local law enforcement officers specializing in gang-related activity were spread out across five Chicago suburbs arresting 30 known street gang members. All but one of those arrested are Mexican nationals, with the majority possessing extensive criminal histories, including convictions for drugs, aggravated assault and firearms. ICE agents arrested one German national carrying a handgun and turned him over to Chicago police.

This operation began on Saturday, Feb. 14th and targeted foreign-born members of violent Hispanic street gangs – primarily the Latin Kings. It was conducted by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and assisted by local police departments from Blue Island, Carpentersville, Elgin, Hanover Park and Streamwood. The Latin Kings gang was founded in the late 1960s, and is the oldest and largest Hispanic-led street gang in the Chicago area.

"We routinely work with law enforcement agencies at all levels using ICE's unique authorities to make our communities safer," said ICE Chicago Special Agent-in-Charge Elissa A. Brown. "Immigration law is one of the many tools ICE uses to disrupt criminal activity and dismantle violent organizations, such as street gangs that terrorize our communities."

ICE agents, with the assistance of local gang tactical officers, arrested the gang members at their residences and local hangouts at night. One will be presented to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution on felony charges of re-entering the United States after deportation, and the remainder will be processed for removal from the United States.

Since 2000, ICE agents on Chicago's Violent Gang Task Force arrested more than 225 known gang members in Chicago's suburban communities. ICE agents also identify gang members at jails and prisons during routine checks on the foreign-born criminal population and process them for removal from the United States.

Investment Options

Looking for an easy and affordable way to invest your money? One of the most attractive investment options today is a mutual fund. They offer the advantages of diversification and professional management. But they also involve risk and fees and taxes that affect the fund's returns. Learn more with **Introduction to Mutual Funds** from the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. Find out how mutual funds work, what to consider before investing, and how to avoid common pitfalls. For your free copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 611L. Or send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 611L, Pueblo, CO 81009. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

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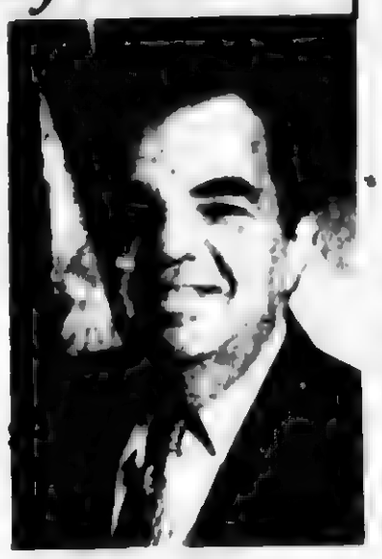
John Daley Announces St. Pat's Day Dinner



Cook County Commissioner, John P. Daley (pictured), newly elected President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago, has announced that the 103rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance sponsored by the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago, will be held on Friday, March 2, at the Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Dennis Gannon, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor is chairman of the event.

President Daley stated that the entertainment will be the City Lights Orchestra, Mary Sue Redman, Trinity Irish Dancers and the Shannon Rovers.

Seek Irish Queen Contest Applicants

Chicago Gaelic Park, the Irish cultural and heritage center located at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, is seeking applicants for its 2004 Irish Festival Queen Contest. The Queen will be selected during a special Sunday Celtic Supper on March 7. The Sunday Celtic Supper runs each Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. and includes an all-you-can-eat buffet until 7 p.m. Admission is $15.

To be eligible for the Queen Contest, candidates must be single, between 18 and 26 years of age and of Irish heritage. There is a $10 registration fee.

The candidate chosen as the new Irishfest 2004 Queen shall reign for one full year. A runner-up will also be chosen. Both winners will be invited to participate in many activities and events including gracing the award winning Gaelic Park float in both the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade and the South Side Irish Parade. At Irishfest 2004 on Memorial Day Weekend, the Queen will participate in numerous contests and festivities which will be memorable and fun for the Queen and everyone involved. Gifts and prizes worth more than $1,000 will be bestowed upon the Queen with many prizes for the runner-up, also.

For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

Flower & Garden Show

The 10th annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show, presented by Ace Hardware, is sure to inspire avid and novice gardeners to transform their private space into a fashionable, relaxing haven everyone can enjoy. With 22 spectacular display gardens to admirer and inspire, the March 13th to 21st show is a magnificent garden in the city that serves as a much anticipated welcome to spring.

Attendees can take in the colorful sights and fragrant smells of the gardens as well as visit more than 100 educational and product booths in the "open-air" market. Ideas and insights on the latest horticulture trends are plentiful in the world-class lecture and hands-on demonstration series.

In full bloom from March 13th to 21st on Chicago's Navy Pier – Festival Hall, 600 E. Grand Ave., the show is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Elvis Legacy Dinner Show

Jerry "Elvis" Vegas and the Elvis Legacy Dinner Show Bremen VFW Post, #2791 and Tinley Park will be all shook up with Jerry "Elvis" Vegas and Music Under the Stars for the Elvis Legacy Dinner Show on Saturday, March 13 at Bremen VFW Post #2791, 17147 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be music for your dancing and listening pleasure before and after dinner provided by Music Under the Stars. The Elvis Legacy Show featuring Jerry "Elvis" Vegas, will start at 9 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and can be obtained by calling Barb at (708) 728-0315.

Daly & Sounds

Pat Daly & Sounds of Green are appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub set in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., on Friday, Feb 27th, at 9:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For more information call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

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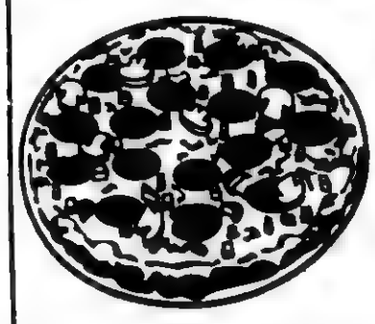
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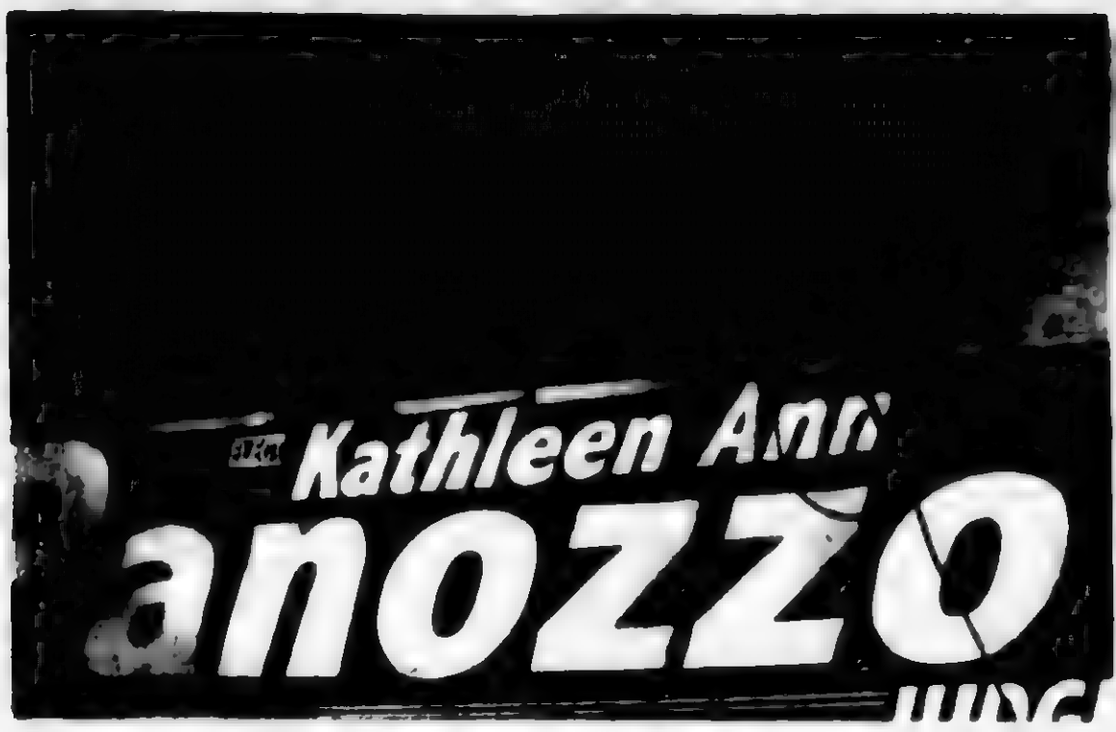

A snowstorm did not keep a crowd of over 300 people from attending the fundraiser for Kathleen Ann Panozzo on Thursday, Feb. 5th. The event held at 115 Bourbon St., Merrionette Park, was a huge success.

Distinguished guests who attended included Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton, Niles Township Committeeman Calvin Sutker, State Representative James Brosnahan and Alderman Ginger Rugai.

Also present were many police officers from the South/Southwest Suburban Police Department, Chicago Police Department and the Cook County Sheriff's Police, as well as many judges.

Bar Tax Cheats From Getting Contracts

Illinois Comptroller and U.S. Senate candidate Dan Hynes recently vowed to introduce legislation that would bar tax cheats from getting federal contracts in response to a recent General Accounting Office report showing that the Pentagon has given federal contracts to 27,000 contractors that owed the country a total of $3 billion for the budget year that ended in September 2002.

Currently, there is no law on the federal level that bars contractors that owe back taxes from getting federal contracts. Hynes successfully crafted and passed the 2001 corporate reform law that bans deadbeat corporations that owe the state money from receiving state contracts

"If there was a federal law like the one I passed in Illinois, Pentagon contractors that don't pay taxes would not be rewarded with federal contracts," said Hynes. "It is unacceptable that the Pentagon is rewarding blatant tax cheats with federal contracts that our hard-earned tax dollars are paying for. This is outrageous and yet another example of what is wrong with Washington's backwards priorities."

"If elected to serve as Illinois' next U.S. Senator, I will work to pass legislation that would bar tax cheats from getting a reward from the federal government," said Hynes. "It is time to put an end to wasting taxpayer dollars on giveaways to businesses that are breaking the law. How do we explain to the working families of this country that are struggling to find jobs and pay their bills, that while they are playing by the rules, big corporations are breaking them and getting rewarded for it?"

Hynes' corporate reform law barred individuals indebted to the state from bidding on state contracts until acquiring a clean slate. The bill was a fulfillment of Hynes' campaign promise to establish a zero tolerance for individuals or entities owing back taxes, evading child support payments being recouped by the Dept. of Public Aid or other obligations to the state. The law prohibits them from submitting bids or entering into contracts with state agencies.

Administrators And Teachers Job Fair

One of northern Illinois' largest job fairs for teachers and administrators will be held Saturday, March 6, at St. Xavier University.

Whether you are an education major just completing your degree requirements or an experienced teacher or administrator looking for a change, the 9th Annual IASB Job Fair will provide the opportunity to meet and match up with dozens of public school district recruiters.

Sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards, the job fair's overwhelming success has helped school districts find and hire qualified teachers and administrators.

Recruiters will be available to accept resumes and do on-site interviews from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Xavier's Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago. Parking is free and directions can be found at the school Web site, www.sxu.edu/tour/tour.

Candidates are asked to bring a minimum of 25 copies of their resume for distribution. Registration is required and costs $5 in advance or $10 at the door. Advance registration will be accepted until Tuesday, March 2, by visiting the IASB Web site at: www.iasb.com/jobfair. Information entered in the database will be shared with prospective employers.

Don't delay; this is the best chance to get your name, face and credentials known at the grade and building levels you seek.

IASB is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization dedicated to training and advocating on behalf of local school boards. Its mission is excellence in local school governance and support of public education.

Hearing Health Care

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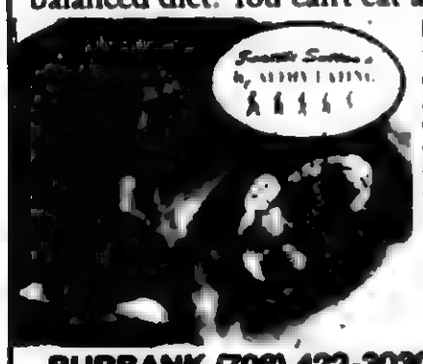

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Present Day-Long Forum

Chicago Rolling Thunder and Roosevelt University's Mansfield Institute for Social Justice will present "Countdown to November: Your Vote, Your Future" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave.

Featuring lectures, panel discussions, workshops, voter education and candidate information, the day-long forum is being held to attract and inspire voting in the upcoming March primary and November general elections.

Keynote speaker for the forum will be Kathy Kelly, co-founder of Voices in the Wilderness and a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Kelly will discuss her experiences traveling in humanitarian delegations to Iraq, and her arrest and recent sentencing for protesting at the School of the Americas.

A panel discussion on propaganda in the media also will be held. Panelists include Liane Casten, founder of Chicago Media Watch, Laura Miller, editor of PR Watch, and Matt Rothschild, editor of The Progressive. In addition, there will be panel presentations made by the Illinois League of Women Voters, the Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Center for Neighborhood Technology.

Statistics show a dramatic decline in voter turnout among young Americans ages 18 to 29 from 1972 when 50 percent of Americans in that age group voted and in 2000 when only 13 percent of that age group voted. The forum will discuss reasons for the voter decline, and attempt to increase voter participation in the upcoming election.

Cost for the event is $5 for students and $8 for general admission. For information, call (773) 235-4488.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, March 2nd offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. You will learn to write a solid business plan, mandatory when seeking a loan and necessary for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Investigate Soil And Ground Contamination

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed suit to ensure the owner of a closed refinery in Blue Island conducts a thorough investigation into the extent of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from alleged spills and releases of petroleum products dating back through its more than 50 years of operation.

Madigan's suit also would require Premcor Refining Group to clean up its former refinery at 131st St. and Kedzie Ave. with oversight by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Additionally, the suit seeks to recover $192,621.60 in costs incurred by the state in performing investigative, oversight and other cleanup actions at the site between April 1997 and June 2003.

"As its neighbors can attest, environmental problems at the Blue Island refinery have become a fact of daily life," Madigan said. "While agreements in 2002 settled alleged air pollution violations, this action seeks to complete the job by addressing soil and water contamination and making the area suitable for productive use."

Premcor, formerly known as Clark Refining & Marketing, discontinued refining operations in January 2001 after a long history of accidents and violations were referred to the Attorney General's office by the IEPA. During its operation the refinery was investigated by the IEPA on numerous occasions for violations of air and water regulations, which were referred to the Attorney General. These earlier violations are being addressed through a prior consent order. Premcor still operates product storage tank farms, a bulk terminal, a dock facility and a wastewater treatment plant on portions of the site.

"IEPA and Premcor have identified the remains of the years of spills and releases from refinery operations and the filing of this complaint is a major step forward in cleaning up this site for the benefit of the surrounding community," said IEPA Director Renee Cipriano.

IEPA has overseen removal of hazardous substances from the site and limited cleanup to prevent any imminent public health hazard.

Premcor provided maps to the state showing that at least 100,000 gallons of petroleum are in the water table near product storage tank farms, administrative offices, transfer pipelines and truck loading docks. Additionally, groundwater samples taken in 2001 by Premcor indicate levels of lead, chloride, sulfate, benzene and ethylbenzene that exceed the water quality requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

Madigan noted Premcor has been cooperative with her office and the IEPA in discussing steps needed to meet state demands that it fully investigate soil and groundwater contamination at the site.

Conduct Assessment Appeal Seminar

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Worth Township business owners. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at the Worth Township Hall, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. in Alsip. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. The seminar is sponsored by Assessor John Toscas and the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for Worth Township property owners to file a complaint at the Cook County Board of Review is March 9. Among other things, the seminar will inform business owners how to determine whether they are over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out the appeal application. For more information about the seminar call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome," said Murphy. "One goal of our seminars is to convince people otherwise. If you believe you may be over assessed, you should appeal. There is no fee to apply for relief at the Board of Review," concluded Murphy.

Cook County is the second largest county in the country with over 1.6 million parcels of property to be assessed each year. Property owners may appeal their assessments to the Assessor, the Board of Review and the State Property Tax Appeal Board in that order. Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

Safe And Reasonable Use Of Credit Cards

Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently that he is launching a new program to teach the safe and responsible use of credit cards to young people and adults in Illinois through his web site, www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

The program, called CreditSafe, is an interactive teaching tool designed to help students understand credit and how it affects their personal finances. A team of students at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) developed it.

Studies by student loan organization Nellie Mae show that 95 percent of all graduate students and 78 percent of undergraduate students in college have credit cards. The study also indicated that students carried an average of four credit cards and the average credit card debt was $2,748 for undergraduates, and $4,776 for graduate students.

"More and more we see young people coming out of college already burdened with consumer debt," White said. "It's our responsibility to teach them how to be responsible consumers and the effects of purchasing items with that credit card before they receive it in the mail."

CreditSafe was developed for the Secretary of State's Securities Dept. by IIT's Interprofessional Projects program (IPRO).

"The online game was developed by a team of IIT students for high-school and college students. It provides players with an opportunity to complete projects and pay with credit or debit cards," said IIT Humanities Professor Susan Feinberg, who directed the IPRO group. "Our team knows from recent experience how important it is to manage credit cards properly and safely. The students involved in the game design worked hard to ensure the e-learning game would be entertaining as well as educational."

Earlier this year, U.S. Senate Resolution 48 cited a 2002 study by the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy that found "high school seniors know even less about credit cards, retirement funds, insurance, and other personal finance basics than seniors did 5 years ago."

"By not teaching our kids the responsible use of credit, we are bankrupting their futures," White said. "CreditSafe will provide a much needed tool for teachers, parents and students who are just starting out with the finances. If we can give them a good start, it means future savings to everyone in the form of fewer bankruptcies and lower credit interest rates."

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The 2004 Ball Honorees: The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award Recipient Dr. Richard J. Cahill and The Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence Recipient Marie McFadden Ruff, R.N.

Co-chairs Drs. Daniel and Susan Rowan; Hospital Board Chairperson Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M.; Little Company of Mary Hospital President and CEO Dennis Reilly; and Co-chairs Bob and Nancy Barrett.

More Than 850 Guests Attended The Annual Crystal Ball

Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation's 14th Annual Crystal Heart Ball took place Saturday, Feb. 7, at The Field Museum.

Drs. Daniel and Susan Rowan co-chaired this year's Ball along with Beverly residents Bob and Nancy Barrett. The co-chairs welcomed more than 850 guests for cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of The City Lights Orchestra. CBS 2's Mike Parker emceed the night's events.

"I began my medical career in Little Company's Emergency Department and I am thrilled that this year's gala proceeds benefited our newly renovated department," said cardiologist Dan Rowan, M.D.

The event was not only the hospital's premier fundraiser, but also an opportunity to recognize two individuals for their outstanding accomplishments and service. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Richard J. Cahill for his leadership, generosity, compassion and dedication to the medical and dental needs of the children of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award honors an individual whose personal and professional accomplishments embody the ideals, vision and mission of the Venerable Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary Sisters. The award is a testament to compassion, commitment and the gift of empowerment.

The Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence was presented to Marie McFadden Ruff, R.N. She was honored for her commitment to Little Company, her courage and her leadership that she shared with all who know her. The 2004 Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence is a tribute to an individual or program that embodies the legacy and life of Sister Nancy Boyle, L.C.M., so her spirit will live on and continue to inspire others.

"Once again, we are astounded and grateful for the support shown by the community," said Mary Jo May, Executive Director of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation. "The Crystal Heart Ball has always been a wonderful event where people really enjoy themselves while celebrating the great works of two very important individuals – and this year definitely followed suit."

Sixteen very generous organizations treated their friends and/or clients to a $5,000 Heart of Gold table. The Heart of Gold tables enjoyed complimentary champagne service, video screen and program book recognition, and a complimentary photo and a special gift.

The night also included a chance to win six extravagant raffle prizes. The Ball's winners included: Meredith Weber, Chicago, won a Choose Your Destination (Bermuda Cruise or London & Paris); Tom McGovern, Tinley Park, HDTV; Susan Faber, Chicago, Las Vegas Weekend Package; Sean and Kathy Hanley, Evergreen Park, Chicago Entertainment Package; Dr. Durodogan, Little Company Physician, Chicago Sports Package; and Dr. William Farrell, Orland Park, a Waterford Crystal Bowl.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (www.lcmh.org), based in Evergreen Park, has delivered technologically advanced services to Chicago's southwest area for more than 70 years. Little Company is a Catholic, not-for-profit hospital that currently brings the community a 318-bed acute care facility; a Cancer Center affiliated with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals; and compassionate care in 10 other nearby facilities. The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary are an international congregation of women founded in 1877 in Nottingham, England, whose ministry is the care of the sick and dying. They sponsor the Hospital and provide health care services in more than 12 countries around the globe.

Begin Lenten Services

"The Biggest Challenge I've Faced in My Life and What I've Learned from It" is the topic for the first panel of speakers at the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series on March 3rd. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Susan Arnold, Joe Elks, Jim Kallas and Charles Martin will discuss the challenges in their own lives.

A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the program. The series "Living by Faith" will continue each Wednesday through March 31st with a different panel addressing a different topic each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time to learn about Jesus' parables. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

AARP Chapter Will Meet

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, March 8th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. The guest speaker for the meeting will be Joseph Demchuk who will discuss Money Markets, Long Term Care and other related topics.

Lou Wolls will also discuss various one-day bus trips coming up this year.

If you are an AARP member, you are welcome to join the AARP Oak Lawn Chapter. Dues are $5 a year.

Senior Property Tax Loans Program Deadline

Senior homeowners have until March 1st to apply for a loan program to defer their Cook County property taxes as long as they live in their homes, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said recently.

Pappas' office manages Senior Citizen Tax Deferral, a program for seniors whose income does not exceed $40,000 a year. A 6 percent, simple-interest loan allows qualifying seniors to pay their property taxes. The state loan is repaid when the home is sold or the owner dies.

"Senior citizens who want to stay in their homes can do so and ease pressure on their own budgets," Pappas said. "March 1st is the application deadline to possibly avoid taxes for this year."

Along with the $40,000 income limit, basic provisions include:

- At least one spouse is 65 as of June 1st in year a deferral is claimed.
- A surviving spouse is 55 within six months of the other's death.
- The applicant has lived in the home for at least three years.
- Up to 100 percent of the taxes can be deferred as long as that total amount does not exceed 80 percent of the home's market value.
- The home is insured and has no liens, and all taxes are paid.
- Applications are renewed yearly.

Applications are available at www.cookcountytreasurer.com at the Treasurer's Legal Dept., Room 222, Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St. in Chicago, or by phone at (312) 603-5783.

Applicants must show proof of age and ownership of the home, and the last real estate bill received. If an application is denied, it can be applied for in the next year.

Postmarks on envelopes mailed to the Treasurer's Office must be no later than March 1st.

IMSA Applications

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Awarded Accreditation

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in nuclear medicine as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice. Board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field conduct these evaluations. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

"We're proud to be one of the first hospital programs to become accredited," said Dr. Kuhn Hong, director of Little Company's nuclear medicine program. "This accreditation ensures our patients that they are receiving comprehensive care given by qualified board certified radiologists and nuclear medicine technologists using state-of-the-art services and equipment."

Relay For Life Of Oak Lawn - All Youth Set For June

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. The ACS and the youth volunteers from Oak Lawn High School would like to inform you of the *Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth* that will take place on June 4th and 5th at Oak Lawn High School.

Students of Oak Lawn High School gather teams of 10-15 youth, each person raising a minimum of $100. The teams participating in the ACS Relay for Life are critical to the success of the event, as they are the ones raising money for the ACS. Last year Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth exceeded all expectations and raised $65,000 net as a first year event and is aiming to raise $70,000 in 2004. With over 160 Relay for Life events in Illinois, Relay for Life raised almost $17 million in 2003. Oak Lawn High School is one of only two all-youth events in our region.

As members of this community that care about cancer, we ask you to show your support to sponsor this amazing event. We invite you to call Jenni Goodwin at your local American Cancer Society at (800) 920-1441 to learn more about the ACS Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth and find out how you can help join the fight.

Oak Lawn Chamber Will Meet

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 9th at the Hilton Oak Lawn. The featured speaker will be Dr. James B. Casey, director of the Oak Lawn Public Library, who will provide an update on the library's building expansion and renovation project. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. To make a reservation, call (708) 424-8300.

VFW Host Shrimp & Fish Fry

Hometown-Murray VFW is hosting a Shrimp & Fish Fry, Saturday, March 13th from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Post home, 9092 Main St.

Fried shrimp or shrimp scampi dinner is $7 per person; fried ocean perch dinner is $6 per person

For tickets call (708) 422-9800.

Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes (1st District) joins Daisy Troop #1009 and Brownie Troop #492 during this past Christmas season in decorating the Tree in Brookfield Zoo's Christmas Lights program..

Trustee Hurckes donated the tree for all the Daisy and Brownie troops within the 1st District, the district he represents.

Pictured with Trustee Hurckes are Girl Scouts, (standing) Jenna Hurckes, Alyssa Eichten, Ashley Salerno, Lauren Montesano, Bailey Kean and Kaitlyn York; (kneeling) Megan Hurckes, Elaine Gralak, Isabella Ambrose, Shannon Dauksza and Kailey Edwards.

POLICE CALLS

On Feb. 16th Tekeyla Tate, 21, of Chicago was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after officers responded to a complaint of a disturbance with a knife involved in front of the Chuckee Cheese Restaurant. The officers observed Tate yelling and screaming as they arrived, however even though witnesses claimed she had waved a knife the weapon could not be found.

On Feb. 21st Kimberly O'Neal, 23, of Calumet Park was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop in the 10400 block of Cicero. O'Neal's license had been suspended and during the custodial search police discovered a ceramic pipe with burnt cannabis residue in the car.

On Feb. 21st Shaker El Natour, 19, of Hickory Hills and Diya Ahmad, 20, of Burbank were arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after a traffic stop in the 9700 block of Southwest Highway. Officers observed Natour remove a rolled piece of white paper from behind his ear and toss it out the window. Upon inspection, police determined that it was a cannabis cigarette. In the car, police discovered a bag containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana. Under Natour's seat a burnt cannabis cigarette was found. Ahmad, who was reeking of alcohol was also charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

On Feb. 23rd Sherice Potts, 22, and Tequilla Tripplett, 27, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police were summoned to Christ Hospital after they created a scene with their yelling and screaming. Security requested they quiet down or they would have to leave. They continued to be loud. When security requested that they leave, both refused and became even louder. During the arresting procedure, neither cooperated with police and continued to yell and scream.

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Scholastic Achievers

Students from Oak Lawn have been named to the Part-Time Student Scholastic Achievement List for the Fall 2003 semester at Moraine Valley Community College

To qualify for this list part-time students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 with at least 24 credit hours earned and at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester that the distinction is received Qualified students must attempt less than 12 credit hours and earn three to eight credit hours for the semester the distinction is received.

Named are Alyson Adkins, Susan Ainley, Dianne Berghs, Thomas bowes, Lisa Bray, Pamela Byczek, Carol Chandler, Gay Clark, Jill Collins, Robert Dahlstrom, Johnny Delapena, Anitra Escamilla, Kimberly Evans, Bernard Fransone, Jennifer Gajos, Donna Gebbia, Allen Gilbert, Nancy Groth, Eugene Herman, Vilma Herrera, Ryan Hughes, Jennifer Kazin, Gloria Kimmey, Ali Kishta, Mary Lesniewski, Lisa Lezon, Robert Masek, Aasta Mazur.

Also, Robin McElwee, Susan Michau, Dennis Monbrod, Kimberly Novak, Geraldine Olejarz, Mary Ann Omeara, Megan O'Reilly, Tina Oswald, Joyce Paski, Michael Podkulski, Suzanne Pognant, Corinne Pholmeier, Julie Poulos, Shawn Reynolds, Daniel Rodriguez, Julie Schiesl, Anna Sroka, Deborah Stoffregen, Dennis Straple, Sheri Szuta, Tamara Tragesser, Barbara Trybula, Elidia Vazquez, Daniel Vittorio, Deirdre Walton, Christine Warzecha, John Weidner, Sabrina Weidner and Stephen Zielinski.

Little Company Of Mary Health Education Center

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering a free foot screening on Thursday, March 4th from 10 a.m. until noon. Little Company podiatrists will conduct this screening.

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A first aid class for adults is offered on Monday, March 8th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is $30 for a two and one-half hour class. The class teaches skills necessary for treating bleeding, wounds, shock, burns, heat and cold emergencies, bone injuries and more.

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A heart healthy class is offered on Monday, March 15th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dr. Thomas Quinn and registered dietitian Lisa Micetich will demonstrate how to keep your heart healthy and happy with low-fat recipes. A light menu is provided for the low fee of $5.

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There is a free "Asthma 101" program on Saturday, March 20th from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Hospital professionals will conduct an adult workshop on how to take charge of your asthma.

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A free educational program on liver health is planned. Join us for coffee and conversation on Thursday, March 11th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Kathleen Shortbridge, R.N., will discuss the importance of keeping your liver healthy.

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Join the anger management class. Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., will conduct the workshop on Thursday, March 11th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You will learn how to manage your anger and use it effectively, all for a $20 fee.

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For more information or to register, call (708) 423-5774.

Offer Two-Day Trips

Want to get away, but can't go very far? Space is still available in two day trips offered by the Oak Lawn Park District this season.

On Sunday, March 7, take a trip to the 1873 Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet. You'll tour this historic Victorian mansion, then try to solve a murder mystery. The trip departs from the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., at 1 p.m.; it will return at approximately 6 p.m. The fee is $55 for Oak Lawn residents or $60 for non-residents.

On Wednesday, March 17, the park district will be heading to the lake for a Spirit of Chicago cruise for lunch, then to Navy Pier for the 2004 Flower & Garden Show. This trip departs from the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., at 9 a.m.; it will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. The fee is $52 for Oak Lawn residents or $57 for non-residents.

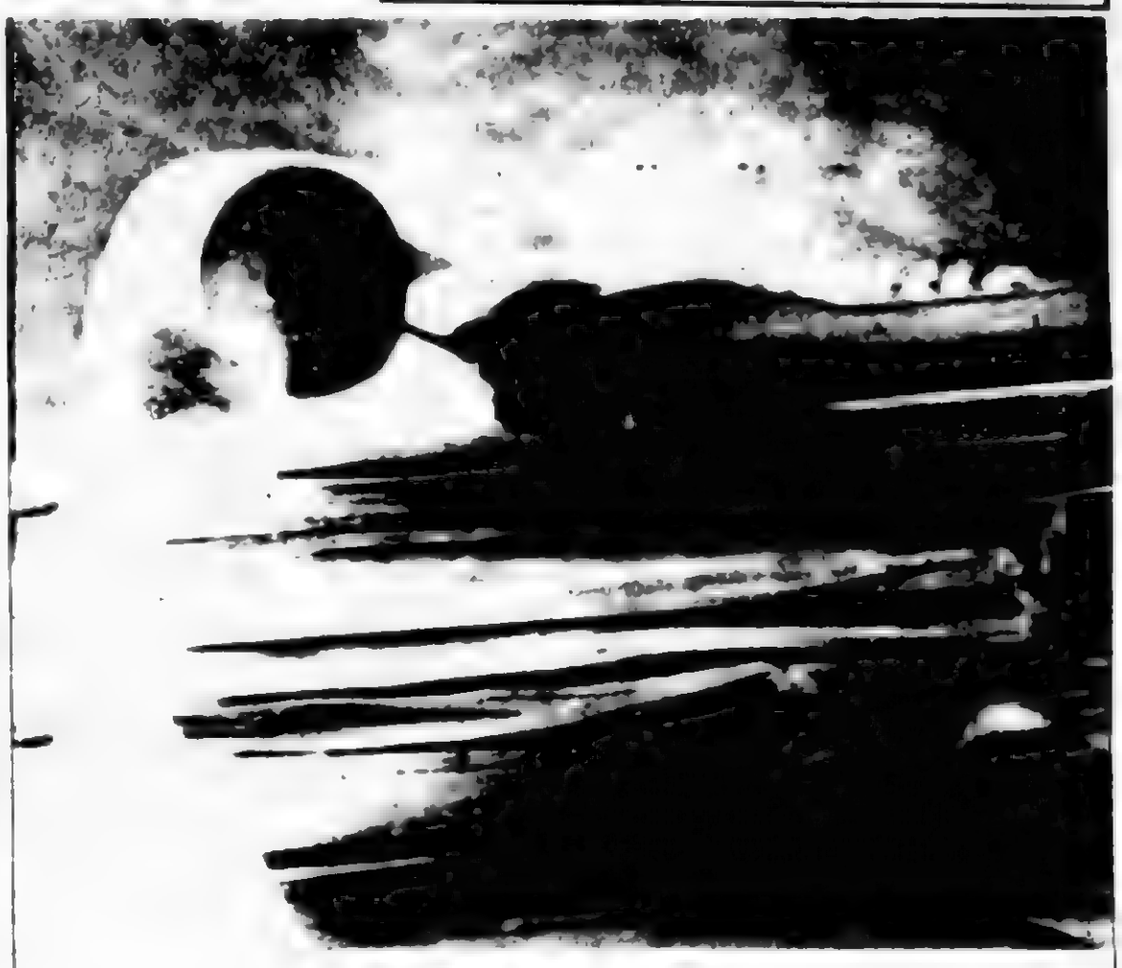
Both trips are taken on a comfortable motorcoach bus. Registration is going on now at the Oak View Center. For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Serve On Corps

Millikin University student Deanne Drechsler of Oak Lawn is serving in the Millikin Admission Corps for the current academic year.

Students in the Millikin Admission Corps have been nominated by Millikin Admission counselors to be ambassadors to prospective students and their families. The students volunteer their time giving tours and hosting overnight visits by prospective students.

Drechsler is a sophomore English (Secondary Teaching) major.



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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

BEATING HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Medications and exercise are generally what you are reading about these days, when it comes to beating high blood pressure. But diet can have an equal role, according to Lawrence Appel, MD, professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University. A landmark 1997 study revealed that a special DASH (dietary approaches to stop hypertension) reduced high blood pressure markedly.

Until recently, blood pressure was high if it topped 140/90 (the top number is the "systolic" number and the bottom number is the "diastolic" number). New medical guidelines say it should be under 120/80. This means half of the adult population has a blood pressure problem.

The DASH diet reduced high blood pressure an average of 11.4 points in the systolic, upper number, and 5.5 points in the diastolic, lower number. Since then, the DASH diet has become the best-tested, most successful eating plan to prevent and reduce high blood pressure. Eating this way also lowers artery-clogging cholesterol and homocysteine, promotes bone mass, cuts weight and may help prevent cancer.

The diet emphasizes more fruits, vegetables, and low fat and fat free dairy products. It prescribes less fat – especially animal fat – sweets, and sugar containing beverages. It also restricts sodium and alcohol.

It is not clear why eating the DASH way lowers blood pressure. One theory is that the diet acts as a natural diuretic. The high potassium and low sodium levels in fruits and many vegetables help regulate blood pressure. Weight loss is well-known to lower blood pressure, and the diet is an "automatic" for weight loss by virtue of food selections. In a new study, DASH dieters lost an average of 13 pound in six months, and the percentage of those with high blood pressure fell from 37% to 12%.

SIMPLE TIPS FOR CUTTING BACK ON SODIUM

- Use spices without salt;
- Rinse canned foods such as tuna and beans to remove some sodium;
- Buy fresh vegetables and fruits. Canned vegetables and dried fruits tend to have lots of sodium;
- Avoid deli meats and cheeses;
- Avoid canned soups;
- Eliminate table salt and salt in cooking, MSG, soy sauce, high salt salad dressings;
- Stay away from sauces and gravies.

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Clinical Research

The Northwestern University Center for Clinical Research and the Chicagoland Chapter of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals are hosting the 2004 Clinical Research Educational Conference and Career Fair on March 26 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The conference focuses on human research protections, HIPPA concerns in research, budget development and issue resolution, quality assurance and audit preparation, principle industry trends, new clinical trial management technologies, and much more! Registrants may earn CE credit through the Illinois Nurses Association

The conference, designed for clinical research professionals, will include keynote speeches by Dr. Bernard Schwetz, Acting Director of the Office of Human Research Protections and Lora Kutkat, science policy analyst from the National Institutes of Health. Keynote addresses will be accompanied by a variety of conference topics by distinguished representatives from industry and academia. In addition, a Career Fair will be open to all those interested in networking and exploring professional development opportunities in clinical research. Representatives from pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, universities, CROs and other clinical research groups will be there to meet and talk with you.

To register for the conference, visit websites at www.ncer.northwestern.edu and at www.acrpchicago.org for more details and information.

The Career Fair is free to the general public and will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reduce Risk Of Stroke Screenings

Residents living in and around the local communities can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the following locations:

- Midlothian Park District on March 1st. The site is located at 14500 Kostner Ave. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.
- Park Lane Community Church on March 10th. The church is located at 3450 W. Maple St. in Evergreen Park. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.
- Lighthouse Church on March 15th. The Lighthouse Church is located at 4501 W. 127th St. in Alsip. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk of osteoporosis.

"If it hadn't been for Life Line Screening, I would have probably had a stroke." Mary Coburn – Elmhurst, Ill.

Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is $99. Sign-up for a complete vascular package: include the osteoporosis screenings and pay only $125.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 45 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to your local community, bringing the screenings to you. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-449-2281. Pre-registration is required.

Oral Bacteria Can Lead To Heart Attack

Taking care of oral bacteria may be an important way to take care of your heart, but one that is often overlooked. Recent studies indicate that oral bacteria associated with periodontal disease, an advanced form of gingivitis, might promote the buildup of artery-clogging plaque. Clogged arteries can in turn lead to heart attack.

"When it comes to maintaining or trying to enhance heart health, oral health should be part of the plan," says Dr. Katina Morelli, DDS, Dental Director for Delta Dental Plan of Illinois (DDPIL). "In addition to diet, exercise and other lifestyle factors, maintaining oral health may be another contributor to heart health, one that's more important than people know."

As a not-for-profit organization, DDPIL is not only a dental insurer, but also has a strong commitment to the community and oral health education. February is American Heart Month, a unique time to underscore the importance of regular, preventive dental care because it may improve chances for positive outcomes in heart-related health.

As part of American Heart Month, the American Heart Association hosted a "Go Red for Women" luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 10. Cardiovascular disease claims nearly 500,000 women's lives a year. The fundraising luncheon was designed to bring attention to the threat of heart disease to women.

Carol Parlin, a 12-year DDPIL veteran and current director for TruAssure, a subsidiary of DDPIL, knows something about women and heart disease. Parlin has a genetic heart condition and had heart surgery less than one year ago. She has been selected to participate in a panel discussion during the luncheon entitled "The Faces of Heart Disease."

"When my cardiologist asked me if I would be interested in participating in the luncheon, I didn't hesitate," says Parlin. "With a family history of heart disease and a heart condition myself, I know the significant role education and awareness play in identifying, treating and managing cardiovascular disease. Heart disease is the Number 1 killer among women; I am committed to all awareness and research efforts that empower women, men and their families to educate themselves about heart disease."

In the past few years, the mouth's central role in general health has been covered in news reports and the landmark *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General* (2000). Research indicates that the mouth can affect and be affected by the body's other organs. Oral bacteria can spread from the mouth to other organs, complicating existing health problems or increasing the risks for new ones. While more research must be done to determine conclusively the pathways by which oral bacteria migrate in the body and affect overall health, taking oral health seriously is a prudent way to improve chances for positive outcomes in heart-related health.

"It's important to know the steps you can take to reduce the threat of cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association is certainly doing its part to educate women and the general population about heart disease," says Dr. Morelli. "Looking closely at the mouth's effect on the rest of the body has led to some very useful recommendations for managing disease, and is likely to lead to more. It's always the case the preventive dental care can't hurt. And in the case of heart health, following a few preventive measures, such as brushing and flossing every day and visiting your dentist regularly, might help more than you think."

DDPIL is a not-for-profit dental service corporation in Lisle, Illinois, specializing in providing comprehensive, easy-to-use and cost-effective benefits to over one million employee and family members in more than 3,000 employee groups throughout Illinois.

Drop In Number Of AIDS Cases In 2003

The number of AIDS cases reported in Illinois in 2003 dropped nearly in half from the previous year to the lowest total in six years, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, recently announced.

But Dr. Whitaker cautioned about jumping to conclusions based on the decline in cases, principally due to the fact that there was a surge in cases in 2002 after an aggressive effort was launched to better report a backlog of cases from the city of Chicago.

"In the past few years, not much has changed with the AIDS epidemic," Dr. Whitaker said. "It is a preventable disease that we know how it is transmitted, but people continue to make risky choices. While there have been tremendous strides in therapeutic treatment, it is a disease resistant to a cure. And it tends to disproportionately impact African Americans."

There were 1,301 AIDS cases reported in 2003, a 42 percent decrease from the 2,241 cases reported in 2002. The state's total caseload was the lowest since 1998 when 1,224 cases were reported. Since the AIDS epidemic began in 1981, Illinois has counted 30,206 AIDS cases, the sixth highest total in the United States.

As has been the case over the past five years, African Americans make up about half the state's AIDS cases (650) in 2003, although they represent just 15.6 percent of the state's population. Whites accounted for 36 percent of the cases with 468. Since 1981, 49 percent of the adult AIDS cases are African American, 38 percent are white and 12 percent are Hispanic.

Men continue to account for the overwhelming majority of cases (79 percent) compared with 81 percent of the cases in 1999. There have been 25,197 men diagnosed with AIDS since 1981; 84 percent of all adult cases.

Men who have sex with men remained the highest risk factor named, accounting for 61 percent (628) of the male cases. The next highest risk category for men was injection drug use at 15 percent.

Among women, heterosexual contact was the most common risk factor named, with 123 cases or 45 percent, followed by injection drug use with 68 or 25 percent.

Geographically, reported AIDS cases in the metropolitan Chicago area represented 89 percent of the cases (1,164), while downstate cases totaled 137 or 11 percent.

Find Out About The Risks And Warning Signs Of A Stroke

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Dr. Hogg Offers Free Tooth Prints Program

Dr. James Hogg (pictured) and Associates offer a free Tooth Prints Program to all children on Saturday, March 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hogg and Associates Dental Offices at 10232 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn. No appointment is necessary and children will be seen on a first come, first served basis. The process takes about 15 minutes. Those who are unable to attend on March 13 a Tooth Prints Program free of charge appointment can be made up to May 31.

Dr. Hogg stated that "It is important to be proactive in protecting our children. Since the decline in cavities due to the successful fight against tooth decay, dental records alone are not as helpful to police as they once were, this program records a child's bite, DNA samples from the saliva and is also a source of scents for tracking police dogs to work with in the event your child is ever missing."

Pass Balanced Budget For 2004

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. won passage of his $2.9 billion balanced budget for the year 2004. Keeping to his pledge, the 2004 budget continues to reduce personnel, contain spending and for the fifth consecutive year does not raise property taxes.

By a vote of 10-7, Commissioners approved this year's spending plan. For the ninth consecutive year, the budget reduces headcount. This year, nearly 300 positions have been eliminated bringing the total number eliminated since 1994 to more than 1,500.

"Despite increased costs of goods and services, labor and health insurance, we have managed to hold the line on property taxes once again," said Stroger. "That is what I promised the citizens of this County in 1994, and I am proud to have kept that promise."

The 2004 budget provides more than $1 billion for the Public Safety Fund, which is 51% of the General Funds. The Public Safety budget funds the operations of the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Clerk of the Court, Chief Judge, Public Defender, Judiciary Advisory Council and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

The budget provides more than $800 million for the Bureau of Health Services. Health spending, including three hospitals, a network of 30 ambulatory care clinics, a public health department, a correctional healthcare facility and an infectious disease center, accounts for 39% of the budget.

"It's important for taxpayers to realize that through aggressive efforts, we have been able to lower the reliance on property taxes to pay for health services," Stroger said. "In 1995, 45% of our health care operations were funded through property taxes. Today, through increased efforts aimed at securing reimbursements through the federal government and patients with the ability to pay, only 26% of our operating dollars come from property taxes."

Cook County Government is largely funded through revenues other than property taxes. In 1995, property taxes accounted for 35% of the County's operating budget. Today, through the use of alternative revenue sources, property taxes represent 24% of the County's operating dollars. A look at the average taxpayer's bill will reveal that for every dollar paid in property taxes, the County receives only 8 cents. The remaining 92 cents is used by other units of government.

"This limited reliance on property taxes is possible because we have diversified our revenue streams to include user fees and non-property tax dollars," said Thomas Glaser, Chief Financial Officer.

When budget planning began last summer, officials identified a $100 million gap between revenues and expenses. Forty-two million dollars of the gap was closed through reductions in expenses and new health care revenues, leaving officials with a $58 million gap to close.

The Board of Commissioners also passed an increase in the County's Tobacco Excise Tax. Beginning April 1st, 2004, an 82 cent increase will be imposed on a pack of cigarettes purchased in Cook County. This tax is estimated to raise an additional $32 million in 2004. Studies have shown that increasing the cost of cigarettes reduces the number of current smokers, keeps children from smoking and ultimately reduces health care costs associated with treating patients with smoking-related illnesses.

Since the budget was presented in October, the County has received an additional $6 million from the Treasurer's Office. Finally, $14 million received as part of a legal settlement and an additional $5.5 million in cuts has been used to close the remaining gap.

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Give Teacher Awards

The Office of Special Programs-College Prep and Big Buddies Youth Services, in cooperation with the Blum-Kovler Educational Foundation, sponsors the 31st annual Teacher Awards and Luncheon. Recipients of this award are Chicago-area high school and elementary school teachers and/or counselors who contribute to the educational, social and spiritual development of their students, "beyond the expected educational commitment." Since its inception in 1974, 238 awards were presented.

The award presentation is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 3rd at the University of Chicago's Quadrangle Club, 1155 E. 57th St. Located on the southeast corner of University Ave and 57th St. For further information, call (773) 702-8288

House Approves Property Tax Increase Cap

Property tax relief legislation, which would cap assessment increases at 7% per year, has been approved by the House in Springfield by a vote of 67-44. The bill now moves to the Senate where it could be considered as early as this week.

Developed by Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan to address the skyrocketing property values seen throughout Chicago and Cook County, the bill was expanded by the House Leadership in Springfield last week to give all Illinois counties the option of adopting the 7% cap and applying it to their own assessments.

"On behalf of Cook County homeowners, I join my colleagues in thanking the members of the House from throughout Illinois for supporting this important property tax relief measure. The 7% assessment cap is an important first step in addressing a flawed system that has an over-reliance on property taxes. I hope the members of the Senate will also see the merit of this proposal and I look forward to working with Senate President Emil Jones and Leader Frank Watson," said Assessor Houlihan.

This fall, Chicago homeowners will receive their second installment property tax bills, which will reflect last year's skyrocketing re-assessment increases. The full passage of the 7% assessment cap is critical. The only way homeowners will feel property tax relief in the fall is for the proposals to pass through the Senate and be signed by Governor Blagojevich before the end of April.

"Speaker Mike Madigan, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Cook County Board President John Stroger and I all agree that homeowners need immediate relief. The continued increases in property tax bills, particularly within a system that continues to over-rely on property taxes for funding, cannot be tolerated. I will continue working with leaders at the state and local levels, as well as the many community organizations and homeowners who have been extremely supportive of the 7% proposal, on accumulating our shared goal of providing meaningful property tax relief," concluded Houlihan.

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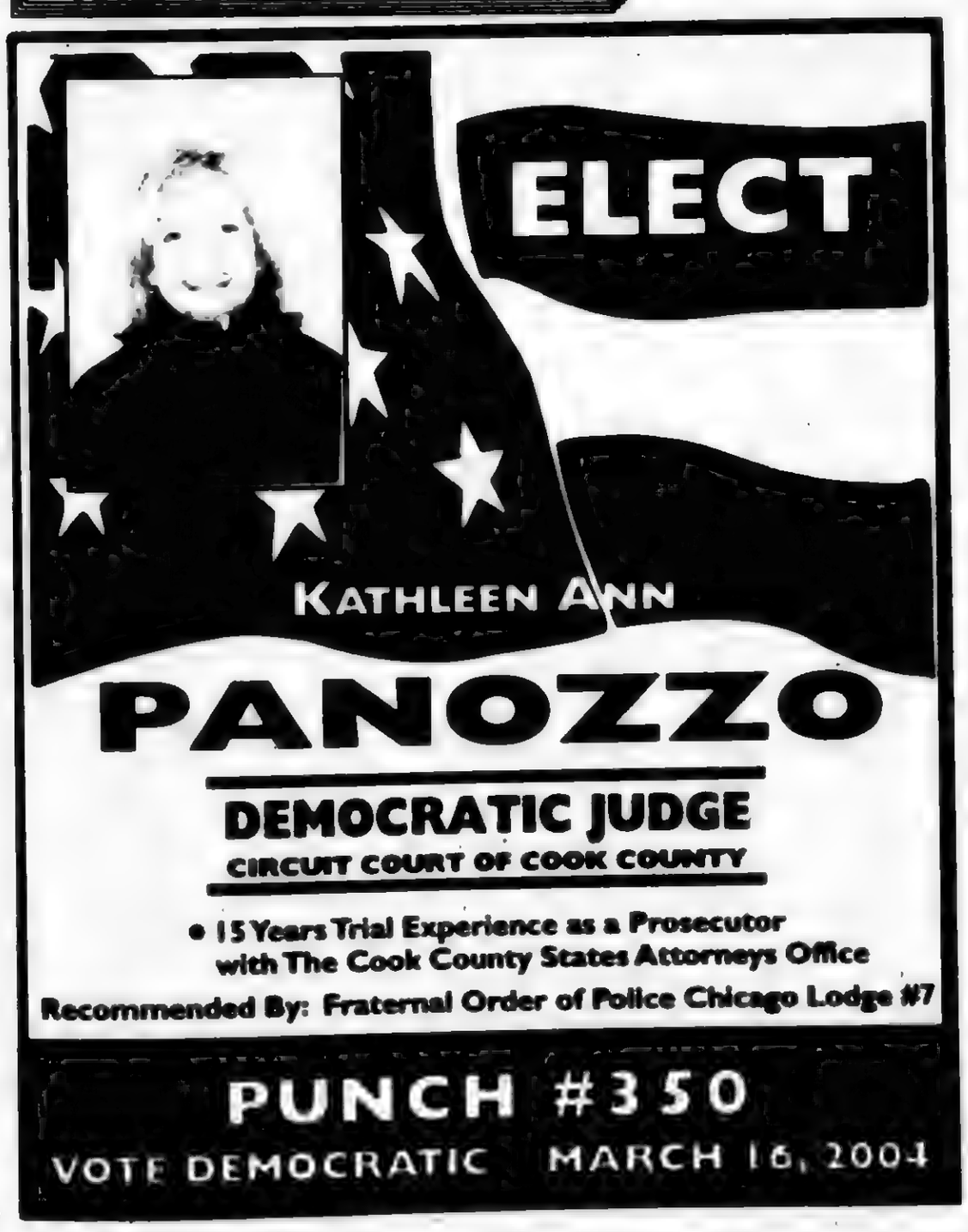

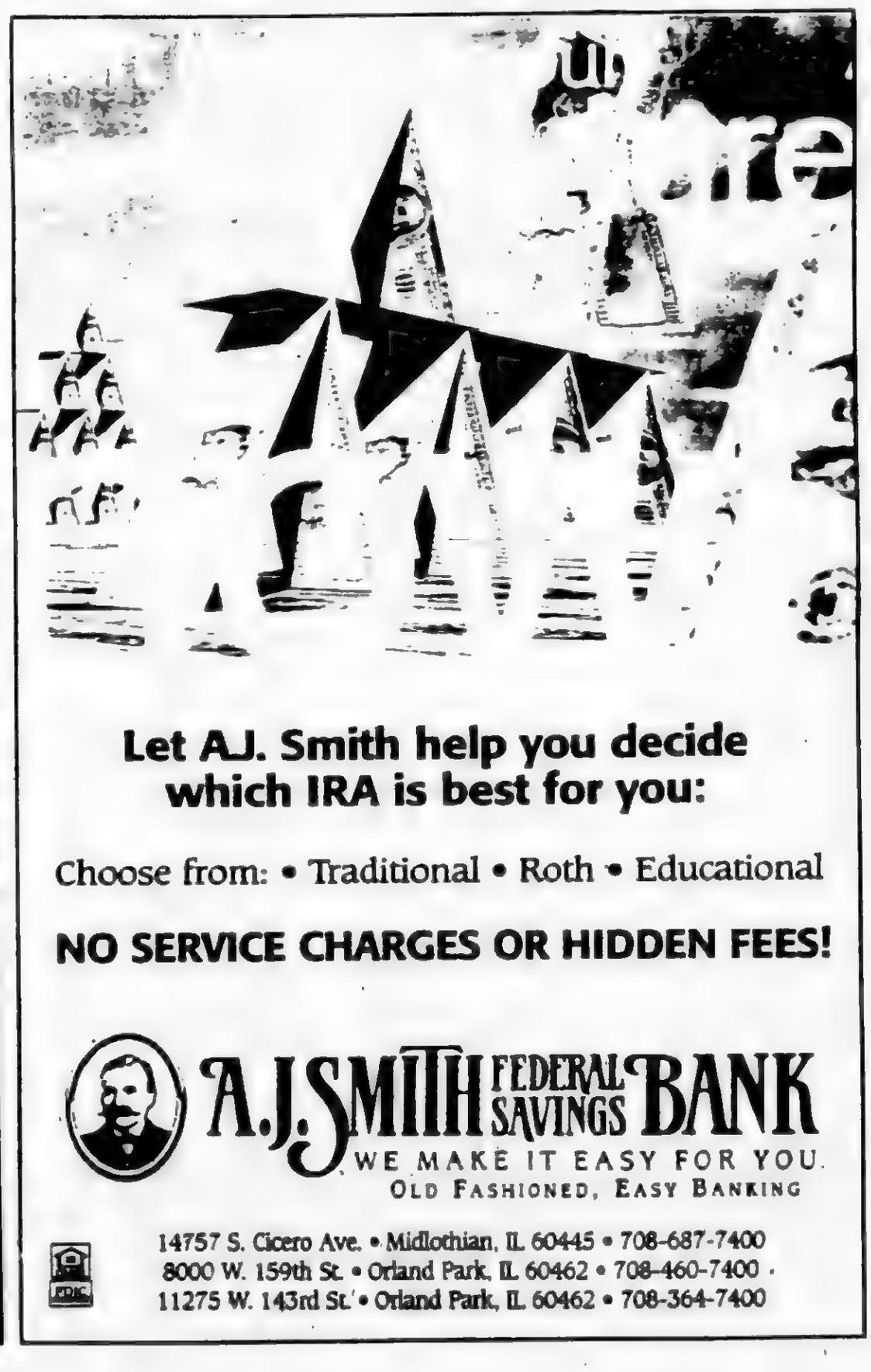

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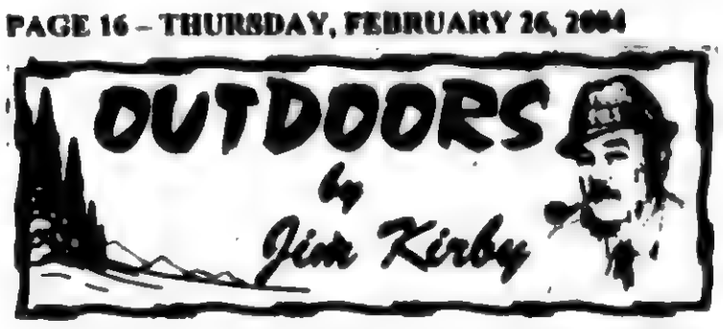

ILLINOIS GUIDE VOTED INTO THE FISHING HALL OF FAME: Rend Lake Area native **Cyril "CB" Bowlin** has been named the "2004 Legendary Guide" by the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame had this to say about CB: "Cyril Bowlin began his fishing career as a youngster in Rend Lake, Illinois, a reservoir created by the Army Corps of Engineers. Soon his expertise and knowledge of the lake had anglers requesting information on the lake, leading to his guiding career.

"A personable guide who spent his adult life teaching others to enjoy fishing and hunting. Through his seminars and writings, he has reached thousands in the sport. In his guiding he put his clients first rather than himself in catching fish.

"Recognized and supported by his peers, clients, writers, legislators and conservation groups for his professionalism and ability to teach the sport to others."

"Legendary Fishing Guide" Cyril "CB" Bowlin

I have hunted and fished with Cyril over the years and firmly believe that he was instrumental in putting Rend Lake on the map. It is appropriate that Cyril should be the first guide from Illinois to be voted into the Fishing Hall of Fame as a "Legendary Guide."

If you happen to be anywhere near Hayward, Wisconsin, stop and visit the Fishing Hall of Fame. You can't miss it, the huge muskie is large enough to hold a wedding in its mouth, a great photo-op for the family.

Be sure to look at Cyril's photo and commendation in the Legendary Guide section, and if you happen to browse through the record brook trout section, that's me with the world record line class brookie.

To become a member of the Hall and receive all of its publications, call (715) 634-4440 or visit their web site at http: Freshwater.Fishing.org or e-mail them at: fishall@cheqnet.net.

■ILLINOIS WORLD SHOOTING COMPLEX ATTRACTING COWBOY ACTION: Governor Blagojevich announced the Cowboy Action Shooters will bring their action-packed event to the World Shooting Complex in Sparta, Illinois in July 2005. The Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) has agreed to bring its Grand America event, the oldest and most prestigious shooting competition in the world, to the Complex in 2005.

The first-ever Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Illinois State Championship, to be known as the Randolph County Ruckus, is scheduled for July 28-31, 2005. SASS has more than 54,000 members nationwide, including more than 1,000 members in Illinois.

Cowboy Action Shoots with their Old West-style fun and adventure, are growing in popularity and are exciting events enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. Contestants compete with firearms used in the Old West, such as single action revolvers, lever-action rifles and double-barreled shotguns. Dressed in cowboy garb, participants fire at moving steel targets to beat the competition for accuracy and speed.

■FISHERMEN SPEND $290,917,000 ON ICE EACH YEAR: The truth is, it's hard to overestimate the number of dollars anglers pour into their beloved hobby. When you add it all up, for items and activities big and little, direct and indirect, the total comes to a staggering $36 billion annually. This is money that does a lot of good.

Anglers support a million jobs; they eat food, buy gas, and all the while they are supporting small businesses and communities in every part of the nation. A rod here, a reel there and thousands of sinkers and miles of fishing line total up to $3.2 billion dollars in basic fishing equipment. Clearly, people who enjoy fishing are a big business in America (Courtesy of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.)

■TURKEY HUNTERS MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Cook County Turkey Baggers chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its 3rd Annual Banquet on March 26, at the Rosewood West Banquet Hall, 131st and Cicero Ave., Crestwood.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7:15 p.m. followed by program and auction. For more info. and tickets call Ron at (708) 636-3083.

■LET'S TALK FISHING SHOW: At the Edge Lounge, 147th and Cicero, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 1 to 5 p.m. Guest speakers: Larry Conn, professional walleye angler, and John Wright on "where to and what to fish for locally."

Brother Rice High School senior wide receiver Tom Dwyer of Evergreen Park (left) and quarterback Dan Nicholson of Beverly sign their National Letters of Intent to play college football at Eastern Illinois University and Northern Illinois University, respectively, during the National Signing Day Feb. 4.

Charleston Makes Verbal Commitment

The Chicago Steel Hockey team is very excited to announce the verbal commitment of forward Danny Charleston to the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Charleston will start with the program in the fall of 2005.

Danny, a native of Oak Forest, is one of eight current Steel players from the Chicago area. He is the Steel's leading scorer and fifth in the USHL with 22 goals and 48 points in 43 games. Danny also has 68 PIMs and is a +6. Charleston will spend another season with the Chicago Steel before suiting up for the UNO Mavericks. He is the seventh player to make his Division-1 commitment this year and 36th in franchise history. Danny is currently in his third season in the league and the second with Chicago.

"I thought I knew what I wanted for my college career and what schools I wanted to go to, that is until I visit the University of Nebraska-Omaha and met with the coaching staff. Without a doubt, I want to be a Maverick. It is the perfect place for me academically and athletically. Most importantly, I have never felt more welcome than I was with the Maverick Hockey family. I am so excited," said Charleston.

SXU Women Win

Senior guard Mary Cain (Chicago Maria) led the Saint Xavier University women's basketball team with game-highs of 16 points, five assists and six steals as the Cougars ended its regular-season, home schedule with an 82-56 victory over Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) foe Olivet Nazarene University on Senior Night Tuesday at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

The Cougars had three other players score in double figures with senior Jayme Brown (Palos Park Stagg) contributing 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds to the winning effort, while junior forward Rachel Merkell and sophomore guard Jen Belmonte each chipped in 13 points for SXU.

SXU used relentless defense throughout the game to pull ahead of the Tigers and sustain the big lead. ONU committed 31 turnovers in the game with 25 of its 31 miscues coming off Cougar steals. SXU scored 37 of its 82 points off Tiger turnovers, while also outscoring ONU 42-24 in the paint.

Saint Xavier University (22.9, 8-3 CCAC) will head to Robert Morris College on Saturday, Feb. 28, to wrap up its CCAC schedule for the 2003-04 season. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m.

Polar Bear Plunge

What do Noel Burke of the Manteno Village Board and Carolyn Gebhardt of Kankakee have in common? They're taking the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Bear Plunge into Manteno Lake on March 6th to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

Members of law enforcement and hearty souls of all ages will be plunging in 12 Illinois lakes and rivers including Manteno Lake on March 6th in this chilly "fun" raiser. Last year's six Polar Plunges on March 1st raised $160,000 including more than $14,000 in Manteno. The Manteno Polar Bear Plunge is sponsored by 1320 WKAN.

All Polar Bear plungers are required to collect a minimum of $75 in donations. Every plunger receives an official Polar Plunge hooded sweatshirt and lunch for two, compliments of Manteno Sportsman's Club. Lunch is $6 for additional guests. There are incentives for raising more money and lots of prizes including one for best costume.

Plunge forms are available by calling Special Olympics Illinois Eastern Prairie/Area 8 Director Georgeann Kulton at (217) 355-1750 or going to the Special Olympics Illinois web site, www.soill.org.

Mark Telander Scores 22 Points

Senior guard Mark Telander scored a game-high 22 points to lead the No. 24 St. Xavier University men's basketball team to a commanding 102-73 CCAC win over Barat College on Wednesday in Lake Forest.

Besides Telander, four other Cougars scored in double figures on the night. Senior forward Raphael Morris contributed 20 points to the winning effort, while junior forward Mike Rojas and junior guard Phillip Watson chipped in 13 and 12 points respectively. Junior guard Rick Romeh came off the bench to score 10 points for SXU.

The Cougars jumped ahead early and kept the lead the entire game outshooting the Bulldogs 54 percent (39-for-72) to 39 percent (27-for-70) from the field. SXU also outrebounded Barat, 49-30, and helped force 18 Bulldog turnovers on defense.

The SXU men's basketball team is 21-8 overall, 9-2 CCAC.

Cougars Take Loss

Senior guard Mary Cain and senior center Jayme Brown had 13 and 12 points respectively, but the St. Xavier University women's basketball team dropped a tough, non-conference game to No. 6 (NAIA Division II) Cardinal Stritch University (Wisc.) 108-59 on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at the Stritch Gym in Milwaukee.

Nothing seemed to go SXU's way on the night as the Cougars never led in the game falling behind 18-10 with 11 minutes remaining in the first half and never got closer than five the rest of the way. The Cougars trailed 54-33 at the half committing 12 turnovers and 17 fouls in the opening period. Cardinal Stritch went to the free-throw line 46 times and converted 30 of its 108 points at the charity stripe.

Sophomore guard Jen Belmonte was the only other Cougar to score in double figures with 10 points. Cardinal Stritch University improves to 28-1 overall, while SXU falls to 20-9 on the season.

ASEP Coaches Clinics Hold Registration

ASEP Coaches Clinics will be held in Downers Grove on Feb. 28th and March 14th at the Holiday Inn Express for anyone interested in becoming certified to coach middle or high school athletics. The successful completion of the ASEP leader level program is required by the Illinois High School Assn. for all non-faculty coaches. To register or for more information about this or future clinics, contact instructor Jeff Kyle at (217) 586-4799.

Millikin Sports Roundup

Wrestlers Take Second at CCIW Tournament

The Big Blue wrestling team finished second at the CCIW Championships on Saturday for the third straight year. Millikin sent even athletes to the championship match, coming away with two champions in juniors Jim Fascetta (Oak Lawn, Mt. Carmel) at 125 and Bryan Morgan at 285. Millikin head coach Mike Poe was named the CCIW Coach of the Year.

The Big Blue is set to compete at the Midwest Regional in Manchester, Ind. on Feb. 28th.

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Men's Swimming Captures Third at CCIW, Women Take Fifth

In the three-day CCIW Swimming Championships at Carthage over the weekend, the Big Blue men finished third and the women were fifth. Several Millikin swimmers captured first place, as well as pool records and NCAA provisional qualifying times.

The men's 400 yd medley relay team of Yemm, Sur, Giuffre and sophomore Luke Towry (Tinley Park, Andrew) placed 2nd with a time of 3:34.65.

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Women's Track Wins at Illinois College, Breaks Three School Records

The Millikin women's track team had a solid outing at this weekend's Illinois College meet. The women took first place out of five teams and set three new school records. The men finished third overall, with one new record.

Senior Jennifer Vlasaty set a new mark in the pole vault; junior Rachel Kurleis ran a new best in the 3000 m run and the women's sprint medley relay team also set a new mark. In addition to the school records, sophomore Angie Hawk earned another NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the triple jump. On the men's side, junior Larry Huffman set a new record in the 3000 m run.

Men's 800 m relay team of senior Matt Hosey, Safranski, sophomore Seantae Holland and freshman Matt Vasquez (Tinley Park, Andrew) placed 1st (1:33.25).

Sophomore Cassie Gonzales (Oak Lawn, H.S.) – 1st in 800 m (2:39.96); 1st in 1500 m (5:24.15).

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Big Blue Loses to Nation's No. 14 Team

The Millikin University men's basketball team lost a pair of CCIW games this week, one on the road at Illinois Wesleyan, 65-51 on Wednesday, and at home to No. 14 Wheaton on Saturday, 77-52. Saturday's loss was just the second game the Big Blue has lost at home this season. With the losses, Millikin drops to 13-9 overall and 5-6 in the CCIW.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 2-17-04
Public League Championship
Second Round
Robeson 60, Washington 58
Consolation
Bogan 69, Taft 58
Steinmetz 69, Ag Science 55
Catholic League
Brother Rice 49, St. Ignatius 41
St. Rita 68, Bishop McNamara 43
Fenwick 74, Gordon Tech 51
Non-Conference
Aurora Christian 62, Luther South 45
Chicago Christian 75, Luther East 27
Momence 78, Oak Forest 70
Rich Central 75, Lockport 61
Rich East 84, Eisenhower 64
Sandburg 61, Richards 53
Wednesday, 2-18-04
Public League Quarterfinals
Julian 73, Hyde Park 69, 2 OT
Simeon 68, Von Steuben 52
Westinghouse 63, Robeson 60
Farragut 60, Curie 58
Public League Consolation
Fenger 92, Kennedy 76
Catholic League
De La Salle 56, Mount Carmel 48
Leo 65, Loyola 61
Non-Conference
Hillcrest 72, Kankakee 48
Thursday, 2-19-04
Public League Tournament
Consolation
Fenger 86, Brooks 64
Hubbard 59, Morgan Park 57 OT
Friday, 2-20-04
Catholic League
Brother Rice 65, St. Rita 35
Bishop McNamara 58, Providence 56
Gordon Tech 58, De La Salle 46
Gates Franciscan 69, St. Francis de Sales 60
Leo 79, Holy Cross 67
Loyola 78, Mt. Carmel 71
St. Ignatius 62, St. Laurence 60
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 60, Nazareth 41
Marian Catholic 65, Joliet Catholic 48
Private School League
Chicago Christian 67, Walther Lutheran 55
Illiana Christian 76, Luther South 51
SICA Central
Bremen 46, T.F. North 45
Eisenhower 67, Oak Forest 57
T.F. South 58, Tinley Park 54
SICA East
Homewood-Flossmoor 51, Thornridge 39
Thornwood 48, Shepard 40
Bloom 67, Thornton 62
SICA North
Bolingbrook 68, Richards 58
Reavis 59, Oak Lawn 35
Romeoville 61, Argo 59
SICA West
Andrew 62, Stagg 60
Joliet 66, Lockport 39
Sandburg 60, Lincoln-Way Central 57
Suburban Prairie South
Morris 55, Lemont 41
Chicago Public School Tournament
Consolation Bracket
Bogan 77, Foreman 70
Saturday, 2-21-04
Non-Conference
Providence-St. Mel 66, Luther South 50
Riverside-Brookfield 77, Lincoln-Way East 65
St. Rita 68, Marian Catholic 52
Chicago Public League Semi-Finals
Simeon 65, Julian 52
Westinghouse 57, Farragut 53
City-Suburban Showcase
Brother Rice 62, St. Patrick 44
West Aurora 62, Peoria Central 52

BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, 2-21-04
IHSA Sectionals
At St. Ignatius
Final Team Standings: 1. St. Ignatius 305. 2. Latin 301. 3. Mt. Carmel 169. 4. L-High 153. 5. Young 152.
At Lincoln-Way East
Final Team Standings: 1. Homewood-Flossmoor 268. 2. Lincoln-Way East 256. 3. Tinley Park 148. 4. Lincoln-Way Central 147. 5. Andrew 146. 6. Bremen 126. 7. Bradley 121. 8. Joliet 102. 9. Thornton Fractional 32. 10. Thornton 20. 11. Bishop McNamara 14. 12. Kankakee 11
At Sandburg
Final Team Standings: 1. Sandburg 293. 2. Brother Rice 287. 3. Stagg 233. 4. St. Rita 118. 5. Oak Forest 86 ½. 6. Evergreen Park 78. 7. Oak Lawn 76 ½. 8. Reavis 75 ½. 9. Shepard 69 ½. 10. Morgan Park 60. 11. Ag Science 4.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD
Saturday, 2-21-04
Thornwood 107, Rich Central 37, Marist 22
Plainfield South 91, Joliet 67, Naperville North 66, St. Rita 12
Bloom Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. St. Patrick 94. 2. Bloom 86. 3. Bartlett 83. 4. Rich East 61. 5. Bogan 3. Resurrection and Marian Catholic also participated.

WRESTLING
IHSA Individual State Finals
Class AA
Championship Matches
103 POUNDS – Jim Kennedy, Grant d. Marcus Carpenter, Danville, 2-1. 112 – Jake Oster, Lockport d. Nick Fanthorpe, Naperville North, 8-5. 119 – Kenny Jordan, Mt. Carmel d. John Wernert, Reavis, 9-2. 125 – Kyle John, Bolingbrook d. Dan Dennis, Grant, 4-1. 130 – Joe Gomez, Glenbard North d. Brett Robbins, Bloomington, 7-2. 135 – Albert White, St. Rita d. Chris Bishop, Dixon, 15-6. 140 – Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Mark Lukazewski, Bartlett, default. 145 – Matthew Collum, Neuqua Valley d. Khris Argue, Mt. Carmel, 5-2. 152 – Michael Poeta, Highland Park d. Brandon Lozdoski, Machesney Park Harlem, 5-4. 160 – Jake Murphy, Marist d. Mark Friend, Libertyville, 5-1. 171 – Christopher Potter, St. Charles East d. John Murphy, St. Rita, 5-4. 189 – De Andre Nunn, Providence d. Mike Tamillow, Fenwick, 7-5. 215 – Russ Weil, Minonka d. Ben Zulauf, Sterling, 7-4. 275 – Tim Paulsen, Maine West d. Ryan Hanson, Moline, 5-4
Third Place Matches
103 POUNDS – Jeremy Johnson, Romeoville d. John Starzyk, St. Rita, 8-7. 112 – Brandon Precin, Sandburg d. John Deneen, Grant, 4-0. 119 – Jordan Kolinski, Rockford East d. Mark Lenkowski, Downers Grove South, 5-2. 125 – Rashad Riley, Conant d. Mike Nelson, Galesburg, default. 130 – Bobby Callen, Libertyville d. Loren Willis, Proviso East, 15-0. 135 – Shawn Stoltz, Prospect d. Scott Wallace, Hinsdale South, 9-7. 140 – Travis Hammons, Hubbard d. Eric Kruger, Sandburg, 6-4. 145 – Emmanuel Brooks, Cahokia d. Marty Engwall, Providence, 8-4. 152 – Nick Fallico, Maine South d. Duke Burk, Peoria Notre Dame, 5-2. 160 – Roger Smith-Bergsrud, Lake Forest d. Billy Malone III, West Aurora, 3-2. 171 – John Dergo, Morris d. Nick McClone, Metamora, 5-1. 189 – Scott Sands, St. Rita d. Brad Wisowaty, Marian Catholic, default. 215 – Kyle Williams, Bolingbrook d. Andy Greenawalt, Naperville North, 8-7. 275 – Freddie DeRamus, St. Rita d. David Moosman, Libertyville, default.
Fifth Place Matches
103 POUNDS – Brian Spangler, Neuqua Valley pinned Burim Hajroja, Jacobs, 1:16. 112 – Dalton Bullard, Belvidere d. Phil Erkanich, Lyons, 6-0. 119 – Chuck Patten, East Peoria d. Aaron Winning, Belleville Althoff, 3-2. 125 – Jeff Tharp, Morton d. Terren Rice, Stagg, 7-5. 130 – Marty Gould, Niles West d. David Murphy, Providence, 5-1. 135 – Jeremy Powell, Proviso East pinned Jamie Smith, Wheeling, 4:42. 140 – Nick Blackshaw, Buffalo grove d. Scott Sheber, Minooka, 9-4. 145 – Ben Youel, C.L. Central d. Brett Ambrosino, Lincoln-Way East, 4-2. 152 – Tim Golden, De La Salle d. Obie Simpson, St. Rita, 7-2. 160 – Jim Kernats, Reavis d. Nick Potts, Belleville Althoff, 6-5. 171 – Terron Williams, Cahokia d. Matt Jones, Marist, 3-2. 189 – Buddy Dudczak, Fremd d. J.P. Akouri, Wheeling, 7-0. 215 – Robert Panayi, Fremd d. Jaran Rutledge, Carmel, 12-4. 275 – Ryan Bain, Bolingbrook d. Jeff Burdorf, Naperville Central, 7-3
Class A
Championship Matches
103 POUNDS – Pat McCaffrey, Montini dec. Tyler Clark, Orion, 7-3. 112 – Caleb Walk, Rockford Christian Life d. Tom Hill, Roxana, 6-4. 119 – Mike Benefiel, Montini d. Brent Skorup, Sandwich, 7-3. 125 – Conor Beebe, Montini d. Andrew Nelson, Sterling Newman Central, 14-11. 130 – Brian Martin, Montini d. Victor Beltran, Sandwich, 3-2. 135 – Willy Mekeel, Sterling Newman Central d. John Buttmann, Petersburg, 6-0. 140 – Vince Colletti, Montini d. Luke Taylor, Prairie Fairbury, 4-2 (OT). 145 – Justin Reyes, Rock Falls d. Brett Rogers, Oregon, 10-3. 152 – Brandon Dobnick, Sandwich d. Gabe Brown, St. Joseph-Ogden, 11-4. 160 – Matt Wenger, Dakota d. Nate Trove, Sterling Newman Central, 7-2. 171 – Clayton Norberg, Sterling Newman Central d. Luke Winterhalter, Dakota, 5-1. 189 – Josh Hartman, Sandwich d. Mike Mucha, Montini, 3-0. 215 – Tony Vercelli, Wilmington d. David Strathman, Winnebago, 2-1. 275 – John Wise, Pittsfield pinned Rusty Wheat, Roxana, 1:00
Third Place Matches
103 POUNDS – Randall Peterson, Oregon d. Cort Lawton, Polo, 3-0. 112 – Mike Ryan, Bishop McNamara d. Vince Hannon, Bishop McNamara d. Vince Hannon, Montini, 20-7. 119 – Christian Winston, Walther Lutheran d. Phil Miller, Eureka, 11-8. 125 – Jake Davito, Coal City d. Tyler Baker, Stillman Valley, 8-0. 130 – Darren Olsen, Dakota d. Tristan Hunsberger, Rock Falls, 6-1. 135 – Traver Johnson, Stillman Valley d. Chris Cox, Vandalia, 5-3. 140 – Caleb Wilson, Benton d. Shane Saylor, East Alton, 2-1. 145 – Kevin Flinn, Herrin pinned Luke Forester, Sandwich, 3:39. 152 – Jason Benesh, Oregon d. Drew Vickers, Coal City, 10-2. 160 – Shane Watson, Fithian Oakwood d. Daniel Midgett, Robinson, 8-2. 171 – Justin Blackburn, Tolono Unity, d. Trevor Kaufman, Stanford Olympia, 16-7. 189 –
Dave Gleissner, Ashton d. Chad Wilmarth, Byron, 3-1. 215 – Dan Haetlinger, Harvard d. Matt Tyler, Fulton 8-1. 275 – Matt Cooper, Clinton pinned Stephen Feiden, Ashton, 1:34.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 2-16-04
Class A Sectional Semi-Finals
Illiana Christian
Illiana Christian 47, Chicago Christian 44
Hope 64, Ag Science 26
Class AA Regionals
Argo
Argo 42, Kennedy 30
Queen of Peace
Harlan 78, Hubbard 27
Reavis 54, Queen of Peace 46
Hinsdale South
Hinsdale South 48, Lemont 22
Hinsdale Central 38, Downers South 33
Stagg
Stagg 84, Craver 27
Shepard 58, Eisenhower 28
Mother McAuley
Mother McAuley 74, Fenger 10
Morgan Park 77, Richards 66
Joliet
Joliet Catholic 64, Lockport 40
Joliet 52, Providence 47
Lincoln-Way East
Lincoln-Way Central 50, Lincoln-Way East 34
Homewood-Flossmoor 39, Andrew 36
Tuesday, 2-17-04
Class AA Regionals
Argo
Nazareth 47, Argo 35
Riverside-Brookfield 78, Curie 47
Bogan
Robeson 60, Calumet 18
De La Salle
St. Ignatius 62, Dunbar 35
Collins 69, De La Salle 31
Bremen
Marist 61, Thornridge 22
T.F. North
Oak Lawn 59, T.F. South 41
Thornwood 60, Washington 35
Rich South
Marian Catholic 70, Crete-Monee 50
Hillcrest
Sandburg 61, Bloom 29
Hillcrest 69, Rich Central 67
Wednesday, 2-18-04
Class A Sectional Final
Illiana Christian
Illiana Christian 76, Hope 60
Thursday, 2-19-04
Class A Sectional Finals
Reed-Custer
Bishop McNamara 53, Newark 32
Lisle
Lisle 56, Latin 41
Class AA Regional Finals
Argo
Nazareth 79, Riverside-Brookfield 69
Queen of Peace
Harlan 67, Reavis 47
Stagg
Stagg 69, Shepard 57
Bremen
Marist 60, Thornton 53
T.F. North
Thornwood 31, Oak Lawn 24
Mother McAuley
Mother McAuley 46, Morgan Park 37
Rich South
Marian Catholic 66, Rich South 52
Joliet
Joliet Catholic 66, Joliet 56, OT
Hillcrest
Sandburg 67, Hillcrest 37
Lincoln-Way East
Homewood-Flossmoor 40, Lincoln-Way C. 33
Friday, 2-20-04
Class AA Regional Title Games
CVS Sectional
Hyde Park 50, CVS 41

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Friday, 2-20-04
IHSA State Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Stevenson 152.4. 2. Conant 151.175. 3. Warren 148.975. 4. Fremd 145.9. 5. Palatine 144.625. 6. Naperville Central 143.3. 7. Carmel 143.125. 8. Sandburg 140.475
Final Individual Results.
VAULT – 1. Lindsay Borkan, Stevenson, 9.85. 2. tie, Carmen Meier, Wheaton South and Danielle Aber, Warren, 9.825. 4. Allison Buckley, Conant, 9.8. UNEVEN BARS – Borkan, Stevenson, 9.85. 2. A. Buckley, Conant, 9.75. 3. Kat eKuchel, Stevenson, 9.625. 4. Michelle McGrady, Stevenson, 9.6. BALANCE BEAM – 1. Borkan, Stevenson, 9.75. 2. A. Buckley, Conant, 9.65. 3. J. Buckley, Conant, 9.5. 4. M. McGrady, Stevenson, 9.5. FLOOR EXERCISE – 1. Katie Burke, Fremd, 9.8. 2. Borkan, Stevenson, 9.775. 3. J. Buckley, Conant, 9.725. 4. tie, A. Buckley, Conant, and Aber, Warren, 9.7. ALL AROUND – 1. Borkan, Stevenson, 39.225. 2. A. Buckley, Conant, 38.925. 3. J. Buckley, Conant, 38.525. 4. McGrady, Stevenson, 38.35. 5. Aber, Warren, 38.225. 6. Burke, Fremd, 37.775. 7. Kuchel, Stevenson, 37.625. 8. Johnson, Glenbrook South, 37.55. 9. Meier, Wheaton South, 37.225. 10. Duvall, Glenbard West, 37.175

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Saturday, 2-21-04
Final Team Standings: 1. Resurrection 139. 2. Marian Catholic 58. 3. Rich East 34. 4. Bogan 32. 5. Bloom. Bartlett and St. Patrick also competed.

DiMaggio Scores

Sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio scores a game-high 16 points to lead the Saint Xavier University women's basketball team to a big Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) victory over league rival University of St. Francis (Ill.) 95-68, Saturday at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

The Cougars had four other players score in double figures with senior captain forward Maureen Nelson finishing the game with 13 points. Junior forward Rachel Merkell continued her outstanding conference play tallying 11 points, a team-high 13 rebounds, a game-high seven assists, and six steals. Senior center Jayme Brown and sophomore guard Jen Belmonte each scored 10 points for the Cougars in the winning effort.

Tryout Camp

The Windy City ThunderBolts have changed the date of their Tryout Camp to Sunday, May 2nd instead of Monday, May 3rd at the Hawkinson Ford Field. Registration will still be at 9 a.m. with the camp immediately following at 10 a.m.

The cost per player is $25. Players must have college and/or professional baseball experience and will need to bring their own equipment (glove, bat, etc.).

Registration for camp and all inquiries should be made through Field Manager Steve Maddock at smaddock@wcthunderbolts.com.

Local resident Alyssa Creger has been chosen to represent the United States of America at a Young International Figure Skating Competition to be held in Espoo, Finland April 2 to 4th. Skating for Alysssa started at the age of three; she has been competing locally and statewide for 10 years. She trains two to three hours daily on the ice at Darien Sportsplex in Darien where she is coached by Cindy Perpich and Leanne Fanning. Alyssa keeps her self in condition for this sport by working with her off-ice trainer Carl Poe two times a week for strength conditioning. Choreography of her skating programs is done by Perla Sandkam. In addition to keeping such a busy schedule Alyssa maintains "A" Honor Roll status at St. Albert the Great school. Alyssa said, "She feels proud to be representing her country and is excited to be traveling to a different country. I look forward to competing and meeting new people." All her hard work has given her this opportunity. Alyssa's parents Daniel and Gail Creger are proud of her and know she will do her best.

With the high cost of figure skating, fundraising is essential to help with the many costs involved. McDonald's Restaurant, 8611 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, will be holding a McCare's Night on March 11th from 4 to 8 p.m. to help Alyssa with her achievement of going to compete internationally.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Andrew Scott, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-21237.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 7, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as [illegible] S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $98,943.75.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call [illegible] at Law Offices of [illegible] [illegible] N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL [illegible] [illegible]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Edward Leipis Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-15767.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as [illegible] S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $138,32[illegible].

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web-site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James K. Geraghty, et al., Defendants. Case No 03Ch-11779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7132 W 113th St., Worth, IL 60482

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $141,614.18.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-8480D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midwest Bank, Plaintiff, vs. [illegible] Zula, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 8276.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 56445

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 13, 2003.

Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 10, 2004 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at Southwest Corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C.K.A. 4521 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60456

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $87,647.73.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

204459C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sotero J. Cervantes, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13413

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3832 W. Myrick St., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. David W. Cain Sr., et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-21349

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3729 W. 121st St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level, brick and frame, single family residence with an attached 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,345.32.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0210027.

202263C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-FF2 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Joe Williams, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12604

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 12251 S. McDaniel Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $204,305.26.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

[illegible]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador [illegible], et al., Defendants. No. [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October [illegible], Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March [illegible], 2004, at the hour of [illegible] a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: [illegible]

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior 1st mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc. successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of CTX Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Jacqueline Hill, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10166

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3553 W. 73rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $115,572.32.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

200943C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Premier Mortgage Services, Plaintiff, vs. Vernon G. Neeley, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-13765

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14505 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,[illegible].

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance by certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-3876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-[illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

[illegible]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. [illegible] Mortgage [illegible], Plaintiff, vs. [illegible], et al., Defendants. Case No. [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November [illegible], The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March [illegible], 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11902 [illegible], IL [illegible].

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance by certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Steven Rappin Esq., Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/372-2020. Please refer to file no. 03-2222-3772.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

203342C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Johnny M. Jimmerson a/k/a John M. Jimmerson, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-13429

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3634 W. 84th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $100,716.10.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance by certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-3876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-[illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. [illegible] Mortgage [illegible], Plaintiff, vs. [illegible], Defendants. Case No. [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on [illegible], The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March [illegible], 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: [illegible] Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-3876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3835.

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202174C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Aniello Ferraro, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13136

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3932 [illegible] Place, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $145,666.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael [illegible] Vasow [illegible], et al., Defendants. Case No. [illegible]

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. [illegible]

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 9, 2003.

Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 24, 2004 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at Main Corridor, 23rd Floor Daley Center, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C.K.A. [illegible] Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,933.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Harold McClarin a/k/a Harold L. McClarin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12764.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8742 S. Mozart St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320, between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the Sales Department. Please refer to file number [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Estate of Floyd Blackburn, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-[illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October [illegible], 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as [illegible] Keystone, Robbins, IL 604[illegible].

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107 630/548-6058

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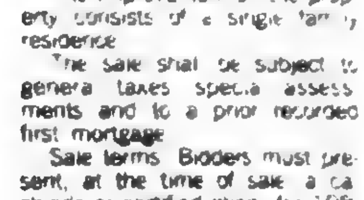

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Zamarron Jr., et al., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13937.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 12824 S. Apple Ln., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family home two story brick construction aluminum/vinyl frame attached (2) car garage [illegible].

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306632.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Neil Franzen, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-[illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 14944 Sunset Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $157,130.74.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Alliance Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Abrams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13773.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8130 S. Mulligan Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $169,495.52.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-4225D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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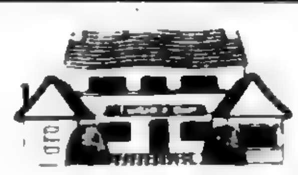

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor in interest to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America, Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia J. Lind, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10152.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7410 W. 111th St., #312, Worth, IL 60482.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $62,282.01.

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., Plaintiff, vs. Richard Terran, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3317.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7728 W. Suburban Lane, Bridgeview, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,748.12.

Sale Terms. The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext 23.

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee under the Applicable Agreement, Plaintiff, vs. Lori A. Shelton, et al., Defendant., Case No. 03Ch-12974.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as. 8824 S. Rockwell Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $140,512.61.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7354.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125

201788C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank United, Plaintiff, vs. Mark S. Holstra, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-17277.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 25, 2000, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 5649 Lancaster Ln., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $117,434.86.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information. Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 996380

200868C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Stasiuk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12397.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 4937 W. 109th St., #301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence in a 3 story, brick building.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $69,736.27.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306003.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Edward H. Haywood, Married, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-16648.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 8, 2000, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8034 S. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $122,336.17.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 996157

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Express, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michele A. McSwain, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-17856.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 8551 S. Drake, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 236-0077

201727C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305910.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest by Merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Robert C. Ambuul, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13039

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 7101 W. 115th Pl., Worth, IL 60482

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,706.96

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7413.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Republic Bank d/b/a Flagship Capital, Plaintiff, vs. Douglas Thomas a/k/a Doug Thomas, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-12592

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 7949 S. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,008.26

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number [illegible].

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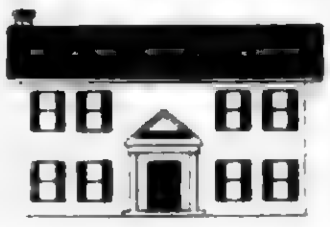

NOTICE

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St. Christopher Parish Mission

Father Marshall

Father Patrick Marshall (pictured), Director and Chaplain of the John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present "The Story of the Prodigal Son In Our Lives Today," at a parish mission at St. Christopher Church, 147th and Keeler Ave., on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, at 7 p.m. There will be signing for the hearing impaired. Refreshments will follow each evening in the Franciscan Room, lower level of the school.

Monday evening's topic will be the "Younger Son – How have we wandered away from God, what have we substituted for Him; our addictions, compulsions." On Tuesday Father Marshall will speak on the "Older Son – How have our resentments, grudges kept us from God? Are we dutiful but not committed?" There will be a reconciliation service on Tuesday. On Wednesday the topic will be "The Father's Unconditional Love: How we continually experience God's love." There will also be a mass on Wednesday.

Father Marshall was ordained in 1979. His first assignment was as Associate Pastor at St. Christopher Church in Midlothian where he spent seven years. In 1986, he was transferred to Queen of Martyrs Church in Evergreen Park for three years. After a year of studies at the University of Notre Dame he spent a year at Our Lady of Knock in Calumet City. In 1991 Fr. Marshall was appointed as the Director and Chaplain of the John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, which is his current assignment.

Father Marshall holds a Master of Divinity degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also holds a certificate in addiction counseling from Grant Hospital in Chicago.

SBC Threaten To Eliminate Union Jobs

In the same week SBC spent $25 billion in cash to co-purchase AT&T Wireless, the Texas phone giant again threatened to eliminate union jobs if the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) does not approve a massive wholesale rate increase this year. Recently, SBC Illinois President Carrie Hightman backed away from SBC's "no new layoffs" promise made last spring when the company was seeking legislative approval of a massive rate increase. Hightman recently told the Springfield State Journal Register that, if the ICC does not approve a rate increase, it "would be a big step toward eliminating some very good jobs."

"Just three days after SBC forked over $25 billion in cash to co-purchase AT&T Wireless, the Texas-based phone monopoly threatened more union layoffs unless the ICC approves the phone monopoly's request to double wholesale phone rates," said Melia Carter, Director of the ICCT. "SBC was recently named the 'most profitable telecommunications company in the world' and, in its latest issue, Business Week ranked SBC 15th in the Fortune 30. Yet, in the same week SBC announced it was doubling compensation for its CEO – the company chose to threaten union layoffs."

This is not the first time that SBC has used their employees as pawns to convince legislators and regulators to approve its anti-competitive, anti-consumer agenda. Last spring, Hightman used employees as bait with the Illinois General Assembly, promising no new layoffs in exchange for approval of a sweetheart deal (Senate Bill 885) to raise local phone rates by nearly 70 percent. The federal courts later struck down the law – calling it "anti-competitive and unconstitutional." SBC is now seeking a similar rate-hike initiative at the ICC. The ICC is expected to issue a ruling on the rate case this June.

Last year, SBC doubled its chairman's salary from $10.9 million to $19.5 million; reported $40.8 billion in revenues; increased or issued special dividends five times, marking the 19th consecutive year of dividend increases, and to top it off, SBC paid $25 billion in cash last week in a co-purchase of AT&T Wireless.

"Whenever SBC wants a sweetheart deal from state policymakers, it claims financial hardship and threatens massive layoffs and reduced investment in network infrastructure," said Carter. "Yet, while SBC routinely cries poor to policymakers, Wall Street consistently ranks SBC as one of the most profitable corporations in the country. SBC's perennial threats of layoffs are not only unfair to their employees; they have no basis in financial reality. We are hopeful that the ICC will see past SBC's rhetoric and reject the phone giant's request for a massive increase in local wholesale phone rates."

Labor Committee Approves New Rules Legislation

The House Labor Committee recently approved legislation drafted by State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes that overrides punitive new federal overtime rules in favor of Illinois standards that would be fairer to workers.

The Bush administration's Dept. of Labor has proposed new rules on overtime eligibility that would take overtime away from up to 375,000 Illinois workers by expanding the exemption for executive, administrative and professional employees.

HB 4462, sponsored by State Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-118th), requires the Illinois Dept. of Labor to adopt emergency rules that maintain current overtime eligibility tests, in much the same manner as the state has adopted a higher minimum wage requirement than the federal government. The bill received the support of the Illinois AFL-CIO, Service Employees Union, Illinois Firefighters Assn., Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois Dept. of Labor, United Food and Commercial Workers, Illinois Laborers' Union, and the Illinois Nurses Assn.

One significant aspect of the proposed new federal rules involving the so-called "duties test" removes certain workers who had previously met requirements for overtime pay after a 40-hour work week from eligibility due to their classification as "executive or administrative" employees. Another change broadens exemptions for overtime based on educational attainment, essentially penalizing trained and experienced workers. As a result, some nurses, police and fire personnel, EMTs and other medical personnel, military veterans and white collar office workers in human resources would be considered ineligible for overtime.

"This is a slap in the face of workers and it is utterly unacceptable," said Hynes. "The Bush administration's favoritism for corporations over workers' rights is not only an affront to those workers and their families who depend on overtime pay but another costly assault on the Illinois economy."

Bi-partisan majorities in the U.S. House and Senate have gone on record as opposing Bush's overtime proposal, but those objections have been killed in conference committee. The Labor Dept. has indicated the changes will go into effect March 31st. "If Illinois doesn't act, hundreds of thousands of workers across this state will have to work longer hours for less pay," Hynes told the committee. "Many Illinois families rely on overtime pay to survive in today's uncertain economy. Employees previously eligible for overtime pay should not be forced to work a long work week without appropriate compensation and their high productivity and commitment to their jobs should be rewarded."

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act and 77 Illinois Adm. Code Part 1140, Notice is given of a Public Hearing on an application for permit for a proposed construction and/or modification project (Project #03-099) from SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a/ St. Francis Hospital-Orland, SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a/ St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, 12935 South Gregory Street, Blue Island, IL 60406 and SSM Health Care Corporation, 477 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. The applicant proposes to construct and establish a new 130-bed general acute care hospital consisting of 102 Med/Surg beds, 12 Obstetric beds in an LDRP suite and 16 Intensive Care Unit beds. It will also contain all ancillary and support services including ER, Diagnostic Imaging, Surgery and Cardiac Catheterization services to be known as St. Francis Hospital-Orland located at Northeast corner of 171st Street and LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois. The total estimated project cost is $192,965,145.

The Public Hearing is to be held by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The Hearing is open to the public and will afford an opportunity for parties at interest to present written and/or oral comment relevant to the project. All allegations or assertions should be relevant to the need for the proposed project and be supported with two copies of documentation or materials that are preferably printed or typed on paper size 8 ½" by 11".

The Hearing will be held on March 4, 2004 at 10:00 am in the Exhibition Room at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois.

For additional information call (312) 814-5173 or (217) 782-3516 (TTY # 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only).

NOTICE: THE MEETING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER #5 AND PERTINENT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS UPON NOTIFICATION OF ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE. PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SHOULD CONTACT HAROLD DUCKLER BY TELEPHONE AT (312) 814-5173 OR (217) 782-3516 (TTY # 800-547-0466 FOR HEARING IMPAIRED ONLY) OR BY LETTER NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

Blood Pressure Tests

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of most months from 1 to 3 p.m. The next scheduled screening date is March 10th.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Lewis R. Ahner, Jr.

Services were held Wednesday at the Morgan Park Baptist Church, Chicago, for Lewis R. "Lew" Ahner, Jr., Retired Captain of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Scottish Rites Valley of Chicago, Medinah Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S., Medinah Mariners, Southwest Side Shrine Club, Oak Lawn Elks 2254, Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 and Michigan City Yacht Club. He was a past commodore N.B.F. and I.M.Y.A., past president of the Oak Lawn Lions Club, past president of the Oak Lawn Golden "K" Kiwanis, superintendent of Oak Lawn Park District, past president of District 122 School Board, past chairman of Alonzo Stagg Science Dept. and Tenor Soloist for 48 years at Morgan Park Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; his children, Cheryl and Russell Ahner, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carmella Berinti

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Carmella Berinti of Oak Lawn.

She is survived by her husband, Nicholas; her children, Mary Anne (David) Anderson, Dennis and Nicholas Jr. (Faith); five grandchildren; her sisters, Marie Gallo and Dorothy Mustari and her brothers, Michael (Emily) and James (Barbara).

Michael T. McCarthy

Mass was said Saturday, Feb. 14th at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael T. McCarthy, Attorney at Law.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his children, Michael (Jean), Patrick (Patti), Daniel (Wendy), Thomas (Mary Lou) and Eileen (Don) Luce and 11 grandchildren.

Clay Potter, Jr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Clay Potter, Jr. "Junior", 57, a veteran. He was the former owner of eight businesses at one time, most notably "The Spot" and "Beer City" in Hammond, Indiana. He was recently engaged in land development in Hammond.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Bella and Kenneth; his mother, Catherine and his sister, Carol Potter.

John D. Schiabvone-Santucci

Memorial services were held Tuesday at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, for John D. Schiavone-Santucci, 63.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Rose; his children, Roseanne (Howard) Miller, John III (Renee) and Joseph (H.A.); his mother, Rose Schiavone and three grandchildren.

June A. Skowron

Mass was said Monday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for June A. Skowron.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her children, Lynn (Larry) Phelan, Dawn (Eduardo) Mani and Sharon (Todd) Hapak, two grandchildren; her mother, Betty Vaughan and her sister, Rosemary (Robert) Odewald.

Albert R. Smiles, Jr.

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Albert R. Smiles, Jr. He was a member of St. Germaine Holy Name Society and a graduate of St. Rita High School class of 1946. He was retired as an accountant at Borg Beck Industry with 20 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; his children, Carol (Scot) Fahs, Thomas (Barbara), William (Angela) and Albert III (Suzanne); eight grandchildren and his sister, Jacquline Marino.

Dino J. Spiros

Services were held Monday at SS. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Dino J. Spiros.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his children, Helen, Irene (George) Kakaletris and Diane (Nick) Karamagianis and his siblings, Zaharoula Syrianou and Chrysanthi (Gus) Sideris.

Willie J. Norton, Jr.

Services were held Tuesday at the 1st Baptist Church of Palos Hills, Palos Hills, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Willie J. Norton, Jr., 73.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his children, Bruce, Stanley, Lola Jane Edwards and Ramona (Robert) Edwards; his stepson, Ronald Davis; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, C.G. Norton and his sister, Modena Overby.

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Effie E. Hagemeyer

Services were held Monday at the Chapel Hill Gardens Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Effie Estelle Hagemeyer, wife of the late Harold. She graduated from Calumet High School. She and her late husband, a registered pharmacist, owned and operated Hagemeyer Pharmacy at 91st and Ashland Ave. for many years.

She is survived by her children, Paula (William A.) Stolk, Susan J. (Robert) Falk, Janice K. (William M.) Krueger and Courtlen W. (Kimberly D.); 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Charles E. Johnson

Services were held Saturday at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Skyline Cemetery, for Charles E. Johnson, 79, Navy veteran of World War II and husband of the late Betty. He was a member of the Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 and the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years.

He is survived by his children, Richard and Nancy (Virgil) Fairchild; two grandchildren; his sisters, Rena Jackson, Margaret (Jim) Aimone, Chloe (Bill) Boyd and Linda (Royce) White and his brother, Russell (Dolores).

Joseph Kieras

Mass was said Saturday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Joseph Kieras, husband of the late Stephanie. He was a member of Archbishop Weber Council 2789 Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie (John) Wegner and Linda (Albert) Samaska; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Carl Tremmel

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 26th at 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Highway, Palos Hills, for Carl Tremmel, 88, a longtime baker by profession.

He is survived by his wife, Susanna; his children, Helga (John) Fuller and Caroline (Jim) Eder and four grandchildren.

Mario J. Zanello

Services were held Saturday at Hills Funeral Home, Ltd., Palos Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Mario J. Zanello, World War II Navy veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his niece, Virginia (Raffaele) DiZenzo; his great-nephews, Albert and Joseph DiZenzo and his great-niece, Elizabeth DiZenzo.

John J. Kimmey

Mass was said Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John J. "Jackie" Kimmey.

He is survived by his parents, Jack and Joan; his brothers, Ross (Carolyn), Michael (Mary), Stephen (Carole) and Daniel and his sisters, Moira Coughlin and Eileen Kimmey.

Emily B. Nowicki

Mass was said Monday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Emily B. Nowicki, director of the Double Nickel Chorus. She was a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Bernadette Altar & Rosary, Evergreen Park Senior Council, The Evergreens and St. Bernadette Seniors.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; her children, Philip and Gregory (Kathryn); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James Thomas Cepek

Services were held Monday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for James Thomas Cepek, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a very active member of the Bremen VFW Post 2791 in Tinley Park, American Legion Post 451 in Matteson and Military Order of the Cooties Killroy Pup Tent 77. He was a past 16th District VFW Commander and held several chairmanships on the state level for a number of years. Among the many other offices and chairmanships he held with VFW Post 2791, he has been serving as their canteen manager for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Janis; his daughter, Tracey Cepek; one grandchild and his brothers, Tommy (Susan) and Danny (Gina).

Raymond R. Remes

Mass was said Saturday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Raymond R. Remes, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Michael, Robert (Angela) and Daniel (Janet); six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William D. Miller

Services were held Tuesday at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Oakland Memory Lanes, for William D. Miller, veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Clover; his children, Jeffrey and Thomas (Angela); six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sister, Diane (Larry) Morgan and his brother, Don (Halina) Bogdanske.

Thomas P. Driscoll

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery, for Thomas P. Driscoll, M.D., FAAP and a veteran. He was a member of the Leo Alumni, Archangel San Salvador Council 282 Knights of Columbus, Chicago South Lodge 1596 BPOE, the American Legion and was knighted to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He was a longtime pediatrician at Advocate Christ, St. Bernard, Holy Cross, Little Company of Mary and Palos Community Hospitals.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his children, Rita Marie, M.D., John T., James T. and Mary M. (Joe) Healy and five grandchildren.

Irene M. Kruspe

Services were held Monday at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with private interment at Acacia Park Cemetery, for Irene M. Kruspe, 96, of Orland Park, wife of the late Frank.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol (Robert) Evans; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John A. Lake

Services were held Saturday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for John A. "Al" Lake, World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; his children, Barry (Elizabeth), John (Janice) and Janice Slay and six grandchildren.

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Clifford L. Otto

Mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Clifford L. Otto, U.S. Army/Air Force veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Dwyer Otto; his children, Deborah (John) Pope, James (Mary) Dwyer, Nancy (John) Hartrich, Ginger (Bob) Kelly, Lynn (Frank) Bernard and Bill (Sara) Dwyer; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister, Luella David and his brother, Melvin.

Margaret M. Cunnea

Mass was said Tuesday, Feb. 17th at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, for Margaret M. Cunnea, 97, retired Chicago Public School teacher with 34 years of service.

She is survived by her brother, John M. Cunnea.

William M. Powers III

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Rita of Cascia High School Shrine Chapel, Chicago, for William M. "Billy" Powers III, 20, a 2002 graduate of St. Rita High School.

He is survived by his parents, William and Cheryl; his brothers, Michael and Christopher and his grandparents, Patrick and Sandra Ryan and Janet Powers.

George Longsdorf

Services were held Monday at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for George Longsdorf, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Gary (Meldene) Dorn and Alicia (Richard) Taylor; four grandchildren; his brother, Willard "Stub" and his sisters, Carol Scott and Doris Levandowski.

Elizabeth M. Sorenson

Services were held Monday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Elizabeth M. "Betty" Sorenson, a resident of Evergreen Park for almost 40 years. She was retired from the Evergreen Park Police Dept. in 2002 after serving over 19 years as a Dispatcher/Clerk.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Cheryl Hart, RN, Mark McDougall and Daniel McDougall; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and her sister, Mary Ellen (Gene) Bulow.

Lucille Cole

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Lucille Cole, 96, wife of the late Edward.

She is survived by her brother, John (Lois) Jason.

Carl Baumgartner

Private funeral and interment services were held for Carl "Fred" Baumgartner, 75.

He is survived by his children, Marilyn (Raymond) Bickel, David and Peter and one grandchild.

Celebrate St. Pat's Day Early

Prairie Trails Public Library, 8449 S. Moody, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day early, on Thursday, March 4th at 7 p.m., when the Dennehy Irish Dancers will treat us to a sampling of their talents. Come one, come all, and wear green or don't, but do make sure you register in advance by phone at (708) 430-3688 or in person at the circulation desk.

Neat Repeats Open House

Neat Repeats Resale will host an open-house Volunteer Recruitment Day on Wednesday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following store locations: Orland Park, 9020 W. 159th St., and Worth, 7026 W. 111th St.

Volunteers are needed at both stores to cashier, arrange displays, accept donations and assist customers. Volunteers are particularly needed to work on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neat Repeats operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. For additional information, call the store manager for more information: Orland (708) 364-7605 or Worth (708) 361-6860.

The CCSS was the recipient of the President's Community Volunteer Award in 2002 from the Points of Light Foundation. It is the highest honor bestowed for volunteerism in the country, and the Crisis Center was one of only 20 recipients chosen from over 3,500 applications.

New Approach To Exercise

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is hosting "Get Fit in '04: A New Approach to Exercising." On Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. a personal trainer will show participants how to "jump start" an exercise program. The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Polling Place Locations for the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004

The POLLING PLACES will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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	010	CENTRAL JR HIGH SCHOOL	9400 S SAWYER AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	011	SOUTHEAST SCHOOL	98TH ST & FRANCISCO AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	012	CENTRAL JR HIGH SCHOOL	9400 S SAWYER AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	013	EVERGREEN PK ACTIVITIES CNTR	3220 W 98TH ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	014	FIRST MIDWEST BANK	12015 S WESTERN AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	015	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	016	HAZELGREEN SCHOOL	11751 S LAWLER ALSIP	Y
	017	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	018	VETERANS MEMORIAL	12320 S GREENWOOD AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
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	021	WHITTIER SCHOOL	13043 S MAPLE AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	022	NEW HOPE CHURCH	5100 W 115TH ST ALSIP	Y
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	034	DEARBORN HEIGHTS SCHOOL	9620 S NORMANDY OAK LAWN	Y
	035	SWARD SCHOOL	98TH ST & BRANDT OAK LAWN	Y
	036	SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	9717 S KOSTNER AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	037	NORTHEAST SCHOOL	91ST ST & CALIFORNIA AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	038	ST BERNADETTE QUONSET HALL	9343 S FRANCISCO ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	039	QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL	3550 W 103RD ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	040	PILGRIM FAITH CHURCH	9411 S 51ST AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	041	HARNEW SCHOOL	9101 S MEADE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	042	INCARNATION CHURCH	5757 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
	043	TURNER SCHOOL	135TH AND HAMLIN ROBBINS	Y
	044	MANOR CARE HEALTH SERVICES	6300 W 95TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	045	SOUTHWEST SCHOOL	9900 CENTRAL PARK AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	046	JOHNSON PHELPS VFW POST 5220	9514 S 52ND AVE OAK LAWN	Y
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	057	EVERGREEN HEALTH CARE	10124 S KEDZIE AVE EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	058	PILGRIM FAITH CHURCH	9411 S 51ST AVE OAK LAWN	Y
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	063	KEDVALE CHRISTIAN REF CHURCH	10415 S KEDVALE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
	064	HORACE MANN SCHOOL	2975 W BROADWAY AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
	065	PALOS HGTS REC CENTER	6601 W 127TH ST PALOS HEIGHTS	Y
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	068	GREENBRIAR SCHOOL	12015 MAPLE AVE BLUE ISLAND	Y
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	075	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD	4600 111TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
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	078	HAZELGREEN SCHOOL	11751 S LAWLER ALSIP	Y
	079	MEADOW LANE SCHOOL	11800 MEADOW LANE DR MERRIONETTE PARK	Y
	080	EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC WORKS	3125 W 89TH EVERGREEN PARK	Y
	081	WORTHRIDGE SCHOOL	11218 S RIDGELAND WORTH	Y
	082	HOMETOWN CO-OP APTS	4734 W 87TH PL HOMETOWN	Y
	083	CENTRAL ELEM SCHOOL	10800 LYMAN CHICAGO RIDGE	Y
	084	LAWN MANOR SCHOOL	4300 W 108TH PL OAK LAWN	Y
	085	GASTEYER SCHOOL	5345 W 99TH ST OAK LAWN	Y
	086	LIEB ELEM SCHOOL	9101 PEMBROKE LN BRIDGEVIEW	Y
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	088	LIEB ELEM SCHOOL	9101 PEMBROKE LN BRIDGEVIEW	Y
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	094	HARNEW SCHOOL	9101 S MEADE AVE OAK LAWN	Y
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	143	QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL	3550 W 103RD ST EVERGREEN PARK	Y
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Dated at Chicago this 26th day of February, 2004

DAVID ORR
COOK COUNTY CLERK

FAFSA Workshops

For the 15th consecutive year, Illinois will celebrate the month of February as Financial Aid/Admission Awareness Month (FAAM). State Rep. James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) is urging students and their families to take advantage of the services offered to them through the many FAAM activities. "All activities sponsored by FAAM are free and open to the public. This is a great opportunity for students and families to make college plans, focusing on college admission and the financial aid process," Brosnahan said.

This February, the Illinois financial aid community is offering 100 free FAFSA Workshops, scheduled at sites located throughout the state. Financial aid professionals will be available to assist families with completing the FAFSA and to answer related questions. Families will need to bring all completed or estimated 2003 income tax forms. To expedite the electronic filing process, families should complete as much of the FAFSA as possible in advance of the workshop. An FAFSA Workshop will be held at Chicago Ag/Sci High School, 3857 W. 111th St. in Chicago, on Feb. 18th at 6 p.m.

The FAAM Web site, www.faam.org, is available to provide up-to-the-minute detailed information on each of the 100 FAFSA Workshops, additional FAAM activities, and additional information on topics related to college planning.

36th District students and parents may obtain additional information by calling Brosnahan's constituent service office at (708) 499-2810.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes announced the winners in this year's Christmas decorating contest for residents in the 1st District, the District Hurckes represents.

Winners were presented plaques and certificates at the Village Board meeting in January.

Hurckes stated, "every year the winners get harder and harder to choose, because of the vast amount of decorations that are displayed each year. While I realize that residents may not decorate just to win the contest, I believe they should be complimented for all their hard work. This is my way of letting residents know that their hard work is appreciated."

The winners in this year's program are the Pulver family at 9612 S. Natoma, the Surma Family at 9100 S. Ridgeland, the Mora Family at 7001 W. 87th St., the Herpich Family at 6248 W. 94th St. and the Moses Family at 5736 W. 87th Place.

Pictured from left to right are: Trustee Hurckes, Mr. and Mrs. Surma and Acting President Ron Stancik.

Super Dabber Bingo

St. Laurence High School Mothers' Club is hosting a Super Dabber Bingo on Sunday, March 7th. The doors open at 12 noon and the games begin at 2 p.m. at the high school, 5556 W. 77th St. There will be ten $75 games, four $125 games—and two $500 games. Advance ticket sales are requested. Tickets are $20 (no refunds) and must be ordered and paid for by Feb. 27th. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door. Raffles, pull tabs, food, free coffee and other refreshments will also be available. For tickets and further information, call (708) 458-6900, ext. 411.

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Free Lecture Series

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn is offering a free, five-part public lecture series on the latest diagnoses and treatments for a wide range of neurological disorders, including chronic pain management, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. The first two lectures in the comprehensive, ongoing series will be held March 3rd and 24th and address problems related to chronic headaches and multiple sclerosis

Dr. Arthur Itkin, a neurologist at Christ Medical Center, will present all five seminars to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Advocate Medical Campus Southwest, 18210 S. LaGrange Rd., Tinley Park. Although the programs are open to the public, registration is required by calling the Advocate Health Care Health Advisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

Exercises

The Worth Township Seniors has an Exercise Class for Seniors every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 to 9:45 a.m. These are simple sitting down exercises using small weights. The class meets in the gym at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28 to register or just come in and get started.

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Murphy Conducts Assessment Appeal Seminar

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Worth Township residents. The seminar will be held on Saturday, March 6th at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond. Registration begins at 9:30 and the seminar will begin at 10 a.m. The seminar is sponsored by Trustee Bob Streit. Among other things, the seminar will inform homeowners how to determine whether they are over-assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out, the appeal application. For more information about the seminar, call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome," said Murphy. "One goal of our seminars is to convince people otherwise. If you believe you may be over-assessed, you should appeal. There is no fee to apply for relief at the Board of Review. Our seminars had a positive effect for the 2002 appeal season because the average tax savings for homeowners who filed successful appeals was over $330. We also found that the number of successful appeals for the 2002 assessment year filed by individuals was 57%. Clearly, these traveling tax appeal seminars of ours have been a success," Murphy concluded.

Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in.

Clean-Up Site Of Abandoned Gas Station

Clean-up efforts are almost completed for the abandoned gas station on 87th St. in the village of Oak Lawn. The site, located in District One, has been the target for EPA clean-up activities by the village.

Village Engineering Staff and the Oak Lawn Fire Dept. led by District One Trustee, Jerry Hurckes, have pursued the clean-up of the property diligently.

"Underground tanks have been removed as well as a large amount of contaminated soil," stated Hurckes. "We felt that this property was an environmental danger to the village."

Hurckes has led the efforts to have the site brought up to environmental standards and is hopeful that the area will attract new interest in the future with its inclusion in the Tax Increment Financing District currently under review by the Village Board of Trustees.

"The Wizard Of Oz"

In the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz," Dawn Schnolis of Chicago will portray Dorothy Gale. Her terrier, Tootsie, will accompany her as Toto. The show will run March 5-7, 11-14 and 19-21 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Limited tickets are available for $16-$17 at (708) 857-2200.

SSBS Open House

South Side Baptist School will be having open house for prospective parents and students on the following dates: Tuesday, March 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 23rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The school is at 5345 W. 99th St.

South Side Baptist School has been providing quality Christian education in Oak Lawn since 1975. SSBS offers reasonable tuition rates, family discounts and low student/teacher ratios in the classroom. Instruction includes 4 and 5-year-old kindergarten and 1st through 12th grades. Extended care services are available before and after school beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.

South Side offers a dedicated Christian staff, phonics-based approach to reading, strong academics, computer lab, music and band, and hot lunch program. Students are given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of school activities including athletics, fine arts, academic tournaments, and school programs.

South Side Baptist School is a ministry of South Side Baptist Church and member of the Illinois Assn. of Christian Schools. For more information, call (708) 425-3435.

Trinity's Spaghetti Dinner

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero), is getting ready to serve up its 35th annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 6th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The dinner features pasta with homemade sauce, meatballs, sausage, salad with homemade dressing, bread, special desserts and beverages. Tickets are on sale in advance or at the door, which are $5.50 for adults and $3.50 for children 12 years and under. Come out and join us for a great dinner! For more information, call the church at (708) 422-0193.

Give Service Awards

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently recognized 11 employees for their years of service in five-year increments.

A long-term service award was given to Elaine McClure, technical services department, for 25 years of employment at the library.

Staff recognized for 15 years of service were: Jamesine Akin, building services department; Deborah Cocanig, reference librarian; Kay Gibson, reference services department; and MaryLynn Mysz, head of patron services.

Employees completing 10 years of service were: Verlyn Biere, reference librarian; Mary Donovan, technical services department; Fiona Lindenbusch, patron services department; and Pedro Robledo, building services department.

Those with five years of service were: Dorothy Heisler, patron services department; and Lana Magnavite, reference services department.

OL Rotary

Dr. James Briscoe, Superintendent of Oak Lawn Community High School, will be the guest speaker at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, March 8th. Dr. Briscoe will be explaining the high school referendum and providing a detailed account of what is involved. Lunch will begin at 12 noon and be held at the Hilton Oak Lawn. The cost for non-members is $13. For more information, call Dave or Kathy Kobak at (708) 361-1177.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 5 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.
MARCH 5 – Friday – Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.
MARCH 6 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon
MARCH 7 – Sunday – Opera Karaoke, Palos United Methodist Church, 121st and Harlem Ave., 2:30 p.m.
MARCH 8 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
MARCH 8 – Monday – Distrct 5 " Meet with Marge," Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 8 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 8 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 9 – Tuesday – Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 94th and Cicero, Networking 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon.
MARCH 9 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
MARCH 9 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
MARCH 9 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
MARCH 9 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 10 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.
MARCH 11 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6 p.m.
MARCH 11 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 11 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Gloria Alitto Majewski

Jeanne Marie Reynolds

Majewski & Reynolds Will Speak To Seniors

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski (above, left) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and Jeanne Marie Reynolds (above, right), Attorney with Reynolds & Reynolds, LTD, will speak before the Worth Township Senior Citizen Organization, Friday, March 5 at 12:45 p.m. at Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

Jean Gergets, coordinator, announced that Majewski and Reynolds will discuss their individual offices.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Mundelein College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984. In 1988 she was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. Gloria is a candidate for re-election as Commissioner in the primary elections being held this month.

Jeanne Reynolds is a graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. and received her law degree from Loyola University. She is a candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County this month.

Year Of The Bible

Bible League's Russian offices are saying "Yes!" as they kick-off a series of events to celebrate "Year of the Bible 2004."

This 12-month plan to honor God's Word was conceived in late 2002 by Alexandr Borisov, Bible League's Regional Director in Volgograd, who was listening to his car radio when a brief mention of Germany's "Year of the Bible 2003" captured his attention.

"I was just crazy excited!" says Borisov. "I knew it was a great idea – a whole year dedicated to the Bible!"

Now, Year of the Bible 2004 is about to become a reality in Russia, as well as in nine other former Soviet Union countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Kazakstan, Kyrgyszstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan).

"We want to get Christians to blow the dust off their Bibles and read them daily," he says.

With the involvement of at least five denominations, Bible League expects throughout the year to introduce God's Word to 2.5 million in southern Russia alone – many for the first time. This is an ambitious goal in a country where more than 90 percent of people have no meaningful church connections.

Kick-off events are planned in Volgograd, where each member of Bible League's staff has pledged to memorize one entire book of the Bible during this special year. A 24 hour New Testament reading marathon is also scheduled, and a Web site has been created.

This family-friendly, interactive site can be accessed by going to www.bibleleague.org and clicking on the Year of the Bible logo. It will be continually updated throughout the year with news, testimonies, and events.

SXU Sports News

Senior forward Raphael Morris and junior forward Mike Rojas each scored a team-high 17 points, but it was not enough as No. 25 ranked St. Xavier University fell to No. 9 Robert Morris College, 88-79, in overtime of a CCAC men's basketball regular-season finale on Saturday at Loyola Alumni Hall in Chicago. SXU finishes the regular season with a 23-9 overall record, while completing its CCAC schedule in second place with an 11-3 mark.

Senior guard Mark Telander also scored in double figures for the Cougars with 16 points, while Morris and Rojas also recorded big numbers on the board for SXU with nine and eight rebounds respectively. Junior guard Rick Romeli led the Cougars in rebounding on the night with 10.

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Senior guard Stephanie Wright scored a team-high 14 points to lead the St. Xavier University women's basketball team to a 72-43 victory over CCAC opponent Robert Morris College on Saturday at Loyola Alumni Hall in Chicago. SXU finishes the 2003-04 regular season with an overall record of 23-9 and claimed second place in the CCAC with a 9-3 mark.

Three other Cougars scored in double figures on the night with sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio scoring 12 points and snagging seven rebounds, while freshman guard Dani Engleman and senior center Jayme Brown chipped in 11 and 10 points respectively. Junior forward Rachel Merkell just missed a double-double performance with nine points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Dan Hynes Plans Tax Havens Crack Down

State Comptroller Dan Hynes' aggressive plan to crack down on corporations that use offshore tax havens to avoid paying their fair share of state and federal taxes was passed by the House State Government Committee recently and sent to the full House.

Hynes' plan, HB 4194, sponsored by Rep. Gary Hannig (D-Litchfield) and Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock), will prohibit corporate "expatriates" from doing business with the state, and close a loophole in the Illinois tax code that allows corporations to shift profits to overseas tax havens to avoid paying taxes in Illinois. The bill received the backing of the Illinois AFL-CIO and The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

"The concept of this bill is a simple one," Hynes told the committee. "Every corporation should pay what it fairly owes in taxes, just as every individual taxpayer is expected to do. When a small number of corporations take advantage of the system, they are simply shifting a higher tax burden onto individuals, small businesses and the majority of corporations that don't abuse the law. Their actions should not be rewarded with state contracts."

Hynes said five corporate expatriates have benefited from state business in recent years: Accenture, Foster Wheeler Ltd., Tyco International, Ingersoll Rand, and APW, Limited. Payments to these companies have totaled close to $2.5 million. In addition, the Illinois State Board of Investment has invested in at least three expatriate corporations, including Ingersoll-Rand, Tyco International and Transocean.

At least eight other states have enacted or are in the process of considering measures similar to the Hynes plan. North Carolina has passed a law making companies that incorporate in a foreign tax haven ineligible to do business with the state. A similar bill became law in California. Montana has revised its tax code to capture the income sheltered in offshore tax havens. Other states considering a crackdown include Ohio, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Hynes said that at the federal level, legislation has been proposed to make corporate expatriates ineligible for federal contracts and to close down these offshore tax schemes altogether, but to date Congress has failed to act. "That is why it is imperative that Illinois join the growing list of states that are taking steps to deter corporations from expatriating and close down the tax loopholes that allow them to use offshore havens to avoid paying their fair share of income taxes," he said.

St. Rita Mustangs Take State Championship

On Saturday, Feb. 28th, the Wharton Fieldhouse in Moline (home of the Maroons) served as a fitting stage for the St. Rita Mustangs as they defeated the Providence Catholic Celtics of New Lenox 27-22 for the state wrestling dual team championship. This is the second championship year in a row for the Mustangs.

Entering Saturday's Class AA team dual finals, St. Rita seemed to have momentum on their side. The Mustangs had scored both an earlier dual meet victory over the Celtics and had won the Catholic League Championship over the Celtics during the regular league season. Providence had earned earlier victories over St. Rita twice this season in the Dvorak Invitational and the Geneseo Invitational so the Celtics were certainly not in awe of the Mustangs' accomplishments.

The finals proved to be worthy of two excellent teams. St. Rita coach Dan Carroll's charges looked to be in hot water early as the Celtics jumped out to an early 22-4 lead. Individual State Champion Albert White's major decision (at 135 pounds) was the only Mustang victory in the first seven matches. The Mustangs then came alive, winning seven straight contests, three by a single point, to capture the state title.

One of the key matchups which may have propelled the Mustangs' victory was the 189 pound match between St. Rita's Scott Sands and Providence's reigning Class AA state individual champion DeAndre Nunn. Sands was able to defeat Nunn by a 3-2 margin and kept the Mustangs' hopes alive. Heavyweight Fred Deramus topped Tim Jay 1-0, giving the Mustangs their first lead of the day at 22-21. The day's final match pitted St. Rita's John Starzyk against Providence's Ron Uccardi at 103 pounds. Starzyk scored a takedown with 26 seconds in the contest giving him a 3-1 victory and St. Rita their victory, in addition to bragging rights as both schools are run by the Augustinian Fathers.

Providence coach Keith Healy was gracious in defeat. "We saw some great wrestling out there today. We got a good lead but didn't hold it. They (St. Rita) did a nice job. They kept their composure and I give them a lot of credit."

St. Rita finished their season with a record of 25-1 and Providence was 24-2.

Take Advantage Of Income Tax Changes

Regarding you and your family, what has changed since you filed your 2002 income tax return? Liberty Tax Service reminds you that the child tax credit and the child and dependent care credit amounts have increased. Also there's finally some relief for those who have suffered from the "marriage penalty." Lower income families who qualify for the earned income tax credit can take advantage of increased income and credit amounts. Adoption credit amounts have also increased.

"The child tax credit increase has been a confusing issue for many taxpayers this year. We hope to provide a better understanding of how this new change will affect American families filing their 2003 returns," said John T. Hewitt, Founder and CEO of Liberty Tax Service.

The child tax credit increased to $1,000 per child for 2003, and 25 million taxpayers received an advance child tax credit check during the summer of 2003. When filing a 2003 tax return, those who received checks must reduce the credit amount they claim on their return by the amount of the check received. Also taxpayers should have received IRS Notice 1319 containing information about the advance payment. The child tax credit is received for each qualifying dependent (under age 17 and who is the taxpayer's child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild, or eligible foster child).

Liberty Tax Service reminds you that the limit on the amount of qualifying expenses for the child and dependent care has increased. Qualified expenses may be allowed for up to $3,000 for one eligible individual ($6,000 for two or more).

The standard deduction is now $9,500 for married filing jointly, twice the single standard deduction of $4,750.

The maximum adoption credit or exclusion amount is $10,160. In 2003, a $10,160 credit will be allowed for adopting a special needs child, regardless of whether the taxpayer has qualifying expenses.

Members of Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserves may be able to amend past years' tax returns to take advantage of these changes:

- Exclusion of Sec. 132 payments from income – These are payments issued through the Defense Department's Homeowner Assistance Program to Armed Forces and some Defense Department employees due to qualified military base realignment or closure. This provision is effective on or after Nov. 11, 2003.
- Exclusion of Death Gratuity Payments from income – Qualifying military survivors can exclude up to $12,000 of military death payments received after Sept. 10, 2001.
- Coverdell Education Savings account distributions – Qualified military academy attendees will not have to pay a 10% additional tax on a distribution from a Coverdell Education Savings account or Section 529 plan.
- Travel, meals and lodging for National Guard and Reservists – An above-the-line deduction for non-reimbursed overnight travel, meals, and lodging expenses of National Guard and Reserve members who must travel more than 100 miles from home to fulfill their military obligations.
- Sale of a home – Generally, a homeowner must live in their primary residence two of the last five years to avoid paying taxes on the first $250,000 of profits if they are single, or $500,000 if they are married. Under the new change, this period is extended for up to ten years for an individual or individual's spouse who is on qualified official extended duty as a member of the uniformed services or the Foreign Service of the United States. This is in effect for home sales after May 6, 1997, even though the tax year in question is otherwise closed for refund purposes. Affected military taxpayers have until Nov. 11, 2004, to file for a refund.

Selecting Principals

In its continuing efforts to raise standards across the system, the Chicago Public Schools is proposing stronger requirements for the selection of new principals, focusing more on their instructional experience and proven leadership skills.

"There is no more important job in our school system than the principal's," said Chicago Board of Education President Michael W. Scott. "Principals directly affect everything that happens in the classroom. They hire teachers and get parents involved. They make sure kids get the extra help they need and that schools have the right programs for their students. We're raising the bar higher for the men and women seeking to run our schools."

Local School Councils select principals from a pool of candidates CPS has determined to be qualified. The proposed policy includes a more thorough assessment of candidates' instructional experience and leadership skills than the current process-based policy.

"Under the new performance-based policy, principal candidates will be evaluated on the following requirements: must pre-register with the CPS Office of Principal Preparation and Development; must have a Type 75 certificate, and a master's degree; must have instructional and leadership experience beyond the classroom; must have training in school leadership and day-to-day management; must complete an oral interview, submit a writing sample, and undergo a background check; and must pass a written exam on key policies of the CPS and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Eligible assistant principals and other administrators and teachers currently on the list can retain their eligibility by submitting a portfolio to the CPS Office of Principal Preparation and Development that demonstrates their instructional leadership and managerial experience by June 30, when the new policy would take effect.

Protect Institution Of Marriage

Illinois Family Institute Executive Director Peter LaBarbera recently commended President Bush for endorsing a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage between one man and one woman, and urged State House Speaker Mike Madigan to advance a similar amendment to Illinois' constitution so Illinoisans can vote to protect marriage from being redefined in their state.

"We commend the President for defending the sanctity of marriage. Now he must disregard the liberal media noise on this issue and work boldly for passage of an amendment that would take marriage permanently out of the hands of liberal activist judges," he said. "A wide majority of Americans agree with President Bush that marriage must be preserved as one man, one woman."

LaBarbera said it was ironic that Chicago Mayor Richard Daley called a federal marriage amendment "frivolous" and "unnecessary" just days after he said he would have "no problem" with Cook County Clerk David Orr granting marriage licenses to homosexual couples. Illinois law bans recognition of homosexual "marriages."

"Mayor Daley's and Mr. Orr's gay-'marriage'-license activism is proof that we need all the marriage protection we can get in Illinois," LaBarbera said. "We urge passage of HJRCA 31, a state constitutional amendment that would permanently take marriage out of the hands of judges who invent new 'rights,' and politicians like Mayor Daley who think they have the power to rewrite God's natural law."

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 31 (Grunloh, D-Effingham) would add these words to Illinois' constitution: "Only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized in Illinois. The uniting of persons in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar unmarried relationship shall not be valid or recognized in Illinois." IFI is asking Illinois citizens to call Speaker Madigan and ask him to release HJRCA 31 from the House Rules Committee to a standard committee so it can reach the floor for a vote.

"The people of Illinois have a right to vote to protect the institution of marriage, the bedrock of civilization," he said. "Pro-homosexual liberals fear a popular vote to protect marriage because they know they will lose."

IFI is a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to strengthening marriage and family and defending the sanctity of life in Illinois, www.illinoisfamily.org.

Hynes Responds To Greenspan's Comments

Illinois Comptroller and U.S. Senatorial candidate Dan Hynes has responded to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's recent comments that it might be necessary to cut Social Security and Medicare benefits to trim down the $521 billion deficit.

"Part of the promise we make to our seniors is when they hit their later years, we will provide them with Social Security and Medicare so that they can live a secure and safe retirement," said Hynes. "Now Alan Greenspan is saying that we must cut back on these programs and punish our seniors to make up for a massive budget deficit that the federal government created. This is not acceptable and I will not break the promise we made to our seniors."

"As Comptroller, I have fought successfully for reforms that will balance our budget and therefore eliminate the need to cut back on programs our people need – I will do the same in the U.S. Senate."

"As Illinois' next U.S. Senator, I will fight to curb the Bush Administration's excessive spending and reckless fiscal policies that now threaten our Social Security and Medicare benefits. These are tough choices in tough times and it's a matter of setting priorities. I will always put working families and their futures first."

As Comptroller, Hynes has a record of fighting for long-term fiscal reform. Hynes passed the state's first-ever Rainy Day Fund that forces the state to set aside money so that in an economic downturn, we are not forced to cut back on services, eliminate jobs or raise taxes. Hynes has also passed landmark "Truth-in-Budgeting" legislation that will change the way the state does its budget, most importantly, will force the state to recognize unpaid liabilities so that the state does not spend money it does not have.

In his U.S. Senate bid, Hynes has proposed a detailed plan to protect retirement savings. In addition, as he has in Illinois, Hynes will fight to reign in reckless spending by our federal government, balance the federal budget, and cut out pork projects that are wasting our taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Red Cross Hero Award Nominations

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago relies on extraordinary staff and volunteers to help the Chicagoland community prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. But there also are many individuals out there who go unrecognized for acts of courage or kindness. The Chicago Red Cross is looking to Chicagoland residents to nominate someone and their good deed as a local hero. Selected nominees will be honored as local heroes at the second annual Heroes Breakfast on Thursday, May 27th at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

The Chicago Red Cross Heroes Awards are designed to recognize individuals and animals whose actions went beyond the call of duty, and whose leadership and commitment made a significant difference to a cause or community. Awards will be given in eight categories: Good Samaritan, Youth Good Samaritan (under age 21), Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Military (active, reserves or retired), Community Impact, Animal Rescue, and Citizenship.

"Every day in our own communities, average citizens perform unsung acts of leadership, courage, kindness and humanitarianism," said William Braden, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. "The Chicago Red Cross Heroes Breakfast recognizes those who have made the simple yet powerful decision to surrender personal time and safety in order to help others in need."

Candidates must live or work in the seven-county region served by the Chicago Red Cross (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry or Will Counties) and their heroic act must have taken place within the last 12 months. Self-nominations are not permitted, and all nominations will be subject to further verification and validation. Nominations must be received by April 1st to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be notified in May.

The Heroes Breakfast tradition began in 1991 at an American Red Cross chapter in Washington. Since then, chapters across the country have adopted this inspiring annual event in their own communities. In Metro Chicago, nomination forms are being distributed in police and fire stations, union halls, elementary and high schools, churches, libraries, corporate and government offices, military bases, youth clubs and organizations, and animal shelters. Forms and additional information about nomination requirements can also be obtained by calling (312) 729-6183.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to ARCGC Heroes, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60601, or faxed to (312) 729-6305. News clips, photographs, videos or other documents illustrating the nominee's actions are welcome and encouraged.

Preserve Open Space

A 2002 campaign pledge to preserve open space and invest in environmental protection and recreation, made by Governor Rod Blagojevich, was withdrawn recently. In his budget address, the Governor announced that the Open Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program, a matching grant program designed to acquire open space in rapidly developing areas, preserve wetlands and natural areas, and develop neighborhood parks, would take a "holiday," in order to save the state approximately $34 million. The OSLAD program was one that the Governor heralded as being essential while on the campaign trail in 2002.

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State Contracts Prevention Bill

State Rep. Jack Franks recently passed legislation out of the House to prevent companies that exploit international tax shelters from getting state contracts.

Five of these corporations in recent years have had state contracts, totaling $2.5 billion. Franks says this kind of taxpayer abuse must stop. His legislation defines what is known as an expatriate corporation – a publicly traded corporation that gets 90 percent or more of its revenue and human resources in America but is incorporated overseas to avoid paying higher domestic taxes. Under House Bill 4194, these corporations could not submit bids for or enter into contracts with the state.

"These corporations continue to enjoy the benefits of doing business in this country and this state – using our public services like education, transportation systems, secure markets, police and fire protection, but then they're unwilling to pay their fair share of taxes to support these same services," Franks said. "We can't let these businesses continue to rob taxpayers like that. Our economy is too fragile right now to be giving away jobs, business and revenue."

Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, says that Illinois lost between $300 and $500 million in fiscal year 2001 to international tax sheltering, according to recent studies. Martire argues allowing this practice to continue erodes our economy and negatively impacts fairness within the tax system.

"Illinois certainly should not be entering into contracts with corporations that are intentionally evading their rightful tax burdens while being all too willing to accept taxpayer money from government contracts," Martire said. "This hypocrisy the state cannot afford."

HB 4194 compliments Franks' other jobs bill – House Bill 4362, which prohibits contractors and subcontractors from outsourcing the work of all state contracts to foreign countries. HB 4194 passed unanimously and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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Dan Hynes For U.S. Senator

The clear and compelling choice in the Democratic field for U.S. Senator is Dan Hynes and this newspaper endorses him enthusiastically and without reservation in the primary election on March 16th.

Elected Illinois Comptroller in 1998, Dan Hynes has a proven track record of fighting for the people of this state. Many promises get made around election time about championing working men and women. But Hynes is the only candidate running who has made it the hallmark of his public service.

As Comptroller, Dan Hynes has carved out a successful record of fighting for long term fiscal reform. His many accomplishments include a crackdown on corporate corruption in the state and a successful fight to freeze pork barrel spending that risked education and health care spending. He championed the state's first-ever Rainy Day Fund, which forces the state to set aside money so that if there is an economic downturn, the state will not be forced to cut back on services, eliminate jobs or raise taxes. Hynes has also passed landmark "Truth in Budgeting" legislation which will essentially force the state to acknowledge unpaid liabilities so that the state will not spend money it does not have.

We give an enthusiastic nod to Hynes not just for his past achievements, but his energetic plans for the future. In a time when economic unease is spreading everywhere, Hynes has developed a detailed plan to create jobs for the people of Illinois and stimulate the economy. He is also committed to enhancing education and providing greater access to health care. Hynes recognizes the promises made to seniors regarding their Social Security and Medicare benefits. He has been an outspoken advocate in the defense of maintaining a senior's right to live in a safe and healthy environment.

We need a fearless fighter in Washington, as well as one who knows how to work with the other side of the aisle to actually get things done. Hynes, a proven coalition builder, has shown he can do just that. His style of politics is just the right medicine for the nation's capital – a mix of boldness, passion, and the political insight and acumen to actually bring about results.

To be sure, there are other notable candidates in the Democratic field. In our view, however, Hynes is the only Democrat capable of victory in the general election this November. In addition to his coalition-building appeal, he is the lone candidate to win statewide office.

But Dan Hynes gets our endorsement not just for his electability. He gets it for his unyielding commitment to making Illinois and the future of its citizens stronger than ever.

MVCC Introductory Course

Since January, students from the Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special Education's Transition Program have been heading over to Moraine Valley Community College for class. The students are enrolled in the College 101 class, an introductory course that familiarizes the students with college life and the campus, as well as a physical education class.

During the physical education class the students attend the Moraine Valley Fitness Center for workout sessions throughout the week, as well as lectures both during the day and in the evening.

PACES Monthly Meeting

PACES (Parent and Child Education & Support) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 123rd St. & 88th Ave. PACES invites you to its open lecture by the Pediatric Psychology Associates of Oak Brook on the topic of understanding your infant's emotions. Upset emotions can disturb your infant's normal patterns of eating, sleeping and behavior. Join us as we learn how to adjust to those erratic mood swings and how parents can cope and help our infants cope with a chronic illness or trauma. They will give tips on how to reduce emotional behaviors like fussy eating and inconsolable crying. Refreshments will be served, babysitting will be available by reservation.

PACES is a not-for-profit organization centered on providing education, friendship and support to new parents and babies through age 5. The Palos Orland/Frankfort region includes the southwest suburbs. It offers monthly lectures, parenting seminars, playgroups, parent and tot outings, babysitting co-ops, monthly newsletter and much more. For additional information and or to reserve babysitting for the meeting, contact Dana Bogathy at (708) 952-0867.

Library Day Trip

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to see a matinee performance of a musical comedy double feature on Sunday, April 25th. An in-person registration is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 13th at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

This trip to the Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN starts off with a delicious brunch. Afterwards, enjoy "A Day in Hollywood," a musical celebrating the Golden Age of Cinema with dancing and memorable hit songs, and "A Night in the Ukraine," a comedy featuring the Marx Brothers, who reek havoc in Russia in this nutty adventure. The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation, brunch and theater admission, is $52 for Friends members and $57 for others. The bus will depart at noon and return at 5 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Dean's List

Suzanne June Heller of Oak Lawn was named to the Dean's List of Distinguished Students at Knox College, Galesburg, for the fall term of the 2003-04 academic year. Selection to the Dean's List requires a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

At this time of year glitzy TV, radio and cable spots seem to bombard potential voters with their respective candidates' message of the week. Direct mail pieces and fax blasts can usually be counted on to clog mailboxes. Hopefully, devotees of print will search through the maze of promises and develop an informed opinion...and then exercise their right to vote for a candidate who articulates or embodies their personal views.

If we are to believe the pollsters and their recent projections, the races in each party are being led by "big money" candidates. On the Republican ballot for U.S. Senator, financier, school teacher Jack Ryan seems to be outpacing fellow big spenders Andy McKenna Jr. and Jim Oberweiss. State Senator Steve Rauschenberger, while seemingly the most potentially savvy candidate with 11 years in the Senate, is counting on a grass roots campaign to get his message out. Other candidates include Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria, John Borling, Norm Hill and Jonathan Wright. Look for this battle to shake out with Ryan, McKenna and Rauschenberger in the hunt come election day.

The U.S. Senate seat being sought by seven Democrats seems to feature a more tightly contested race. Former options trader Blair Hull has invested over 26 million dollars to date in his pursuit of his dream. He far and away has dwarfed his opposition financially. However, State Comptroller Dan Hynes and State Senator Barack Obama, along with attorney Gery Chico have made this race too close to call. Hynes, the only elected statewide official, seems to have the stronger campaign network. Obama continues to perform admirably when interviewed. Cook County treasurer Maria Pappas, an effective vote-getter in her own right, should also effect the outcome of this race. Candidates Nancy Skinner and Joyce Washington are also in the race. We look for Hynes, Obama and Hull to be the trio most likely to vie for this U.S. Senate seat. We'll keep you posted.

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Next week in our March 11th issue we will announce the rest of our endorsements in contested races for the March 16th primary election

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This morning, Thursday, March 4th at 10 a.m., the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board will hold a public hearing for St. Francis Hospital and Health Center's proposed hospital in Orland Park. St. Francis Hospital encourages all interested supporters to attend the hearing which is being held in the Orland Park Civic Center's Exhibition room, located at 14750 S Ravinia Ave.

People who sign up at the public hearing will have the chance to express their views about the proposed state-of-the-art, 130 bed St Francis Hospital-Orland. The proposed location is planned for the northeast corner of 171st St. and LaGrange Rd.

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Midlothianites will be honoring their Mayor Tom Murawski tomorrow night (March 5th) at the 40th Annual President's Ball to be held at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 Ridgeland Ave., Tinley Park. Cocktails at 7 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m.

Sponsors are the Independent Party of Midlothian which Murawski has headed since May of 1983. Murawski was elected a trustee in 1971 and in '83 finished the term left by the death of then Mayor Harry Raday. He has been reelected in '89, '93, '97 and '01.

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On Friday, March 12th, the Mayors Coalition Committee of Oak Lawn will host its 21st Annual "Wearin' O' the Green" party. The Hilton Inn of Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., will provide the ambiance for this festive occasion. The evening will be highlighted by cocktails and hors d'ouevres, a pasta bar, and music by the "Fabulous Murray Brothers." Tickets are $50 per person. Acting Mayor Ron Stancik, Clerk Jayne Powers, and Trustees Jerry Hurckes, Marge Joy, Bill Keane and Steve Rosenbaum encourage all their friends and neighbors in both the Village of Oak Lawn and its surrounding communities to celebrate with them.

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State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) has signed on to an effort that would reduce state mandates on local school districts. Originally proposed by Governor Rod Blagojevich as part of his State of the State address, Radogno and her Senate Republican colleagues have introduced legislation to advance his efforts.

According to Blagojevich, local school districts have 2,800 pages of administrative rules imposed on them. Radogno agrees with the Governor that this is far too much regulation

"You cannot regulate schools with a one size fits all approach," said Radogno, "As we know all too well here in the South suburbs, our schools have different needs from those in Chicago or those in downstate Illinois. Even from district to district, the needs of our local schools vary. We need to cut the red tape and allow schools to concentrate on education, not meeting state requirements."

Senate Republicans have filed a "vehicle" bill that can be used to eliminate many of the 2,800 pages of administrative rules imposed on Illinois school districts and takes a major step toward returning the control of local schools to local communities. Once the Governor has identified which mandates need revision, the legislation (Senate Bill 2868) can be amended to reflect the Governor's proposal.

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Road construction resumed on LaGrange Road (U.S. 45) in the southwest suburbs on Feb. 28.

Traffic on LaGrange Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction roughly from Route 83 to north of Archer Ave. The eastbound Archer Ave. ramp to northbound LaGrange Road is scheduled to be closed beginning in late March through mid-May. Traffic will detour north on Willow Springs Road to Joliet Road east to LaGrange Road.

The $53.1 million project involves the reconstruction of a 4.2 mile section of LaGrange Road from Archer Ave. (IL 171) to the Cal Sag Channel. Improvements include complete pavement removal and replacement with the addition of shoulders, barrier median wall and highway lighting. Other improvements include turn lanes at the 95th Street and 111th Street intersections. The interchange at Archer Avenue will also be rebuilt.

This is the second year of the two year construction project. Last year's work involved pavement reconstruction north of 87th Street to Archer Ave.

Work is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 1.

Highest Number Of Eligible Voters Registered

A record number of suburban Cook County residents are eligible to cast ballots in the March 16 presidential primary election, according to figures released by Cook County Clerk David Orr's office.

As of the Feb 17 registration deadline, 1,297,006 residents in suburban Cook County were registered to vote in the primary, the highest number of eligible voters prior to a presidential primary. That figure compares to 1,221,254 in March 2000 and 1,215,588 in March 1996.

"Increases in registration have occurred in nearly all 30 suburban townships from four years ago," Orr said. "Individuals have more ways to sign up to vote as a result of the motor voter law, which allows people to print applications from the Internet and register at driver's license facilities."

Based on U.S. Census figures for Chicago and suburban Cook County, Orr estimated that 2.5 million of the approximately 3.4 million eligible, voting-age citizens in Cook County (Chicago and suburbs) are now registered to vote.

The highest percentage of new registrations since 1992 is reflected in townships – primarily in the northwest and southwest portions of the county – that have experienced new growth and development: specifically, Lemont (up 94%), Orland (up 74%), Hanover (up 55%), Rich (up 35%), Barrington (up 24%), and Palatine (up 20%.

Orr noted the increase in registrations comes even after the Clerk's office conducted a voter canvass last fall that resulted in inactivating the registrations of more than 100,000 voters in suburban Cook, most of whom had either moved or died.

"My office takes particular pride in keeping clean voting lists, which is the best way to guard against vote fraud," Orr added.

Surveillance And Reporting Mosquito Borne Diseases Bill

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced legislation to the Senate floor that will increase both the surveillance and the reporting of mosquito-borne diseases.

SB 2879, which recently passed the Senate Local Government Committee, will require the trustees of mosquito abatement districts conduct routine inspections for mosquito-borne diseases and, in the event of infection, report the information within 24 hours to the local certified public health department.

This legislation stems from problems that occurred during the summer of 2002. During one of the worst outbreaks of the West Nile Virus, the local mosquito abatement district was experiencing up to a three week lag time between identifying infected areas and reporting it to the local health department. SB 2879 will ensure that health departments are notified in a timely fashion

"The real issue in public safety and this legislation will go a long way toward preventing another disastrous outbreak. This legislation is necessary to increase the communication between the mosquito abatement district and local health departments," stated Maloney. "This legislation will also provide for consequences for lack of action on the part of the mosquito abatement district District trustees or their designees who fail to report infected samples within 24 hours are guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

In 2002, there were over 634 reported cases of West Nile Virus in Cook County alone with the collar counties reporting 84 cases. Even more alarmingly, there were 62 deaths attributed to West Nile Virus in Illinois that year, with 37 from Cook County and five from the collar counties

LaBarbera Condemned "Planned Subversion"

Illinois Family Institute Executive Director Peter LaBarbera recently condemned the "planned subversion" of the state's marriage law defining marriage as between a man and a woman, and criticized Cook County Clerk David Orr for referring to the law he hopes to overturn as Illinois' "perceived" marriage law.

Homosexual activists such as Chicago's openly "gay" alderman Tom Tunney (D-44th) are now urging the Cook County Board to direct Orr to issue "marriage" licenses to homosexual couples in open defiance of Illinois' defense-of-marriage law, which expressly prohibits "a marriage between two individuals of the same sex."

Speaking recently as a guest on the WTTW-TV program "Chicago Tonight," Orr said, "I don't have any authority at this point to marry people in violation of the perceived Illinois law. I believe that there's a conflict between the existing law which says marriage shall take place between a man and a woman, and the constitution, which says, 'Thou shalt not discriminate'."

Orr is strategizing with pro-gay activists and said "one of the options being discussed is whether or not one issues a marriage license, or many like they did in San Francisco, as a way of testing the law; as a way of getting into court and hopefully being victorious there." He also viciously smeared advocates of a constitutional amendment protecting marriage by comparing them to past advocates of slavery – "a cheap shot that steals the noble heritage of the Christian-led abolitionist movement," LaBarbera said.

A proposed amendment to Illinois' Constitution (HJRCA 31) codifying marriage as one-man, one-woman is bottled up in the House Rules Committee, despite hundreds of calls to Speaker Mike Madigan requesting that he push for HJRCA 31 to be released to a standing committee.

State Historic Sites

Longer, seasonal hours of operation for state historic sites administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) are in effect.

"The days are getting longer, and as the tourism season approaches we have traditionally expanded hours at many of our state's historic sites," said IHPA Director Maynard Crossland. "The one extra hour of operation, particularly at our outdoor sites, allows more visitors to enjoy Illinois' "historic treasures."

Many historic sites that closed at 4 p.m during the winter months will now stay open until 5 p.m. through the month of October. Most sites are open Wednesday through Sunday, closing on Mondays and Tuesdays

Eye Tests

The Worth Township Seniors will offer Free Vision Screening on Wednesday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This screening is done at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Appointments are necessary. Call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

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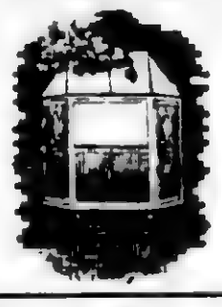

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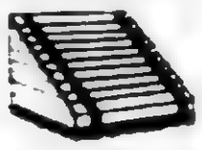

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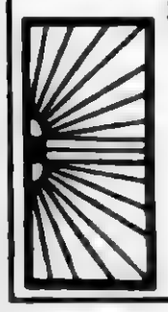

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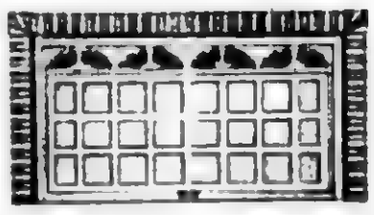

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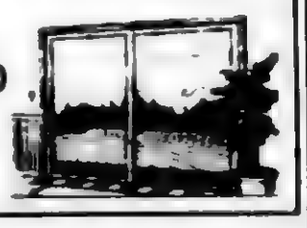

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Right To Cast Provisional Ballot

Illinois voters who believe they are registered to vote but whose names do not appear on the registration lists at the polls now have the right to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day, said Cook County Clerk David Orr.

"The goal is to make sure that all qualified voters are given the opportunity to cast a ballot," said Orr, who administers elections in suburban Cook County. "No voter can be turned away at the polls, even if their registration cannot be found or there is a question regarding their eligibility."

As part of the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA), provisional voting takes effect nationwide in 2004. Election judges will issue a provisional ballot only if the voter meets one of the following:

- His or her name does not appear on a list of registered voters
- His or her voting status has been challenged
- A court order is issued instructing the polling place to remain open after 7 p.m.
- He or she is required to show ID before voting but does not have it with them at the polling place.

All provisional voters must vote in their correct polling place and sign a legal affidavit before receiving a provisional ballot.

After voting, the provisional voter places the ballot card into a sealed envelope that election judges keep separate from regular ballots. After the polls close, all provisional ballots are delivered to the Clerk's office for verification.

Election officials then have up to 14 days to determine each provisional voter's eligibility and count the ballots if the registration is verified.

If the Clerk's office determines the voter is registered, eligible to vote and voted in his or her assigned precinct, the envelope will be opened and the ballot counted. The final vote total for each of the candidates will be adjusted to include all provisional votes before final election results are issued.

If the voter is not registered or eligible to vote, the envelope will not be opened and the votes will not be counted. However, the information supplied on the envelope will serve as a registration application and the name will be added to the voter rolls before the next election.

The use of provisional ballots will likely delay determining the winners of close races, as state law has extended the certification of official election results by two weeks.

"Depending on the margin of victory and the number of provisional ballots that have yet to be counted in a specific race, we would not be able to determine the winning candidates in certain races on election night," Orr said. "Despite the delay, it will be worth it to know that the rights of qualified voters are safeguarded and their votes will count."

All voters who cast provisional ballots will have an opportunity to find out if their ballot was counted and, if not, learn the reason why.

6 Costly Mistakes To Avoid Before Buying A Home

Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

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In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy*.

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The Red Cross offers opportunities to become a trained volunteer. For more information about *Together We Prepare*, complete course schedules or prerequisite information, call 1(800) 33-SAFETY.

Candidate for Cook County Circuit Court Judge in the March 16 primary, Democrat Jeanne Marie Reynolds, offers voters an impressive list of credentials to consider.

With nearly two decades of professional experience, the Chicago attorney, a partner in Reynolds & Reynolds, Ltd., would bring an extensive legal background to the bench. While the firm acts as outside general counsel to small to mid-size corporations and banks as well as individuals, Reynolds' has handled cases in the many branches of the circuit court including municipal, commercial, domestic relations, probate, chancery, and traffic.

She has been rated recommended or qualified by the Illinois Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association, Black Women Lawyer's of Greater Chicago, Cook County Bar Association, Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Gay & Lesbian Bar Association, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Puerto Rican Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Illinois and the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.

Since 1990, she has served in the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program serving as chair qualified arbitrator. As chairperson, Reynolds presided over 75 hearings and functioned like a circuit court judge by hearing testimony, reviewing evidence, ruling on objections, reviewing laws and statutes, facilitating discussion of evidence and issuing awards. She is also a pro bono Guardian Ad Litem for disabled persons in the Probate Division.

Reynolds is active in the community and has provided numerous and varied legal services to charitable organizations including; Maryville Academy, Artworks; Supporting the Arts in Catholic Schools; Northbrook Women's Club, The Women's Club of Evanston; SOCS Foundations and various charities for childhood cancers.

Reynolds received her degree in law from Loyola University of Chicago and is also a graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

As an experienced attorney, working mother and concerned member of the community, Reynolds promises to make the court system more accessible to all working people. She is supported by many Labor, Firefighters and Police Organization.

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Youth Orchestra Concert

The Protege Philharmonic of Chicago, a youth orchestra dedicated to the future of music with strong emphasis on polished professionalism and musical discipline for high school students, will present a free concert on Sunday, March 7th at 3 p.m. This is the fourth concert of the 2003-04 season and will take place in Preston Bradley Hall, The Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. at Michigan Ave. Joseph Glymph, music director, will conduct.

Daughters Of Sweden Meet

The American Daughters of Sweden will hold their next meeting on Saturday, March 13th at the North Park University, Foster & Kedzie Aves., at 12 noon. The cost is $12. Make reservation by March 8th. Call (773) 463-7640.

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Result Of Commissioner Robert Shaw's Vision

Recently there has been much discussion concerning the rising cost of property taxes within Cook County. Mayor Daley has demanded that the Cook County Assessor and the Illinois General Assembly work together in passing common sense legislation that will ease the burden of tax payers. Various civic groups have even joined the call for property tax relief.

In the midst of all the hoopla, there is one elected official who has offered an immediate but temporary cure for the issue of rising property taxes. Cook County Commissioner Robert Show of the Cook County Board of Review has been able to lower literally hundreds of thousands of homeowner property taxes within Cook County. As mandated by the State of Illinois, The Board of Review office has the ability to only lower or sustain property owner taxes.

In 1998, Robert Shaw was elected Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Review. Prior to being elected, Shaw had heard from countless voters throughout Cook County of their frustration with the Board of Review's lack of outreach to residents. Upon being elected, Shaw immediately formalized an Outreach Seminar Program that would take the office of the Board of Review to the neighborhoods of Cook County. Commissioner Shaw's goal was to increase the visibility of the office, increase the amount of tax reduction applications filed and inevitably increase the amount of reductions granted to property owners.

Shaw has taken this outreach to over 100 communities throughout Cook County. By doing so, property tax owners are spared the inconvenience of returning appeal forms to various locations outside of their neighborhoods or the expense of parking downtown Chicago

As a result of Commissioner Robert Shaw's vision, the Board of Review office has experienced significant improvement as it related to its overall effectiveness. During Commissioner Shaw's five-year tenure, over 500,000 homeowners have applied for tax reductions. Of that figure, 350,000 homeowners were granted reductions. All record highs for the Board of Review office.

It's good to find help in the middle of a storm. Shaw has created a blanket of protection that has allowed thousands of property owners to receive reductions.

While many other politicians will come and give you a power-point presentation of what they plan to do as your elected representative, you don't have to look hard and long to see Shaw's record of accomplishment. Three hundred fifty thousand property owner reductions!!! That's a major accomplishment.

Study Shows Legislation Has Increased Taxes

The Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce released a study showing that the excessive business fee and tax increases passed by the legislature last spring to finance the FY2004 budget will increase employers share of state and local taxes to an exceptional 52.1 percent – 12 percent above the U.S. average of 42.6 percent and, in some cases, 25 percent above business taxes in other Midwestern states.

"Lawmakers who focus solely on the corporate income tax – which is less than 6 percent of all taxes employers pay to the state of Illinois – are doing a severe disservice to the state's job providers. Business taxpayers are now paying more than half of all the taxes collected in Illinois," says Douglas L. Whitley, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber. "As the substantial tax burden carried by Illinois employers continues to grow without regard for the cost of doing business, it will suppress investment and kill jobs."

The report, "2003 Illinois State and Local Business Tax Burden," was commissioned by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and prepared by Ernst and Young. Other key findings from the report, include:

- Illinois state and local business taxes have grown significantly over the last decade, increasing from $13.5 billion in FY 1993 to $21.9 billion in FY2003, an average growth of 5 percent a year;
- Despite the 2001 recession and slow economic recovery, Illinois state and local business taxes increased 11.7 percent from FY2000 to FY2003, accounting for almost two-thirds of all state and local tax growth over the past three years, and
- The business property tax is the single largest tax, accounting for almost 47 percent of state and local business taxes in FY2003 and rising by 5.5 percent annually since FY2000.

"In just one year, the Governor, General Assembly and local governments have increased the tax burden on business more than anytime in the past decade," said Jerry Roper, president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. "These unpredictable tax changes, discourage companies from investing and creating jobs in Illinois. Businesses have to deal with some measure of certainty in their costs of doing business, their competition and expected government policies."

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Piano Recital Set

The Music Conservatory at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts will present a piano recital featuring performances by faculty members David Schrader and Sharon Rogers at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th in the seventh floor Ganz Hall, 430 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

Schrader, an associate professor of music, is a performer who is equally at home on harpsichord, organ, piano or fortepiano. He has appeared as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and many other orchestras throughout the United States and Canada. He also performs regularly with Music of the Baroque, the Newberry Consort, the Chicago Baroque Ensemble, the Rembrandt Chamber Players and with Bach Week in Evanston.

Rogers, an associate professor of music, is known throughout the Midwest as an accompanist and chamber musician. She has been an accompanist at Interlochen Music Camp and the Opera Studio, and has collaborated with artists such as singers Jessye Norman, Robert McFerrin, Elizabeth Mannion, cellist Karl Fruh and Lyric Opera Principal Flute Jean Berkenstock.

The program includes Mozart's *Sonata in F Major* and music from *Midsummer Night's Dream* by Mendelssohn.

The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call (312) 341-2238.

Music Under the Stars, DJ Ken Sparr and Jerry "Elvis" Vegas have been teamed together to combine DJ and live musical entertainment with the Elvis Legacy Dinner Shows. Combined together there is 15+ years experience in the musical entertainment area. From weddings, graduation parties, block parties, anniversaries, holiday and theme parties they are available together, or DJ services only. They provide free consultation and unlimited contact prior to your event to give you the best quality and musical production needs.

Tickets are available for the upcoming Legacy Show on Saturday, March 13 at Bremen VFW #2791, 17140 S. Oak Park, Tinley Park. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 9 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person with a cash bar. There is also reserved table seating of 10 at $230.

More dates are available. Contact (708) 728-0315 or visit the web site at http://musicunderthestars.net or e-mail: djmusicthestar@aol.com.

Documentary Debuts

Geoffrey Baer, well-known WTTW11 on-air host, producer and Chicago Architecture Foundation tour guide, returns to the airwaves on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. with his newest documentary *South of Chicago: Suburbs, Steel Mills, Shoreline*. This is the second original documentary in Baer's multi-part series exploring the character and history of Chicago's suburbs, following the debut of *Chicago's North Shore* in December of 2002. Described by Baer as "without question, the most dramatic, most surprising program I've done so far," *South of Chicago: Suburbs, Steel Mills, Shoreline* takes viewers on a journey of discovery through one of the Chicago area's most diverse regions - culturally, historically, architecturally and topographically. *South of Chicago: Suburbs, Steel Mills, Shoreline*, a 105-minute documentary, debuts on WTTW11 on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m.

St. Pat's Day Show

Gaelic Storm brings its unique brand of lively Celtic music to the stage at The Center for Performing Arts for an early St. Patrick's Day show on Saturday, March 6th at 8 p.m. A favorite with audiences and critics alike, *Northern Lights Magazine* says "An evening of music, dancing, comedy and stories, Gaelic Storm won't disappoint even a rap or techno fan" and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* says "Put on your clogs and pass the Guinness!"

For ticket information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222.

Free Man Of Color

Following its critically acclaimed world premiere at Chicago's Tony Award-winning Victory Gardens Theater, Charles Smith's *Free Man of Color* comes to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Sunday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Dr. Roger K. Oden, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and University Professor of Political Science at GSU, moderates a free talk-back with the playwright and cast immediately following the performance.

Tickets are $29/$24/$20. For ticket information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center. Two-for-one tickets are available two hours prior to curtain for one hour only based on availability and must be purchased in person at the box office.

Leathem At Carraig

Billy Leathem is appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub set in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest, on Friday, March 5th at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 6th at 10 p.m. No cover charge. For further information, call (708) 687-9323.

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Larry Rogers, Jr. Tax Board Candidate

Larry Rogers, Jr. (pictured) is a candidate for the Cook County Board of Tax Review in the 3rd District on the Democratic ballot. Larry Rogers, Jr. is a well respected litigation attorney with 10 years experience in the prestigious Chicago law firm of Power, Rogers, Smith, P.C. He is a 1990 graduate of the University of California (B.S. Mangerial Economics). In 1994, Rogers received his juris doctorate from IIT-Chicago Kent School of Law.

Rogers was named Young Lawyer of the Year in 2000 by the National Bar Association and received a Presidential Award from the Cook County Bar Association that same year.

Larry Rogers, Jr. sees himself as a strong leader who will bring integrity to the Cook County Board of Review. "Cook county homeowners have been ignored for far too long. As the main arbiter on property tax assessments in Cook County, the Board of Review has great power. For too long the Board lowered the property taxes for big campaign contributors and political insiders while ignoring the average homeowner. That means we pay more," stated Rogers.

As a husband and father of three young children, Larry Rogers, Jr. wants to make Cook County a better place to raise all of our children. He is a civic activist who has volunteered his time for the Robert Taylor Boys and Girls Club and the Providence-St. Mel School as a member of the board of directors.

"For years, politicians have been elected in Cook County because they were part of the political organizations and not because they were qualified for the office they were running for. Those days are over. We must move to elect people because of their background preparation and qualifications not because of their political connections," Rogers said.

While Southern and Western Cook County suffers from the highest property tax rates in the state, some political insiders refuse to pay their fair share. It's time for a change. Larry Rogers, Jr. believes we can no longer afford to let political insiders breeze by while the rest of our taxes soar through the roof. As a member of the Board of Review, he will be a strong advocate for local homeowners and businesses. Larry Rogers, Jr. will fight for the average citizen.

Seek Casino Funds For Energy Bills

Due to lack of appropriation by the Bush administration and natural gas prices up by 50% since early winter, CEDA (Community Economic Development Association) a local non-profit that addresses the needs of low-income residents and communities in Cook County ceased the acceptance of energy assistance applications.

According to information provided by People's Energy, there are still over 10,000 residents in Chicago that are without heat.

"On Monday, March 1 at 9 a.m. ACORN (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) and supporting legislators conducted a press conference at the State of Illinois Building to propose that a percentage of funding gained from Casinos be used as a revenue stream to fund HB2380. "People treat having heat as a luxury and heat is not a luxury, it's a necessity. The Casinos are a luxury and we're proposing that capital from the casinos support energy assistance funding for Illinois residents who simply can't afford their energy bills," says Madeline Talbott, Head Organizer with ACORN

On April 1, record high numbers of shut-offs will begin ACORN also plans to stand in the way of the trucks that are on route to shut residents off.

The "Percent-of-Income Payment Plan," HB2380, which ACORN developed in conjunction with key legislative leaders, is currently stalled in the rules committee. The bill provides that income eligible households be required to pay no more than 6% of annual income for gas and electric service.

SXU Add Men's Cross Country Team

The St Xavier University athletic department will get a little bit larger in the fall of 2004 when athletic director Bob Hallberg announced recently that the department will add a men's cross-country team to its list of varsity sports. The addition means SXU will offer 10 varsity sports during the 2004-05 academic year.

"This seemed like a natural addition to our department since we already offer a women's cross-country program," said Hallberg. "Most of the meets that our women's team compete in have both men's and women's races so the two teams can race together and support each other. I'm very excited about the new program and the progression that the athletic department at St Xavier University is making with this addition."

For more information or any questions regarding the new men's cross-country program, contact the SXU athletic department at (773) 298-3101

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Night Time Snowshoe Hike Set

"Full Moon Fever," a nighttime, winter snowshoe hike sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. For ages seven and above, "Full Moon Fever" requires registration and a fee of $3 per person.

Enjoy an evening walk under the light of the full moon. Given clear skies and snow cover, we will experience the serenity of a moonlit winter night on snowshoes.

To register or to learn more about "Full Moon Fever," call (815) 727-8700.

Financial Assistance Awards

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is the state's centralized provider of financial assistance aimed at helping students and families access post-secondary education and/or training. Each year, the Commission awards an estimated $400 million in scholarship and grant aid to over 190,000 qualified students, and also provides an additional $870 million to borrowers through its student loan programs. The agency offers credit-based alternative loans, a 529 prepaid tuition program known as *College Illinois!* and a broad array of outreach and informational services to ensure that families have access to the information they need to pay for a college education. More information is available by calling toll-free (800) 899-4722.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scout cookies ordered through Girl Scouts of the South Cook County Council will be delivered from March 6th to 14th.

Also, there will be "cookie shops" for direct purchase of cookies in a number of south suburban locations during the weekends of March 19th to 21st and April 2nd to 4th.

For information about Girl Scouting, where girls grow strong, or about the cookie delivery, call (708) 957-8100.

Guest Speaker

Mt. Greenwood Residents Assn. presents Dr. Sylvia Friedman on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkhouse. Dr. Sylvia is a motivational speaker and handwriting analyst. Join us and explore the idea of fear. Call Margaret for information at (773) 445-0011.

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Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

St. Rita Mother & Son Dance

St. Rita Mother's Club will host its Mother Son Dance on Friday, March 5th at the Rosewood West Restaurant, 131st and Cicero Ave. Tickets are $26 per person. For tickets call Anne Russell at (773) 925-6600.

A Chili Cook Off will be held at the Mother's Club meeting on Monday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a prize for the best chili.

Nomination of officers for the 2004-05 term will also be held at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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Brendan O'Connor MWRD Candidate

Brendan George O'Connor (pictured) is a Democratic candidate for Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and will be on the ballot in the March 16 Democratic Primary. Brendan is a former police officer, worked in Springfield as a legislative aide and actually worked at the Water Reclamation District for nearly five years. He is currently an attorney in private practice.

One of Brendan O'Connor's main goals if elected as a Commissioner will be to insure that the Water Reclamation District has a state-of-the-art Emergency Re-sponse System to respond to any emergencies that may arise at the Water Reclamation District, including the threat of terrorist activity. Brendan gained a comprehensive knowledge of the Water Reclamation District's properties and security needs in the nearly five years that he worked there as a police officer.

"A safe Water Reclamation District makes sense for all residents of Cook County and Chicago," says O'Connor. "While many of us may take it for granted having a safe and operational water system, which includes the Water Reclamation District, is critical to the health and welfare of all residents." The Water Reclamation District assists in protecting the water environment through its treatment of raw sewage as well as through the capture of sewer overflows during significant rain storms. The Water Reclamation District is best known for its Deep Tunnel Project, which captures sewer overflows and prevents the pollution of inland water-way systems and aims to preventing the flooding of people's basements.

For more information about Brendan O'Connor or the Water Reclamation District visit the campaign web site at http://www.voteoconnor.com **or call (773) 965-5470.**

Raise Awareness Of Dating Violence On College Campuses

Citing American Medical Association (AMA) statistics that one in five young women are physically or sexually abused by a dating partner, Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined Verizon Wireless and Loyola University school officials to introduce a campaign to raise awareness of dating violence on college campuses in Illinois.

Madigan was joined by Verizon Wireless Illinois/Wisconsin Region President Tracy Nolan and Loyola University Chicago Provost Peter Fracione at the press conference on Loyola's Water Tower campus. Other speakers included Loyola Wellness Director Diane Asaro and Loyola student and Peer Health Educator Megan Bannon.

Madigan said the campaign will feature posters that illustrate examples of verbal abuse that often precede physical or sexual abuse. The posters will be displayed where students will most likely see them, including high-traffic areas such as student centers, libraries, cafeterias and dormitories.

Examples of dating violence and abuse include a boyfriend getting jealous when a partner talks with others; a boyfriend putting a partner down constantly; a boyfriend who wants to know where his partner is at all times; and a boyfriend who wants to control his partner by controlling what she wears, says or does.

"Our goal is to let college students know that verbal abuse is not acceptable. It is harmful in itself and can lead to physical or sexual abuse that can scar young women far beyond their college years," Madigan said. "Students must learn now how to recognize abusive behavior and how to protect themselves, whether they are on a date or walking home after a late-night party."

Nolan said, "The damaging cycle of domestic violence often begins with partner abuse among our youth." She added that U.S. Department of Justice statistics reveal between 20 to 25 percent of all college women will be raped at least once during their college years

Loyola University Chicago is the second campus Madigan has visited with this statewide initiative. Madigan visited the University of Illinois Springfield campus on Jan. 27 to launch the campaign and has invited other Illinois colleges and universities to join the awareness campaign

For more information about the partner abuse initiative, contact Jennifer Welch at the Illinois Attorney General's office at (312) 814-5846 or Carolyn Schamberger at Verizon Wireless at (847) 619-4282

St. Augustine Annual Dinner And Reunion

St. Augustine High School, Grade School and Parish Alumni Association will hold its annual dinner and reunion on Sunday, March 28th at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. Cocktails (cash bar) will be at 12 noon with dinner at 1 p.m. The cost is $20 per person, with a reservation deadline of March 20th.

The special anniversary classes are 1929 Diamond; 1954 Golden; and 1979 Silver. Also being honored are the high school and grammar school classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1959, 1964, 1969 and 1974. Class lists are available from Dolores Karnia at (773) 735-2236

All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Poor Handmaids. Last year $1,000 was donated to the Catherine Kasper Life Center for the benefit of the retired sisters and $1,000 was presented to St. Johnel for the Sr. Joel Lampen Society at the Ancilla College

Our Lady of Mercy Church, 701 S. Eola Rd., Aurora, is the current home of the stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, bells and sanctuary lamp from St. Augustine Church. St. Augustine parishioners and friends will visit Our Lady of Mercy on Saturday, May 15th for the 4 p.m. mass, refreshments will be served following the mass.

Officers of the St. Augustine Alumni Association are: Dolores (Bobber) Karnia '48, president; Ruth (Schroeder) Coogan '50, vice president; Carolann Stashak '64 treasurer; and Jean (Dratfz) Surma, '50, secretary

Storm Preparedness

Illinois experienced a record-setting 120 tornadoes in 2003, resulting in two deaths, 81 injuries and more than $40 million in damage. Even in a non-record setting year, Illinoisans can expect an average of 31 tornadoes along with numerous thunderstorms, damaging winds, hail and floods.

To help Illinois residents prepare for severe storms, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) will observe Severe Weather Preparedness Week through March 6.

"Spring brings a welcomed reprieve from the winter's freezing temperatures, but it's important that people be aware of severe weather hazards and know what to do when a storm is approaching," said William C. Burke, IEMA Director. "Now's the time to make sure you understand what watches and warnings mean and have a plan of action when warnings are issued."

To learn more about how to prepare for severe weather, IEMA developed a *Severe Storm Preparedness Guide*, which is available on the IEMA web site at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-0229. The guide includes information on weather terms, how to keep you and your family safe when a storm approaches and what actions to take following a severe storm, tornado or flood.

Tournament

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have openings in their annual spring youth basketball tournament at the Bolingbrook Park District Recreation Centers from April 2nd to 4th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry deadline is March 12th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

American street gangs do it. Taliban Afghans do it. Osama bin Laden does it. Even Haitian police under surveillance do it.

They all use drug money to fund their fight for less than honorable objectives. Therefore, it comes as no surprise to read the page-one headline, "Drug money reportedly funding Haiti fighting" *(Chicago Tribune*, 2/29/04). Nor is it surprising to learn that top police officials in Haiti are drug-trafficking leaders, as the news story documents.

The same issue of the newspaper also carried a story of the corrupting influence of drug prohibition money in Chicago. ("Former officers are sent to prison: 2 caught stealing [cocaine and cash] by an FBI sting," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/29/04). News for sure, but old and recurring news spiked with new names is all.

The drug war does more harm than good and enabling the bad guys with huge profits (the by-product of drug prohibition) is near the top of the list of harms. One day, the headlines will sink in, and Americans will demand an end to failed drug-war policies. On that day, candidates for president will do the right thing without fear of the political third rail.

Until then, some serious candidates for US president will remain too frightened to even support medical marijuana for the sick and dying to relieve nausea, pain and suffering – like John Edwards, Democratic candidate for president, just like Pres. George W. Bush.

s/s James E. Gierach
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Governor's Fight For Affordable Prescription Drugs Continues

Just back from the nation's capital where he announced a major class action lawsuit to give American consumers access to affordable prescription drugs, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently met with nearly 300 seniors in suburban Bolingbrook to tell them how they can get discounts on their medications and help push for a permanent solution to skyrocketing drug prices.

"You have worked hard, you raised your families and saved carefully all your lives so you could live happily and independently in your retirement years. You did your part, but many of you still haven't been able to enjoy retirement and the promise of the American Dream because the medications that would make it possible are out of reach," Blagojevich said.

"Since September, the State of Illinois has been asking the federal government to work with us to help our citizens buy safe, affordable prescription drugs from Canada. The FDA tells us our plans – that have been carefully designed to protect consumers and help them buy affordable prescription drugs – are unsafe, unsound and ill-considered. In the meantime, we see study after study reporting that senior citizens and people with chronic illnesses are being forced to choose between buying the medications they need and paying their rent. We can't let that continue to happen."

The idea is simple. We ask the senior and disabled citizens of Illinois to join forces with state employees and others covered by the state's health programs to strengthen our negotiating power. Then we say to the pharmaceutical companies: 'If you give us a steep discount on your products, we can deliver millions of Illinois customers to you. If you refuse to give us a price break, we will take our business to your competitors.'

In its first eight weeks of operation, the Buying Club has enrolled 7,239 seniors and 318 disabled people. Another 57,449 participants in the state's Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance Program have been automatically enrolled so they will get discounts on drugs that are not covered by the income-based program. The average discount right now is 21%.

The Buying Club gives members immediate savings based on rebates that the program's private administrator, SavRx, has already negotiated with drug manufacturers. The state will negotiate additional rebates by combining the market leverage of the Buying Club with that of more than 500,000 people who are insured in the state-sponsored programs.

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Hynes Emerges As Experienced Leader

At a live radio debate recently, U.S. Senate candidate Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes clearly emerged as an experienced leader that understands the concerns and values of the people of Illinois.

"The problem is that for the Bush Administration, they're listening to the corporations, if we lose a job in Illinois, but that corporation picks up a job in India, for them – it's fine, but for the American worker they're out a job," said Hynes. "We need to make sure that our trade agreements allow American workers, who are the best in the world, in terms of productivity and efficiency, let them compete. All the American worker is looking for is a level playing field and a chance to compete."

In the 60-minute debate sponsored by the Illinois Radio Network and WBBM, Hynes fielded questions on the economy, the war in Iraq, gay marriage and fiscal responsibility.

"I have traveled to each of the 102 counties in the state of Illinois and have taken the time to understand the concerns of each person I meet. On election day people are going to choose the candidate they know and trust," said Hynes. "My campaign is based on comprehensive, detailed plans to get this country working again. America's working families are worried about keeping their jobs, paying for health insurance and making sure their children are getting a good education. I will take the fight for hard-working Americans to Washington, DC."

Dan Hynes was the first candidate in the race to lay out a detailed plan to create jobs and stimulate the economy. And Hynes is running a true statewide campaign with a dozen offices and thousands of volunteers canvassing and making phone calls every weekend.

Family Fun Program

"Maple as a Staple," a Sunday Family Fun program especially designed for families with children eight years and younger in age, will be on Sunday, March 14th at 2 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville. A fee of $2 per child or $5 per family is required for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

It's that time again! The daylight is lasting a little later into the evening, and the weather is warming up ever so slightly. To the Potawatomi people of the Great Lakes region, this meant that the sap in the maple trees would start running and that it was time to make sugar. Come join us for a celebration of the maple tree and its many gifts to us as we discuss how maple sap has been used for generations.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

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Dr. Stephen Wardell is an orthopedic surgeon on staff at Little Company who specializes in joint replacement surgery. He is a member of Parkview Musculoskeletal Institute and director of joint replacement, with extensive training and experience in the treatment of arthritis and joint disease.

According to Stryker Ceramics, the company who supplies Little Company's surgeons with the implants, the ceramic hip is used to "replace the ball-and-socket joint of a hip when a total hip replacement is performed. The Trident® Ceramic Acebtabular implant utilizes alumina ceramic-on-ceramic bearing surfaces. Alumina is an excellent bearing surface for hips due to its material characteristics, which are both hard (second only to diamonds) and smooth."

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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St. Augustine Alumni Association – Dinner and Reunion, March 28th, noon, Lexington House, Hickory Hills. Call (773) 735-2236.

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St. Turibius Grammar School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Von Steuben High School class of 1949 Reunion, May 22nd. Doubletree North Shore. Call (847) 657-3639.

Host Basketball Tournament Games

Moraine Valley Community College's men's and women's basketball teams have advanced to the semi-final round of the 2004 National Junior College Athletic Assn.'s Region IV Division II basketball tournament.

The college's women's team, seeded #4, will play #1 seed Carl Sandburg College on Thursday, March 4th at 6 p.m. The #3 seeded men's team will take on #2 seed Olive-Harvey College on Friday, March 5th at 8 p.m.

Moraine Valley is hosting the tournament, and all games will take place in the college's gymnasium. Quarterfinal results and the semi-finals schedule are as follows:

Thursday, March 4th Women's Semifinals
6 p.m. #1 Carl Sandburg v. #4 Moraine Valley
8 p.m. #2 Kankakee v. #3 McHenry
Friday, March 5th Men's Semifinals
6 p.m. #1 Waubonsee v. #5 Triton
8 p.m. #2 Olive-Harvey v. #3 Moraine Valley
Saturday, March 6th Women's Championship 6 p.m. Men's Championship 8 p.m.

More information about the tournament, including pairings, scores and tournament news is available on the tournament web site. www.morainevalley.edu/athletics/regionIV.htm.

Award Lt. Gov. Quinn

Commissioner Frank Avila of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) recently presented his 2004 Excellence in Water Protection Award to Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn.

Avila presented the award to Quinn in acknowledgement of the Lt. Governor's exceptional leadership in protecting our water environment.

"Pat Quinn has continuously demonstrated his commitment to protecting Illinois' waterways. He is an asset to our state," said Avila.

Quinn presently chairs the Illinois River Coordinating Council – a diverse group of citizens, not-for-profit organizations and federal and state agencies who oversee planning and funding for preservation and restoration of the Illinois River Watershed.

Quinn sponsored the 1st annual Chicago River Summit, which has built a diverse network among Chicago River stakeholders. Additionally, Pat Quinn is spearheading a campaign for a Clean Water Initiative for Illinois modeled on recent bond initiatives in other states. Funding – possibly in the hundreds of millions of dollars – would go toward sediment removal, wetland restoration, river easement, land acquisition and other methods of river preservation.

Vets Memorial Plaque

Community High School District 218 seeks information about alumni who died in military service during the Korean War. The district will dedicate a memorial plaque bearing their names around Veterans Day this year.

All would have attended Blue Island Community High School, the only district school in existence during that era. At that time, students from Blue Island, Oak Lawn, Alsip, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Robbins, Calumet Park, Worth, Crestwood and Merrionette Park all attended Blue Island Community High School.

Community members can help with this project.

If any friends or relatives of District 218 alumni who died during the Korean War would like to contribute information, newspaper clippings, or photos (which would be returned), call Bob McParland at (708) 424-2000, ext. 2570.

In addition to the memorial plaque and dedication ceremony, the district will produce a printed program detailing the lives of alumni who died during the Korean War.

So, far, the district has confirmed that the following alumni perished in Korea: Manuel Alvarado, Lawrence Mrotek, Terrence McNulty, and Raymond Sutherland. It is possible, however, that there were other alumni who died while serving in the United States armed services during the Korean War.

Governor Outlines Major Illinois Initiatives

In a meeting with members of Illinois' Congressional delegation recently in the nation's capital, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich outlined major Illinois initiatives he wants to see included in the federal budget for fiscal year 2005.

"When we put together our priority list for projects for Illinois that we would like to see in the federal budget and legislation we would like to see passed, we thought about it very carefully," the governor said. "We chose projects, programs and legislation that reflect the priorities of the people of Illinois. We chose projects, programs and legislation that would create jobs, reduce congestion, and help keep the people of our state safe."

The governor focused on five key areas to help spur job growth and economic development in Illinois.

Transportation: Blagojevich pushed for passage of the federal transportation reauthorization bill that recently passed the U.S. Senate and includes more than $1 billion per year over the next six years for Illinois road projects. The funding could translate into 10,000 new jobs.

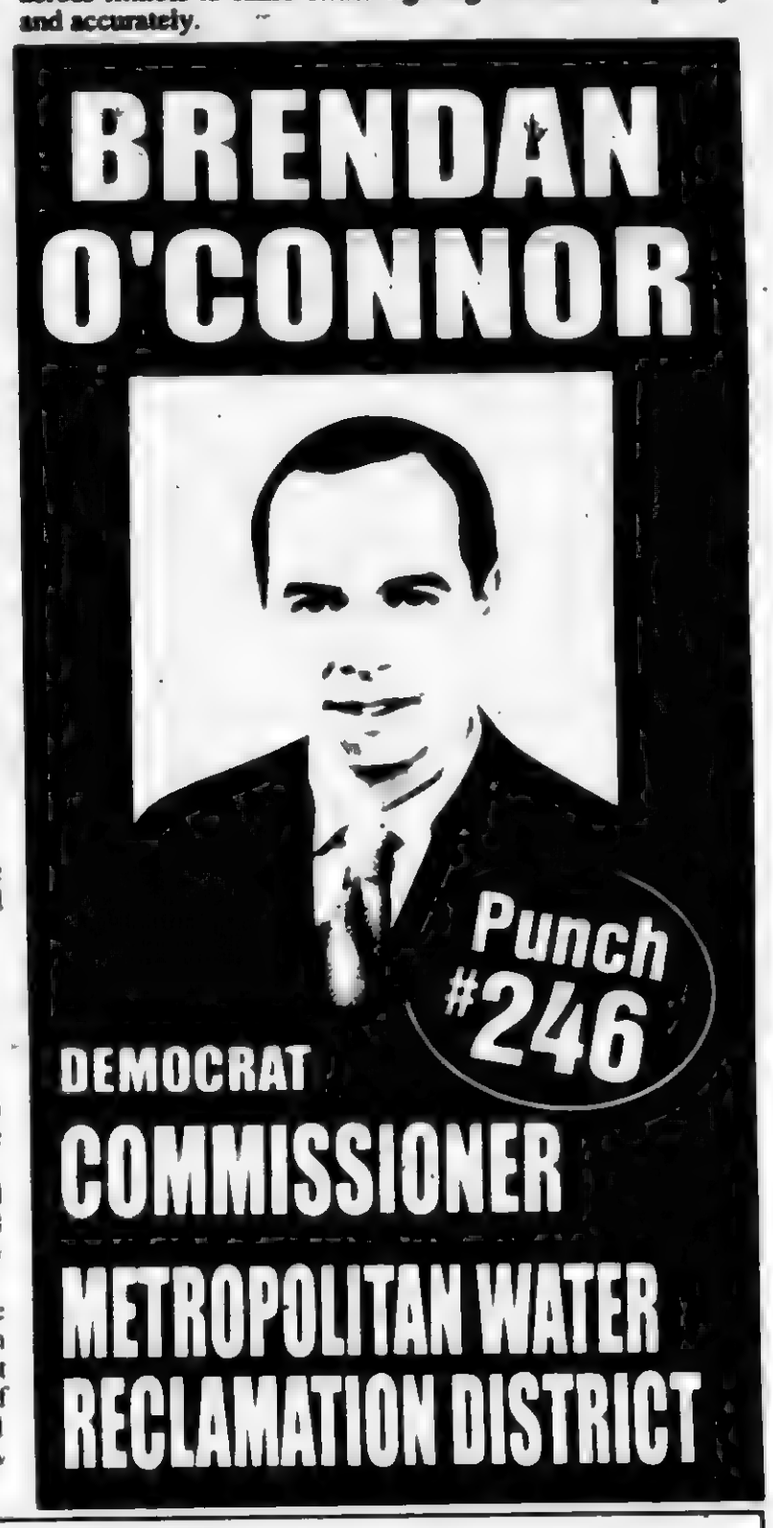
Scott Air Force Base and Rock Island Arsenal: The governor is working with Congressmen Jerry Costello and Lane Evans, and is hiring military affairs specialists to work with the Dept. of Defense, to keep Scott Air Force Base and the Rock Island Arsenal off the list of base closings. Scott is one of the largest employers in Southern Illinois and contributes more than $1.5 billion to the local economy. The Rock Island arsenal pumps almost $800 million into the Quad Cities region each year. Together, the bases support almost 70,000 jobs for Illinois.

FutureGen: Blagojevich is working aggressively with the Delegation to attract the FutureGen project to Southern Illinois. FutureGen is a 10-year, $1 billion federal project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions power plant. When completed, it will be the cleanest fossil fuel-fired power plant in the world.

Rare Isotope Accelerator: Blagojevich wants to make sure Argonne National Labs is chosen as the home of the new Rare Isotope Accelerator. The project could bring 400 new jobs and $50 million each year to the local economy.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum: The governor is seeking federal help to transform the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum into a fitting tribute to one of the greatest leaders in out nation's history. The new presidential library will bring millions of dollars into the economy of central Illinois and enhance the reputation of Illinois around the world.

Other needs for more federal help that the governor highlighted were in the area of public safety. He cited a need for Illinois to receive a larger share of homeland security funds; funding for the StarCom 21, a statewide police radio system; and funding for the I-CLEAR system, a new database that will allow 1,200 police agencies across Illinois to share crime-fighting information quickly and accurately.



Number Of County Sheriff's Endorse Hynes

The Hynes for Senate campaign announced recently that an overwhelming number of Illinois' Democratic County Sheriffs – 35 of the state's 40 Democratic County Sheriffs – have endorsed Dan Hynes for U.S. Senate.

"I am honored to see this outpouring of support from some of the state's most esteemed and hard-working public servants," said Hynes. "Our County Sheriffs and their deputies put their lives on the line each day to keep our communities safe and to protect us from harm. Government must continue to support the fundamental work they perform each day and I will fight for the federal resources they need in order to continue their noble work for the people of Illinois."

"As Illinois State Comptroller, Dan Hynes has leveled with us – he warned us about the state's budget crisis and called for reforms before anyone else did," said Douglas County Sheriff John Chambers. "He has a record of honesty and integrity in public service and in life and he will be a fighter for the working people of Illinois in the U.S. Senate."

"Dan Hynes has traveled to every county in this state, including Adams County many times, and he truly understands what people need – a chance at a good secure job so they can provide for their family," said Adams County Sheriff Brent Fischer. "Dan Hynes is the best kind of leader – a smart leader with a heart and that is why I believe Dan Hynes is the best candidate for the U.S. Senate."

Also, the Hynes for Senate campaign announced that the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, which represents more than 7,000 members, voted unanimously to endorse Dan Hynes for U.S. Senate. The Metropolitan Alliance of Police is an organization composed of sworn police officers holding the rank of lieutenant and below, and civilian employees who maintain full or part-time employment with any state, county or municipal agency. The group was organized to meet the growing needs of police-related employees in the area of legal defense, and to promote the advancement of police labor issues that were not being met by existing police labor groups.

As State Comptroller, Hynes has a strong record of advocating for Illinois' working men and women and for this reason Hynes received the endorsement of the Illinois AFL-CIO. He has also received the endorsement of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police; the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and more than 750 local elected officials statewide.

Nature Works Cafe

Calling all nature enthusiasts and reading buffs. Do you enjoy nature? Do you take pleasure in reading a good book? Put the two together and you have "Nature Works Cafe," an adult discussion group. The books and the discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. The program, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is *Mind of the Raven: Investigations and Adventures with Wolf-Birds*, by Bernd Heinrich. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

A fee of $3 per person is required and will be collected at the program.

For information, call (815) 727-8700, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, south of Crete.

Family Migratory Bird Walk

A "Migratory Bird Walk," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, March 20th at 8 a.m. at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve in Plainfield.

The lakes and abundant wetlands that make up Lake Renwick provide one of the greatest migratory bird spectacles in the Chicago area. A Forest Preserve naturalist will lead the hike in search of migrating waterfowl, herons, egrets and songbirds.

Plan on attending more than one Migratory Bird Walk because different species will be migrating at different times; each week brings something new. Participants are encouraged to bring a bird guide and binoculars and to dress for the weather. The walk will be at a moderate pace, so wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

The hikes are free of charge and intended for persons of at least seven years of age.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

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Help Track Child Murderers Bill

Closing a dangerous loophole in Illinois law, Attorney General Lisa Madigan has proposed bipartisan legislation to help law enforcement and communities track child murderers who have escaped scrutiny because they were convicted before tougher laws were passed to require them to register with the sex offender registry.

Under current law, child murderers convicted of first-degree murder are labeled as sexual predators and must register for life with law enforcement agencies – but only if they killed their victims on or after June 1st, 1996.

Madigan's bipartisan legislation would remove the arbitrary 1996 cut-off so that all first-degree child murderers currently in IDOC would be covered by the lifetime registration requirement regardless of when the murder took place.

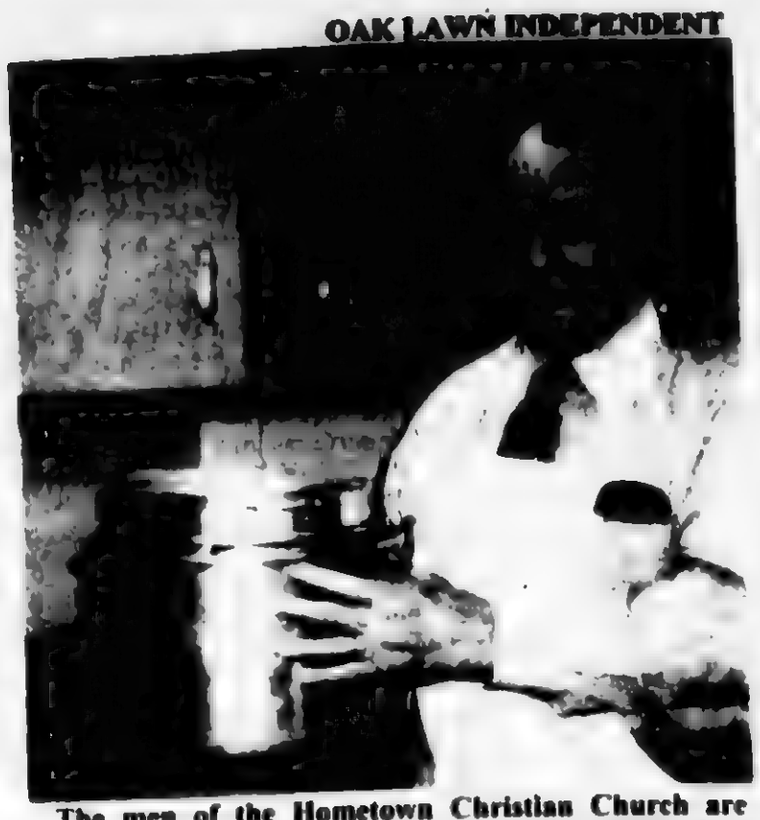
"The Illinois General Assembly recognized that child murderers may kill again and took the critical step of requiring them to register so that law enforcement and the public can keep track of them. But the existing laws do not cover all of these criminals," Madigan said. "As a result, my legislation closes a dangerous loophole. We will never be able to prevent all tragedies, but we owe it to child victims and their parents to try as hard as we can."

The bill, HB 6811, is sponsored by State Reps. Patricia Bailey (D-Chicago), William Delgado (D-Chicago), Patricia Reid Lindner (R-Aurora), Lovanna Jones (D-Chicago) and Chapin Rose (R-Champaign).

Another significant change proposed in the legislation would require offenders to notify authorities 10 days *before* relocating out of state, giving Illinois law enforcement an opportunity to alert authorities in the state where the offender intends to move. Currently, offenders are only required to notify law enforcement within 10 days *after* moving out of Illinois.

"If we ask sex offenders to register, it only makes sense to ask violent offenders who victimize children to do the same," Chicago Police Dept. Superintendent Philip J. Cline said. "This legislation makes more information about violent offenders available to residents. It also makes families and communities safer."

Madigan's bill is called the "Child Murderer Community Protection Act."



The men of the Hometown Christian Church are going to try their hand at cooking a St. Patrick's Day Dinner for the very first time under the capable leadership of Oak Lawn resident Vern Sommer. Vern has always enjoyed cooking and is looking forward to this opportunity to showcase his talents. The dinner will consist of the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert, etc., and will be followed by a video for entertainment.

The church is located at 4340 W. 87th St., and the event will be held on Wednesday, March 17 beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults, $3.50 for children ages 6-12, and under 6 are free. The public is invited to participate. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 15 from the church office between 9 a.m. and noon on weekdays.

For further information call the church office at (773) 582-7744.

Pictured: Vern Sommer gets the big pots out of storage in anticipation for cooking a St. Patrick's Day Dinner for the Hometown Christian Church members and guests.

Prospect Federal Day At Saint Xavier

A big crowd enjoyed an exciting game on "Prospect Federal Day" at Saint Xavier University's Shannon Center, as the Cougars men's basketball team defeated Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival, University of St. Francis, 77-65.

Many of the people attending the Saturday, Feb. 21st game received free tickets and refreshments from Prospect Federal Savings Bank, which was recognized by Saint Xavier for sponsoring the University's Fall and Winter sports programs. In fact, the day of the game was designated as Prospect Federal Day at St. Xavier.

Prospect Federal held drawings for free prizes during the game. The grand prize winner, Gene Osmanski of Oak Lawn, was a DVD player. John Eggert, also of Oak Lawn, won a two-way radio. Additional winners included Bernie Duffy of Oak Lawn, who won a CD/clock radio along with Mallory McEldowney of Orland Park and Danny Casasanto of Chicago who won portable CD/radios.

Prospect Federal President & CEO Steven F. Rosenbaum said, "We're happy to be associated with Saint Xavier's excellent athletic program. And, we're glad so many of our customers and friends came out to see the game."

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is a local, independent financial institution, which has served Southwest Metropolitan Chicago for 95 years.

Pilgrim Faith Lenten Series

"Who Has Had the Biggest Impact on My Life as a Christian?" is the topic for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series program on March 10th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Maureen Hutton, Roger Peart and Mary will discuss that topic.

A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the program. The series "Living by Faith" will continue each Wednesday through March 31st with a different panel addressing a different topic each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time to learn about Jesus' parables. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 422-4200.

Present Grieving Seminar

The family owned and operated Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., is extending an invitation to a community service seminar entitled "Good Grief," on Tuesday, March 16th at 7 p.m.

The facilitator, Father James Heneghan, will discuss the stages of grief, helping to reflect on what is good, helping everyone through this normal and loving response to death and loss in their lives.

There is no admission for this community service seminar. For a reservation, call (708) 425-0500.

Synowiecki Will Serve

Millikin University student Samantha Synowiecki of Oak Lawn is serving in the Millikin Admission Corps for the current academic year.

Synowiecki is a sophomore Nursing major.

LEGAL NOTICE #04-7

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
COOK COUNTY, IL

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the request of the herein named petitioner for Amendments to the Village of Oak Lawn Zoning Ordinance. Said hearing to be held at the time and date mentioned herein at the Municipal Center at 9446 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL in the second floor auditorium.

Petition Number:	04-3
Day & Date:	Monday, April 5, 2004
Time:	8:00 P.M.
Name & Address of Petitioner:	Village of Oak Lawn 9446 Raymond Avenue Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Amendment Requested:	Amendments to Title 4, Ch. 1 & 2, of the Oak Lawn Village Code re swimming pools and lot coverage

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

Dated at Oak Lawn, Illinois, this 1st day of March, 2004.

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SBC Cries Poor But Pays Cash

With the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) currently conducting hearings to review SBC's request for a massive increase in local wholesale telephone rates, the Texas phone giant joined with Bell South to make multi-billion dollar history recently – spending a combined $41 billion in cash to acquire AT&T Wireless. SBC kicked in $25 billion in cash to seal what has been reported to be the largest all-cash deal in history.

"While SBC cries poor to the ICC, demanding higher phone rates to help it make ends meet – or else it will refuse to invest or protect jobs, the company had the audacity to shell out $25 billion in cash to co-purchase AT&T Wireless. This recent transaction not only contradicts SBC's claims of 'financial distress' it proves SBC is flush with cash and clearly not deserving of a massive increase in local phone rates," said Melia Carter, Director of the ICCT.

"SBC was named the most profitable telecommunications company in the world and recently Businessweek rated SBC the 15th most profitable company in the Fortune 500 – yet SBC continues to make hollow claims to state regulators that it is losing money because wholesale phone rates are too low," Carter said. "This begs the question: how many more billions of dollars does SBC need to make in a year for it to abandon its quest to eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars in annual consumer savings?"

Recent investor briefing documents betray SBC's justification for a major rate increase because, counter to the company's rhetoric, its balance sheet reported $40.8 billion in revenues for 2003; increased its dividends five times last year – for the 19th consecutive year of dividend increases; and ranked 15th in the country for earnings last year.

"We're hopeful that the Illinois Commerce Commission will reject SBC's 'poor-mouth' financial rhetoric and reject its unnecessary request for a rate increase," said Carter. "SBC is clearly doing very well and doesn't need a big handout from state regulators by raising wholesale phone rates. The economics are simple: higher wholesale rates always lead to higher retail rates – which spells bad news for Illinois consumers."

Lunch & Fashion Show

The Mothers Club of McAuley Liberal Arts High School will host its 48th annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, *When You Wish Upon A Star*, on Sunday, March 7th at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace beginning at 11:30 a.m. The event is open to all McAuley students and their mothers, designed specifically to honor seniors and their mothers.

This show features the latest spring casual attire, elegant eveningwear and a selection of white graduation dresses and prom dresses.

This year's fashion show will also feature "Celebrity" models that are members of the faculty and staff at McAuley: Robert Cislo (Theology), Sue Farrell (Social Science), Kathy Gordon-Davis (Art), Julie McKee (Music), Kelly Myron (Social Science) and Greg Syler (Theology). Another honored model is Ave Hayes Green of Oak Lawn, a recipient of the 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award for her years of involvement with the school.

Grand raffle prizes include a $1,000 cash prize, a $500 St. Xavier Party Package, and an opal necklace ($450 value) from S&J Jewelers located at 320 S. Dearborn in Chicago.

The chairpersons are Pamela Chan and Carol Madey. Diane Dalcamo, Lynette Young, Lori Daker and Maggie Gandurski are co-chairpersons for the grand raffle. Other committee members include Janette Havlicek, Patty Rimkus, Patricia Seban Singler, Annette Strocchio and Melanie Woodward.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Patricia Seban Singler at (773) 238-9536.

OLCHS Alumni Hall Of Fame Nominations

Oak Lawn Community High School is looking for nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Criteria: graduate of OLCHS at least eight years ago; recognition for a high level of achievement and made a significant contribution in his/her field at the state, national and/or international levels; and has demonstrated to community, state, or national initiatives, the qualities of leadership, character, and service, in a variety of venues from his/her field of expertise.

Send nominations and a rationale on how the nominee meets the criteria by April 1 to: Mr. Richard Riordan, Assistant Principal, Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Nominees chosen by the Hall of Fame Committee will be inducted at the Academic Letter Ceremony in the fall.

Support Groups

In addition to its several special recreation programs and clubs, the Oak Lawn Park District offers two special discussion groups for the community – the M.S. Support Group, which meets the third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the A.D.H.D. Support Group, which meets the second Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. Both groups meet at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

At its March 17th meeting, the M.S. Support Group will welcome a speaker, Marcia Finlayson, PhD., an occupational therapist who will teach attendees how to maximize their resources. The meeting is free and open to all M.S. families and friends.

At its March 10th meeting, the A.D.H.D. Support Group will meet to discuss issues related to Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder for family and friends of those affected by this disorder. Call Todd Mallo at (708) 857-2200 if you plan to attend.

Children's Clothing Resale Set

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will hold its Annual Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, March 13, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Clothes baskets are encouraged for shoppers. All Blue Tag items will be half price from 10 to 11 a.m.

Absolutely no children or strollers allowed until after 9 a.m.

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Chico & Rauschenberger Support The American Center For Cures

Calling for a bipartisan effort to prevent and cure chronic disease, U.S. Senate candidate Gery Chico and Steve Rauschenberger held a joint press conference recently announcing their support for The American Center for Cures.

"Political party affiliation doesn't matter to the millions of Americans suffering from chronic or fatal disease," said Chico, who is vying for the Democratic nomination in the Illinois U.S. Senate race. "Although Senator Rauschenberger and I may differ on many issues, we absolutely agree that The American Center for Cures offers a historic opportunity to discover cures and save millions of lives. Our government has the power to make this mission a priority, and I am proud to stand with the Senator and express my support for this visionary idea."

The American Center for Cures will aggressively explore new ideas to move potential cures from the laboratory bench to effective cures at the patient's bedside. It will be funded for success and armed with mission-specific teams, given the high-level leadership, flexibility, multi-year budgeting and cabinet-level authority necessary to accomplish its goals.

Chico and Rauschenberger were joined at the press conference by Samuel Bassin, whose son Coby was diagnosed with leukemia at seventeen months old and is now in remission.

"The Bassin family, and millions of other families in America continue to battle fatal diseases every year with no cure in sight," said Chico. "Whether it's health care, education, job creation, or national security, it's time for Democrats and Republicans in Washington, D.C. to stop the finger-pointing and legislative gridlock that has been holding our country back. As a lifelong Democrat, I will be a strong advocate for progressive government in the U.S. Senate. At the same time, I will make very effort to reach across the aisle and work with Republican Senators to devise real solutions for the problems and challenges we face as a nation."

Attract Filmmakers

Governor Blagojevich announced that revenues in the Illinois Film Office would be up 100% in 2004 from 2003. With the new legislation attracting studios and filmmakers, film production is expected to increase to an estimated $50 million in 2004, from $25.6 million in 2003.

"Restoring the film and television industry in Illinois is important to my administration, and I am pleased to see that the outreach and tax incentives to the entertainment community have been a successful first step in bringing production back to Illinois," said Gov. Blagojevich. "In the future, movies that are made about Chicago will be shot in Chicago and not Toronto, which is great news for the working men and women of our production community."

In August of 2003, Governor Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 785, which created a new tax incentive designed to attract the film industry back to Illinois. The new law provides a tax credit equal to 25% of the wages paid to Illinois residents working on television and film projects shot in Illinois. In order to qualify, productions of 30 minutes or more will have to spend at least $100,000 on Illinois labor. Other, shorter film productions may also qualify for the incentive.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REFERENDA/QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by DAVID ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK, that at the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on:

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← 415	NO NO	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 229
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS
SECUNDARIAS NO 229
DE LA COMUNIDAD DE OAK LAWN
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 229:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS No 229 DE LA COMUNIDAD DE OAK LAWN

"Shall the Board of Education of Oak Lawn Community High School District No. 229, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a new school building and issue bonds of said School District to the amount $66,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"
"¿Debe la Junta de Educación del Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias No 229 de Oak Lawn Community, Condado de Cook, Illinois, construir y equipar un nuevo edificio escolar y emitir bonos de dicho Distrito Escolar por el monto de $66 000 000 para pagar los costos correspondientes?"

YES SI	430 →
NO NO	434 →

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA
DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE

"Shall the annual public library tax rate for the ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, located in and about Alsip and Merrionette Park, Illinois, be established at 0.29% of the full, fair cash value instead of at 0.15%, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?"
"¿Debe establecerse la tasa impositiva anual para bibliotecas públicas para EL DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE ubicado en y alrededor del Parque Alsip y Merrionette Illinois, con una tasa del 0.29% del valor de mercado completo en lugar de con una tasa del 0.15% la tasa máxima que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos?"

← 424	YES SI	
← 428	NO NO	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
CIUDAD DE PALOS HEIGHTS
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS:
A LOS ELECTORES DE LA CIUDAD DE PALOS HEIGHTS

"Shall the City of Palos Heights plan for the construction of a new Recreation Center?"
"¿Debe la Ciudad de Palos Heights planificar la construcción de un nuevo Centro Recreativo?"

YES SI	424 →
NO NO	428 →

"Shall the City of Palos Heights plan for the construction of a new swimming pool?"
"¿Debe la Ciudad de Palos Heights planificar la construcción de una nueva piscina?"

YES SI	434 →
NO NO	438 →

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ALSIP, HAZELGREEN AND OAK LAWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 126
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS NUMERO 126
DE ALSIP, HAZELGREEN Y OAK LAWN
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ALSIP, HAZELGREEN AND OAK LAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 126
A LOS ELECTORES DE ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS NUMERO 126 DE ALSIP HAZELGREEN Y OAK LAWN

"Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary School District No. 126, Cook County, Illinois, be increased and established at 2.05 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 1.55 percent, the existing maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?"
"¿Debe aumentarse la tasa anual máxima para fines de educacion del Distrito de Escuelas Primarias No 126 de Alsip Hazelgreen y Oak Lawn Condado de Cook, Illinois y establecerse al 2.05 por ciento sobre todas las propiedades gravables de dicho Distrito Escolar al valor segun equiparacion o evaluación del Departamento de Impuestos en lugar del 1.55 por ciento la tasa máxima existente que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos para dichos fines?"

YES SI	427 →
NO NO	431 →

(a) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the proposed rate is $9,348,124 and the approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the existing maximum rate is $6,725,921.
(b) The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said District is $13,443,586. If increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if said proposition is approved, the total dollar amount of this budget will be $15,415,025, representing an increase in the total dollar amount of this budget of 14 percent.
(c) The maximum annual tax rate currently levied by the District is 1.55 percent. If increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if said proposition is approved, there will be a 32.3 percent increase between the maximum rate at which such tax may be levied if the proposition is approved and the maximum annual rate at which such tax currently is levied.

(a) El monto aproximado de impuestos extendible para fines de educación según la tasa propuesta es de $9,348,124 y el monto aproximado de impuestos extendible para fines de educación según la tasa máxima actual es de $6,725,921.
(b) El monto total en dólares del mas reciente presupuesto anual aprobado de dicho Distrito es de $13,443,586. Si se aumenta por el monto del impuesto adicional que podría establecerse si se aprueba la proposición el monto total en dólares de este presupuesto sería de $15,415,025 lo que representa un aumento del monto total en dólares de este presupuesto del 14 por ciento.
(c) La tasa anual máxima establecida actualmente por el Distrito es del 1.55 por ciento. Si se aumenta por el monto del impuesto adicional que podría establecerse si se aprueba la proposición habría un aumento del 32.3 por ciento entre la tasa máxima con la que dicho impuesto podría establecerse si se aprueba la proposición y la tasa anual máxima con la que dicho impuesto se establece actualmente.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ATWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL
DISTRICT NUMBER 125
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR NUMERO 125
DE ATWOOD HEIGHTS
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF ATWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 125:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR NUMERO 125 DE ATWOOD HEIGHTS

"Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Atwood Heights School District Number 125, Cook County, Illinois, be increased and established at .55% upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of .375%, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?"
"¿Debe aumentarse la tasa impositiva anual máxima para fines de operaciones y mantenimiento del Distrito Escolar Numero 125 de Atwood Heights Condado de Cook, Illinois, y establecerse al 0.55% sobre todas las propiedades gravables de dicho Distrito Escolar al valor, segun equiparación y evaluación del Departamento de Impuestos, en lugar del 0.375%, la tasa máxima que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos para dichos fines?"

YES SI	429 →
NO NO	433 →

(a) The approximate amount of operations and maintenance fund taxes extendible under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of $403,955.
(b) The approximate amount of operations and maintenance fund taxes extendible under the proposed increased rate is the sum of $592,467.
(c) The annual rate at which operations and maintenance fund taxes are currently levied is .375% and the percentage of increase between said rate and the maximum rate of .55%, if approved, is 47%.
(d) The total dollar amount of expenditures of the 2003-2004 budget of said School District, including bond and interest, is $9,588,250 and the total dollar amount of the expenditures of the 2003-2004 budget of said School District, including bond and interest, is estimated to be $9,778,792 if the proposition is approved, equating a 1.97% increase.

(a) El monto aproximado de los impuestos extendible para el fondo de operaciones y mantenimiento de acuerdo con la tasa máxima vigente actualmente en dicho Distrito Escolar es la suma de $403,955.
(b) El monto aproximado de impuestos extendible para el fondo de operaciones y mantenimiento según el aumento de tasa propuesto es la suma de $592,467.
(c) La tasa anual según la cual se establecen actualmente los impuestos para el fondo de operaciones y mantenimiento es del 0.375% y el porcentaje de aumento entre dicha tasa y la tasa máxima del 0.55% si fuese aprobada es del 47%.
(d) El monto total en dolares de los gastos del presupuesto 2003-2004 de dicho Distrito Escolar incluyendo bonos e intereses es de $9,588,250 y el monto total en dolares de los gastos del presupuesto 2003-2004 de dicho Distrito Escolar incluyendo bonos e intereses se calcula en unos $9,778,792 si se aprueba la proposición lo que equivale a un aumento del 1.97%.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
PUEBLO DE CRESTWOOD
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL PUEBLO DE CRESTWOOD.

"Shall the introduction or expansion of gambling (including riverboats, betting parlors, slot machines, video lottery terminals and casinos) in the Village of Crestwood, Illinois, be prohibited unless approved by the voters of the Village of Crestwood at an election called for that purpose?"
"¿Debe prohibirse la introducción o expansión de los juegos de azar (incluyendo embarcaciones fluviales, salones de apuestas, máquina tragamonedas, terminales de lotería por video y casinos) en el Pueblo de Crestwood, Illinois, excepto si son aprobados por los votantes del Pueblo de Crestwood en unas elecciones convocadas para tal efecto?"

YES SI	440 →
NO NO	444 →

DATED at Chicago, Illinois this 3rd day of March, 2004

DAVID ORR
COOK COUNTY CLERK

2003 Campaign Finance Information Is Available

More than $32 million was contributed to Illinois politicians and political parties in 2003 with much of it going to people who aren't even candidates in 2004.

Campaign finance information for 2003 is now available at www.ilcampaign.org – the web site of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR). The updated web site is the most complete source of information about major contributors to officeholders and candidates, and the searchable Illinois Sunshine Database permits easy access to complete information about candidates' and political parties' receipts and expenditures.

The analysis from ICPR and the Sunshine Project also profiles the top 20 contributors in calendar year 2003. The list is led by the Illinois State Medical Society ($431,510) with the Illinois Hospital Association in second place ($323,693). Both groups also led the list in 2001, the previous annual report from a non-election year. The complete list is available at www.ilcampaign.org.

"Candidate committees and organizations from Cairo to Waukegan collected more than $32 million in 2003, with more than $20 million of it collected in just the last six months of the year," said Cindi Canary, Director of ICPR. "The $32 million eclipsed the 1999 record of $29 million for the first year of a four-year gubernatorial campaign cycle."

Governor Rod Blagojevich's campaign fund reported more than $5.4 million in contributions in 2003, far exceeding every other political committee in the state. All but $300,000 of those funds were obtained during the last half of the year, according to the analysis released March 2 by the ICPR and the Sunshine Project.

Canary said Blagojevich set a record for contributions collected by a newly elected Governor in the first year of his term. The Blagojevich campaign's $5.4 million in receipts easily surpassed the previous record of $2.7 million given in 1991 to former Gov. Jim Edgar's campaign.

Kent Redfield, Director of the Sunshine Project, said Blagojevich also was the top recipient of large contributions from private interests, those of $10,000 or more from corporations, unions, trade associations, professional associations, and individuals.

"During 2003, 291 private contributors made 421 contributions of $10,000 or more to 30 state level candidates, parties and officeholders," Redfield said. "Those five-figure checks totaled $6.6 million, and Gov. Blagojevich claimed $3 million of it. More than 45 percent of the big money from special interests went straight to the Governor's campaign war chest."

"The record fund raising by Blagojevich may be the result of more aggressive solicitation in comparison to other new governors," Canary said. "Perhaps less obvious are the reasons that contributors were so willing to give money to the campaign organization of a first-year governor who won't be running a re-election campaign until 2006."

"But most obvious now is the need for strict limits on contributions to political candidates and parties in Illinois," she said. "Illinois has long had a reputation for having the best government that money can buy. The latest reports of political activity have done nothing to improve that image."

Unlike the federal government and 48 other states, Illinois does not impose any limitation on the amount of money that can be contributed. Illinois also does not prohibit contributions by labor unions and corporations. Even those regulated by Illinois state government or doing business with the state government can make unlimited political contributions.

The political organization of Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago, was a distant second to Blagojevich in 2003. Jones collected $1.157 million for his own committee, and the Senate Democratic campaign fund received $893,000.

Total contributions in 2003 to other leaders included $1.132 million to House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego, and $536,000 to the House Republican Organization. Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson, R-Greenville, received $816,000 for his committee, and the Republican State Senate Campaign Committee received $1.053 million.

The campaign fund of House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, D-Chicago, received $1.111 million. The state Democratic Party, which Madigan chairs, received $907,000. The state Republican Party reported receipts of $623,000 in the same time period.

The fund-raising reports also indicate that Illinois will see a spirited race for the Fifth District Supreme Court seat in southern Illinois. The two candidates, Republican Lloyd Karmeier and Democrat Gordon Maag, reported raising $80,375 and $117,760 respectively during 2003, even though neither have primary opponents.

Both the Sunshine Project (located at the University of Illinois at Springfield) and the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform are non-profit, non-partisan projects that work to increase public awareness of how political campaigns are funded in Illinois. For additional information on campaign fund-raising in both the 2002 and 2004 election cycles, visit www.ilcampaign.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

On Thursday, March 4th, residents in the southwest suburbs have an opportunity to voice their support to bring a state-of-the-art hospital to the Orland area.

In 1991, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island purchased 66 acres at LaGrange Rd. and 171st St. with the vision of building a hospital to serve this rapidly growing community. That vision is now moving toward reality.

Our proposal to build a 130-bed hospital is being considered by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. The hospital will include 102 all-private patient rooms, a comprehensive emergency room, award-winning cardiac care, 16 intensive care rooms, and 12 obstetrics suites where women and their babies will stay from labor to delivery, until they go home.

St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island has served the southwest suburbs for 100 years and has long planned for a hospital in the Orland area. As a not-for-profit hospital, our No. 1 priority is to provide high-quality, caring service to all patients. St. Francis Hospital-Orland will complement St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island, and medical staff will have privileges at both hospitals.

We were the first hospital in the southwest suburbs to offer open heart surgery and full cardiac services, and our nationally recognized Cardiovascular Program has been recognized by Solucient as a 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospital four times, including each of the last three years.

Many people refer to St. Francis as "The Hospital With Heart" because of our mission and dedication, as well as our heart program. We hope that you will raise your voice in support of creating another hospital with heart: St. Francis Hospital-Orland. For more information, visit our Web site at www.stfrancisorland.com.

Sincerely,
Colleen Kannaday, President
St. Francis Hospital & Health Center

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor:

Revenue Sharing is not Economic Development
AUTHOR – Jim Bush President, American Eagle Steel Chairman, Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce

Once again the Chicago Soutland has put its time and money into a gold mine investment and once again the north and northwestern suburbs get the gold and the Southland gets the shaft. This time the gold mine came in the form of gaming and the economic development that surrounds the gaming industry.

The arrogance of the Gaming Board and its total disregard for their compliance to the statutes that guide them were never more in evidence than when they chose to leave the south suburbs off their list of finalists for the tenth gaming license. The intent and the statutes that created their commission clearly state that the gaming licenses are to go to economically depressed and/or blighted areas. I am fairly certain that it would be an extreme understatement to say either Rosemont or Des Plaines qualifies as an economically depressed or blighted area. The south suburbs didn't even get the obligatory-patronizing pat on the head to be chosen as one of the final three candidates. This time there wasn't even a pretext that we mattered.

The Illinois Times ran a headline that read "Illinois license no threat to region" – "Three finalist for state's 10th license are far from Indiana border"...At least the Gaming Board made somebody happy.. Indiana. I guess it didn't occur to the Gaming Board that good business would dictate that we stop Illinois dollars from flowing across the state line. I hardly think the folks from Indiana are going to Rosemont or Des Plains to put their nickels into a slot machine.

The Gaming Board's answers to the Southland's complaints are that some of our more economically depressed towns would be included in a revenue sharing system. Button up your shirt – Your heart is falling out! Do they think that is what we need – handouts/charity? Don't they think we are smart enough to figure out that revenue sharing is derived from the casino profits and does not include the economic development and jobs that restaurants, hotels, water parks and tourism generate. We need to bring the jobs and development to where it is most needed, not to where it is least needed. We in the Southland are tired of being patronized and left out when it comes to economic development.

In response to Senator Jones call for this injustice to be rectified the Governor said there are some big plans for the south suburbs that will be unveiled in the coming months, well, what's the holdup? What are the plans? We don't need any more head fakes or false starts. We aren't going to put up with window dressing ribbon cutting. Property taxes have driven business out of a once thriving area. It's not about a casino; it's about economic development. It's about a quality of life that the hard working people of the Southland deserve just as much as our northern neighbors. It's about the Southland sticking together and supporting one another.

Shame on us if we don't come together and finally realize that we have to make good things happen for the Southland. Jeff Ladd and Metra learned that lesson about a year ago. I would think Elzie Higgenbottom and his crew need a refresher course in decision-making.

Don't pat us on the head. We don't like it.

Rojas Makes Bid

Just two days after he was named to the 2003-04 All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Honorable Mention team, junior forward Mike Rojas (Burbank Reavis) made an early bid for next season's All-CCAC First Team scoring a game-high 29 points and collecting nine rebounds to propel No. 25 ranked and No. 2 seed Saint Xavier University over No. 7 seeded Barat College, 77-76, in a thrilling, first round conference tournament match-up Tuesday at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

Scholar Title

An impressive group of current 8th grade students who took the Marist High School entrance exam have been named to the 2004 RedHawk Scholars Program. The prestigious RedHawk Scholar title, bestowed to each student in their Marist acceptance letter, recognizes students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in grammar school, as well as strong leadership skills through school and community involvement.

Re-Elect
Patricia Y O U N G
Commissioner
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Patricia Young grew up on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood and attended Queen of Martyrs Grammar School and Mother McAuley High School. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Patricia and her 22 month-old son, Alex, reside in LaGrange Park.

Patricia has served as a Commissioner for 12 years and for 15 years prior to her election to the Board, she handled public relations for the District.

As your Water Reclamation District Commissioner . . .

Patricia Young

works full-time representing the taxpayers of Cook County.

is committed to finishing the massive, award-winning Deep Tunnel project that protects Lake Michigan and the Chicago River system from pollution, and prevents flooding throughout Cook County.

supports amending the Illinois statute to enable the District to assume the responsibility for storm water management throughout Cook County.

supports the use of District land for public recreational purposes.

fights to keep taxes low to ensure that taxpayers get the best services for their dollars.

serves as a voluntary Commissioner on the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC)

Patricia Young is endorsed by numerous elected officials and organizations throughout Cook County including the:

- Cook County Democratic Party
- Chicago Federation of Labor
- Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2
- Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI-IPO)
- Italian American Political Coalition
- Mexican American Political Action Committee

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Re-Elect
Patricia Young
Commissioner

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

WALKING OFF THE POUNDS

Does intensity help a workout? Several years ago, studies were showing that short bursts of intense exercise "jump started" weight loss and cut needed exercise time. Now, however, the Journal of the American Medical Association has come out with information that delivers a different message. In a recent study, 184 women were divided into four exercise groups of various intensity and duration combinations, and were asked to cut down to 1200 to 1500 calories a day. All the groups lost weight during the year-long study. Surprisingly, though, while the women in the two groups that did the longer workouts lost an average of 3 to 6 pounds more than those who exercised for shorter periods, the intensity of those workouts did not seem to matter.

Why is this true? The fact that the study participants were sedentary and overweight makes a difference, according to I-Min Lee, MD, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. When people who do not typically exercise get active, they will lose weight no matter what the intensity they are working at, as long a they burn more calories than they eat. But this does not mean that a stroll through the park is the energy-burning equal of sprinting or hiking up and down hills. "Doing more intense exercise for the same amount of time will burn more calories," according to Lee.

Vigorous exercise will also increase your aerobic fitness, which allows you to work out longer and harder, according to cardiac rehab directors. And if weight loss is your goal, it pays to work out for a longer period of time and/or at a greater intensity.

For those of you with a weight loss problem, who have leveled off after a few months of dieting and exercise, this is the approach you should take. Weight loss only occurs when calorie intake drops or greater energy expenditure occurs. But remember, if you have a medical condition, always check with your doctor first.

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Fitness And Exercise

You know the excuses: "Exercise is so boring!" "It's too cold/hot out to exercise." You also know that getting fit will help you feel better, be healthier, and probably lose – or keep off – weight. Get the basics on how to make regular activity a part of your day with **Fitness and Exercise** from the MetLife Consumer Education Center, the American Hearts Assn. and the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute. Use the tips to overcome the couch-potato habits you've formed and get started on a fitness program. For your free copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 537L.

Class Action Suit Asserts Federal Law Violates The 5th Amendment

In the Hall of States, the Washington base for the nation's governors, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently announced legal action that could force the FDA to promulgate rules allowing states and individuals to import drugs from Canada where they cost up to 80% less. The governor joined Ray and Gaylee Andrews of suburban Chicago and their attorney, Robert A. Clifford, after the couple became the first plaintiffs in a major federal class-action lawsuit filed in D.C. federal district court against the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration.

"The primary job of government is to protect the health and safety of the people. We are not here to protect the financial interests of the pharmaceutical industry. We are not here to do the bidding of an army of lobbyists. We are here to serve the people," the governor said. "And under the U.S. Constitution – and its separation of powers clause – the courts are here to step in when necessary to make sure our government does what it's supposed to do."

"If this lawsuit succeeds, the State of Illinois can go ahead and import prescription drugs from Canada. It means the State of Minnesota can go ahead and import prescription drugs from Canada. It means the City of Springfield, Massachusetts can go ahead and import prescription drugs from Canada. It means Ray and Gaylee Andrews can buy their prescription drugs from Canada, and never have to worry about being prosecuted by the FDA for it."

While drug manufacturers are allowed to import drugs from other countries, federal law prohibits individuals, businesses and governments from doing the same.

"We are talking about the health and welfare of these people and thousands of others who should be allowed to choose where to buy their prescriptions," Clifford said. "Many of the elderly are on fixed incomes and simply cannot afford the spiraling costs of medicine, and they are offered no alternatives."

The Andrews, who currently spend as much as $800 a month on medicine, would save an average of 43 percent on the seven brand-name drugs prescribed by their doctors. The class action suit asserts that the federal law violates their 5th Amendment right to privacy by denying them freedom to make personal medical decisions; improperly gives legislative authority to the executive branch by letting the Secretary of Health and Human Services decide if and when importation should be legal; and is enforced in a way that disproportionately impacts seniors in non-border states who do not have the option of driving across the border to buy less expensive medications, as has been permitted by the FDA.

Gov. Blagojevich has been working aggressively to obtain federal permission to allow the State of Illinois to import drugs from Canada. A study he commissioned last fall found the state and its employees could save as much as $91 million by buying certain name-brand drugs used to treat long-term conditions from Canadian pharmacies. He then asked HHS Secretary Thompson to issue the state a waiver to proceed as a pilot project. The governor believes Illinois could demonstrate how drug deportation can be done safely and, ultimately, how the benefits could be expanded to seniors and other consumers.

Recently, Blagojevich hosted a summit for the nation's governors in Washington, D.C. on the drug reimportation issue. He was joined by governors and members of Congress from both parties in calling on the FDA and Sec. Thompson to reverse the federal policy on drug importation.

To date, HHS Sec. Thompson and the FDA have refused to work with states to develop solutions to the growing problem of high drug costs.

In light of their inaction, Blagojevich is encouraging the Andrews and others in similar circumstances to join the class-action and force a change in the law

Dan Hynes Unveils Health Care Agenda

Senate candidate Dan Hynes unveiled his health care agenda, a detailed plan to make quality health care more accessible and affordable, recently at the University of Illinois – Chicago College of Medicine. Hynes highlighted his plans to address the incredible nursing shortage in America by putting an end to overtime abuse, investing in nurses' professional development and recruiting new, talented nurses into the health care workforce. Hynes' wife, Dr. Christina Hynes, who is a doctor at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, was also in attendance.

"Nurses are the backbone of our health care system – they help keep America healthy," said Hynes. "and the nursing shortage is threatening our ability to provide quality care. Nurses are overworked and the dangerously high attrition rate is a threat to the future of our health care system. As Illinois' next U.S. Senator, I will make getting more nurses into the health care workforce a top priority."

Dan Hynes' health care plan would add 100,000 new nurses to the health care work force, put an end to mandatory overtime and help recruit a talented pool of nurses into the health care workforce.

"My plan not only addresses the nursing shortage but the ills of our health care system that are making it harder each day for working families to keep up," said Hynes. "As a former health care attorney and the husband of a doctor, I see and hear about the crises in our health care system every day. As your next U.S. Senator, I have a plan to control the spiraling costs of health insurance so that the working families, children and seniors of this country receive the health care they deserve."

"In nursing school, I was taught that providing quality patient care is a nurse's highest priority. I've worked in places where it was hard to provide the level of care I should have been providing because I was taking care of eight or 10 patients simultaneously," said Beth Boyer, a nurse from Godfrey, IL. "It forces nurses to provide the minimum amount of care to get the job done and then move on to the next patient."

Hospitals and clinics all over America are suffering from nearly 168,000 nursing vacancies. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics by 2012 the demand for nurses will increase by 700,000 and the total number of job openings reflecting job growth and the need to replace nurses who have left the industry, will be 1.1 million.

"The health care agenda is the most important domestic social issue of our generation, and the availability, accessibility and affordability of health insurance may be the most important issue on that agenda," said Gerald M. Casey, M.D., a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and former Vice President of the Chicago Medical Society. "Dan Hynes has proposed specific steps to address not some, but all the major problems in health care, and he has done so with integrity, honesty, and a deep insight into the needs of the present and the future. I am proud to support Dan's health care agenda, and feel he will best represent the people of Illinois and the nation in the U.S. Senate."

Working families are not only struggling with a weaker economy and tight job market, the cost of getting quality health care is further burdening them. Out of pocket costs have increased by 48 percent for workers who get health care from their employees, and premiums for family plans increased more than 40 percent between 2000 and 2002. Most of the 1.6 million Illinoisans without insurance are from working families and over half are African American or Latino.

Rising health care costs have resulted in record numbers of uninsured Americans. To make health care more affordable and accessible. Dan Hynes would (1) expand current programs to make sure every child has health care (2) make new, lower costs choices available to families and businesses; and (3) fight rising health care costs by standing up to the pharmaceutical companies and combating waste, fraud and abuse. Hynes will also fight for mental health parity and work to ensure adequate funding for AIDS/HIV programs, including an AIDS vaccine. Finally, Hynes will fight to protect women's health.

"It is time for our government to deliver on its promise to provide health care for all Americans that has been broken by politicians for decades," said Hynes. "The Hynes Health Care Agenda offers real, detailed solutions to fix America's health care crisis."

To read more on The Hynes' Health Care Agenda click on the following link: http://www.danhynes.com/healtforAmerica.htm.

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The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs 7th Edition." The revised booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely if ever publicize the programs," says Gary Nave, director of The Institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available through patient assistance programs, for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $6 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #PD-75, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210.

Emotions Anonymous Program

Emotions Anonymous is a twelve-step program for emotional wellness and learning to live with unsolved problems. The weekly meeting in this area is on Monday at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kaufmann Hall, at State Rd. & Narragansett St. in Burbank. Kaufmann Hall is the small building adjacent to the church. For further information, call Ann at (708) 599-2644.

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SPORTS ROUND UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 2-23-04
Chicago Public League Championship
Westinghouse 60, Simeon 48
Class A Regionals
Chicago Christian
Seton 44, Luther East 34
Illinois Lutheran 63, Hancock 59
Ag Science
Luther South 69, Brooks 65
Tuesday, 2-24-04
SICA Central
Hillcrest 75, Bremen 63
T.F. South 68, Eisenhower 63
SICA West
Andrew 63, Lincoln-Way Central 51
Lincoln-Way East 62, Sandburg 58
Stagg 60, Joliet 53
Suburban Prairie East
Evergreen Park 54, Ridgewood 40
Non-Conference
Homewood-Flossmoor 59, Hinsdale C. 29
Nazareth 52, Oak Lawn 50
Reavis 59, St. Laurence 46
Richards 76, Rich East 69
Shepard 72, Oak Forest 43
Class A Regionals
Chicago Christian
Chicago Christian 65, Illinois Lutheran 35
Illiana Christian 74, Seton 35
Ag Science
Ag Science 70, Morgan Park Academy 31
Lindblom 56, CICS Longwood 53
Wednesday, 2-25-04
Chicago Catholic League
Loyola 51, De La Salle 41
Non-Conference
St. Ignatius 66, Eisenhower 46
Class A Regionals
St. Francis de Sales
Hope 53, St. Francis de Sales 43
Thursday, 2-26-04
Class A Regionals
Sandwich
Reed-Custer 16, Somonauk 13
Manteno
Momence 58, Herscher 31
Peotone 50, Beecher 49
Ag Science
Leo 69, Luther South 36
Walther Lutheran
Timothy Christian 51, Westmont 38
Manley 66, Walther Lutheran 42
Friday, 2-27-04
Chicago Catholic League
St. Laurence 71, Holy Cross 67
Fenwick 56, Mt. Carmel 52
East Suburban Catholic
Marist 63, Carmel 45
Marian Catholic 63, Benet 56
Nazareth 59, Joliet Catholic 48
St. Joseph 70, St Viator 53
St. Patrick 58, Notre Dame 31
SICA Central
Bremen 59, T.F. South 51
Hillcrest 87, Tinley Park 64
T.F. North 61, Oak Forest 47
SICA East
Bloom 73, Shepard 44
Thornton 72, Homewood-Flossmoor 70 (OT)
SICA North
Richards 81, Romeoville 73
Reavis 64, Argo 57
Bolingbrook 66, Oak Lawn 52
SICA West
Andrew 66, Lincoln-Way East 45.
Lincoln-Way Central 50, Lockport 47
Sandburg 65, Stagg 58
Suburban Prairie South
Plainfield Central 89, Lemont 73

Class A Regionals
Illiana Christian Sectional
At U-High
North Lawndale 66, Quigley 63
At Chicago Christian
Chicago Christian 69, Illiana Christian 51
At Ag Science
Leo 74, Ag Science 44
At St. Francis de Sales
Hope 66, DuSable 55
Saturday, 2-28-04
Non-Conference
Springfield Lamphier 39, Morgan Park 38
Public League All-Section
Red-South
Simeon: Calvin Brock, Brandon Alexander, Anthony Newell, Tim Green; Julian: James Watson, Brandon Ewing, DeShaun Williams; Morgan Park: Halston Hallman, Raphael Scott, Jimmy Covington; Carver: Carl Ross, Darion Anderson; Corliss: Jeff Clark, Sherrod Dockery; Harlan: DeAngelo Alexander, Andre Gullens

Blue-South
Bogan: Aramis Brown, Deverek Gee, DeCarlo McNeal; Fenger: Danny Rawlings, Nick Barns; Ag Science: Bob Cassidy; Calumet: Rico Jackson; Brooks: Vance Herron, Jimmie Pierce

BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, 2-28-04
IHSA State Finals
Final Team Standings: 1, New Trier 124 ½. 2, Stevenson 120. 3, Hinsdale Central 92. 4, Waubonsie Valley 91. 5, Evanston 83. 6, Naperville Central 82. 7, Marmion 66. 8, Fenwick 55 ½. 9, Champaign Central 53. 10, Quincy 43. 11, Loyola 40.12, St. Charles East 38. 13, Deerfield 34. 14, Brother Rice 31. 15, tie, Homewood-Flossmoor and Libertyville 30. 17, tie, St. Patrick and Morris 25. 19, tie, Jacobs, Centralia and Niles West 24. 22, Barrington 23. 23, tie, Naperville North and Wheaton South 22. 25, Palatine 20. 26, tie, Bloomington and Neuqua Valley 16. 28, Champaign Centennial 14. 29, tie, Lockport and Fremd 13. 31, Galesburg 10. 32, Glenbrook South 7. 33, Oswego 5 ½. 34, tie, Lake Forest and Benet 5. 36, tie, Normal and Woodstock 4. 38, tie, Lyons and West Chicago 3. 40, DeKalb 2. 41, Peoria Notre Dame 1.

200 FREESTYLE – 1, Tyler McGill, Champaign Central, 1:40.49. 2, Jacob Johnson, Evanston, 1:40.51. 3, Chris Schenck, Waubonsie Valley, 1:41.67. 4, Tim Loeffler, Fenwick, 1:42.44; 5, Matt Wood, Brother Rice, 1:42.81. 6, Matt McNichols, Naperville Central, 1:42.99. 7, David Hedge, Libertyville, 1:43.33. 8, Teddy Kautz, Stevenson, 1:44.06. 9, Brandon Gorso, Stevenson, 1:44.41. 10, Pat McGrath, Lyons 1:44.56. 11, Steve Inacker, Lake Forest, 1:45.59. 12, Peter Myers, Peoria Notre Dame 1:47.53.

200 INDIVIDUAL RELAY – 1, Curtis Dauw, St. Charles East, 1:51.52. 2, Will Schaffer, Wheaton South, 1:53.86. 3, Kevin Bell, Naperville Central, 1:55.43. 4, Ross Moore, Champaign Central,1:55.71. 5, Tony Rubino, Marmion, 1:55.73; 6, Dan Hare, Lockport, 1:57.14; 7, Matt Torres, Niles West 1:56.19. 8, James Munson, New Trier, 1:56.94. 9, Chase Fillingham, Bloomington, 1:57.15. 10, Kevin Kysiak, Fenwick,1:57.51. 11, Brett Lullo, Naperville Central, 1:57.98. 12, Michael Hedge, Libertyville, 1:58.07.

50 FREESTYLE – 1, Mark Vahle, Quincy, 20.74. 2, Pat Sullivan, Jacobs, 21.13. 3, Andrew Lagenfeld, Centralia, 21.27. 4, Drew Woodbury, New Trier, 21.28. 5, Bobby Navarre, Loyola, 21.35. 6, Theo Kuczek, Deerfield, 21.63. 7, Kyle Sorensen, Palatine, 20.97. 8, Mike Strein, Homewood-Flossmoor, 21.44. 9, Brian Boger, Stevenson, 21.48. 10, Steve Kostos, Oswego, 21.68. 10, Zachary Siegel, New Trier, 21.68. 12, Sean McLaughlin, Loyola, 21.91.

DIVING – 1, Aaron Leech, Neuqua Valley, 458.70. 1, Chris Schehlein, Champaign Centennial, 449.20. 3, Luke Sanders, Collinsville, 435.40. 4, Zach Schultz, Brother Rice, 402.90. 5, Justin Montrie, Barrington, 500.45. 6, Jeffrey Lichtenstein, Barrington, 384.80. 7, Daniel Weiland, Evanston, 384.70. 8, Adrian Lovera, Niles West, 382.70. 9, Wes Villaflor, Glenbrook South, 379.85. 10, Eric Campbell, Glenbrook South, 375.75. 11, Patrick Hulseman, Loyola, 371.90. 12, Anthony Crowder, Champaign Centennial, 365.35.

100 BUTTERFLY – 1, Drew Woodbury, New Trier, 50.23. 2, Curtis Dauw, St. Charles East, 50.32. 3, Tommy Gregory, Stevenson, 50.39. 4, Tyler McGill, Champaign Central, 50.40. 5, Chris Schenck, Waubonsie Valley, 50.65. 6, Evan Harper, Morris, 51.22. 7, Mark Vahle, Quncy, 51.17. 8, Kevin Bell, Naperville Central, 51.87. 9, Brian Spittler, Woodstock, 52.28. 10, Steve Kostos, Oswego, 52.53. 11, Ryan Alberts, Naperville Central, 53.75. 12, Bobby Sershon, St. Patrick, 53.04

100 FREESTYLE – 1, Dave Kormushoff, Hinsdale Central, 45.74. 2, Kyle Sorensen, Palatine, 46.13. 3, Andrew Langenfeld, Centralia, 46.62. 4, Pat Sullivan, Jacobs, 47.01. 5, Matt Wood, Brother Rice, 47.03. 6, Matt McNichols, Naperville Central, 47.12. 7, Will Schaffer, Wheaton South, 47.15. 8, Jacob Johnson, Evanston, 47.18. 9, Teddy Kautz, Stevenson, 47.37. 10, Brian Boger, Stevenson, 47.45. 11, Bobby Navarre, Loyola, 48.11. 12, Kevin Boyle, Lockort, 48.31.

500 FREESTYLE – 1, Tim Loeffler, Fenwick, 4:32.47. 2, Stephen Lalka, Waubonsie Valley, 4:38.05. 3, Matt Torres, Niles West, 4:40.34. 4, Andrew Long, Waubonsie Valley, 4:41.77. 5, Jeff Tolbert, Hinsdale Central, 4:43.83. 6, Erick Bordwell, New Trier, 4>44.93. 7, Matt Hug, Bloomington,4:42.16. 8, Ross Vimr, Champaign Central, 4:45.36. 9, Brian Farris, Normal, 4:45.62. 11, Wesley Bubb, DeKalb, 4:47.43. 12, Brett Lullo, Naperville Central, 4:49.93.

100 BACKSTROKE – 1, Evan Harper, Morris, 50:35. 2, Bobby McCarthy, Fremd, 52:48. 3, Tommy Gregory, Stevenson, 52.64. 4, David Hedge, Libertyville, 52.86. 5, Jared Hallam, Galesburg, 53:18. 6, Michael Hedge, Libertyville, 53.61. 7, Dimitri Kouzmine, Evanson, 53.49. 8, Chase Fillingham, Bloomington, 53:94. 9, Pat Carroll, Marmion, 54.22. 10, Steve Inacker, Lake Foret, 54.30. 11, Ryan Alberts, Naperville Central, 54.42. 12, Tim Silkaitis, Evanston, 54.59.

100 BREASTSTROKE – 1, Dave Kormushoff, Hinsdale Central, 56.61. 2, Theo Kuczek, Deerfield, 58.10. 3, Ted Harris,Greenville, 58.54. 3, Kevin Kysiak, Fenwick, 58.54. 5, James Ridgeway, St. Patrick, 59.17. 6, Andrew Mondul, St. Charles East, 59.42. 7, James Munson, New Trier, 59.60. 8, Ben Gensler, Benet, 59.75. 9, Chris Hendrix, Naperville Central, 59.77. 10, Jeff Lesniak, West Chicago, 1:00.01. 11, Matt Quigley, Wheaton South, 1:00.76. 12, Dan Hare, Lockport, 1:01.27

200 MEDLEY RELAY – 1, Hinsdale Central (Jeff Tolbert, Dave Kormushoff, John Deppe, Keith Potkul, 1:35.97. 2, Naperville Central (Ryan Alberts, Chris Hendrix, Kevin Bell,Dan Li), 1:36.11. 3, Stevenson (Tommy Gregory, Brad Westrich, Brandon Hudnall, Brian Boger), 1:37.83. 4, Marmion (Pat Carroll, Tony Rubino, Luke Herlehy, Jake Grosser), 1:37.87. 5, New Trier (Evan Mullin, James Munson, Matt Dominski, Zachary Siegel, 1:38.17. 7, St. Patrick (Anthony Lugo, James Ridgeway, bobby Sershon, Jason Felix), 1:37.37. 8, Quincy (Andy Schnack, Mark Vahle, Brett Olson, Dami Herman), 1:37.56. 9, Evanston (Tim Sikaitis, Will Vogel, Dmitri Kouzmine, Alex Johnson, 1:38.07. 10, Deerfield (Bernie Soya, Theo Kuczek, Barret Mueller, Michael Bellavia), 1:38.60. 11, Naperville North (Alex Buck, Jonathan Butz, John Bou,garden, Steve Tangen), 1:38.68. 12, Champaign Central (Tyler McGill, Victor Miely, Ross Moore, Elliott McGill, 1:38.85.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY – 1, New Trier (Zachary Siegel, Charlie Grodecki, Evan Mullin, Drew Woodbury), 1:25.57. 2, tie, Steevnson (Teddy Kautz, Brian Boger, Mike Hall, Brandon Gorson) and Loyola (Joe Toops, Sean McLaughlin, Kevin Riordan, Bobby Navarrel, 1:26.03. 4, Evanston (Alex Negronida, Will Vogel, Alex Johnson, Jacob Johnson), 1:26.31. 5, tie, Waubonsie Valley (Chris Schenck, Brian Pugh, Andrew Long, Anderw Bax) and Homewood-Flossmoor (Mike Srein, Bret Rademaker, Andrew Colmar, Eric Olson), 1:26.65. 7, Hinsdale Central (Keith Potkul, Jeff Tolbert, Scott Bobo, Dave Kormushoff), 1:26.71. 8, Quincy (Dami Herman, Nick Miller, Thomas Baumann, Mark Vahle), 1:27.41. 9, Marmion (Tony Rubinco, Jake Grosser, Luke Helehy, Pat Carroll), 1:27.42. 10, Deefield (Bernie Soya, Luke Boote, Michael Bellavia, Theo Kuczek), 1:27.67. 11, Barrington (Mack McConnell, Sean Cloney, Jake Pepper, Ron Cobb), 1:28.33. 12, Lockport (Dan Hare, Mike Hare, Pat Werner, Kevin Boyle), 1:28.40

400 FREESTYLE RELAY – 1, New Trier (Zachary Siegel, Charlie Grodecki, Evan Mullin, Drew Woodbury), 3:09.01. 2, Waubonsie Valley (Chris Schenck, Brian Pugh, Andrew Long, Stephan Lalka), 3:10.96. 3, Stevenson (Teddy Kautz, Brandon Gorson, Mike Hall, Tommy Gregory), 3:11.05. 4, Marmion (Tony Rubino, Jake Grosser, uke Herlehy, Pat Carroll, 3:12.33. 5, Evanston (Dmitri, Kousmine, Will Vogel, Alex Johnson, Jacob Johnson), 3:12.53. 6, Naperville North (Steve Tangen, Alex Buck, Jonathan Butz, John Boumgarden), 3:14.99. 7, Fenwick (John Barrett, Tim Loeffler, Mike Brown, Kevin Kysiak), 3:13.06. 8, Naperville Central (Matt McNichols, Dan Li, Kevin Bell, Brett Lullo), 3.13.43. 9, Champaign Central (Tyler McGill, Ross Moore, Ross Vimr, Franklin To), 3:13.88. 10, Homewood-Flossmoor (Mike Strein, Bret Rademaker, Andrew Colmar, Eric Olson), 3:13.98. 11, Hinsdale Central (John Deppe, Jeff Tolbert, Scott Bobo, Keith Potkul 3:14.66. 12, Libertyville (Michael Hedge, David Hedge, Ben Leboza, Sammy Clark), 3:15.37.

BOYS TRACK
Friday, 2-27-04
Plainfield South 107, Oswego 86, Waubonsie Valley 52, East Aurora 31
Lincoln-Way Easy Co-Ed Relays
Final Team Standings: 1, Lincoln-way East 112. 2, Glenbard East 90. 3, Lincoln-way Central 72. 4, Stagg, 54. 5, Hillcrest 38. 6, Richards 18.
Winners: MIXED LONG JUMP – Lincoln-way Central, 67-10 ¼. MIXED TRIPLE JUMP – Glenbard East, 130-10. MIXED HIGH JUMP – Lincoln-Way East, 22-0. MIXED SHOT PUT – Glenbard East, 146-10 ½. MIXED POLE VAULT – Lincoln-Way East, 39-0. MIXED 4 x 800 – Lincoln-Way East, 9:12.2. MIXED 4 x 55 SHUTTLE HURDLE – Hillcrest, 39.0. 4 X 200 – Glenbard East, 1.34.20. MIXED DISTANCE MEDLEY – Lincoln-way East, 15:04.30. 2,500 SPRING MEDLEY – Lincoln-Way Eat, 6:51.50. 1,200 SPRINT MEDLEY – Lincoln-Way East, 1:43.20. 4 x 400 – GlenbardEast, 3.59.70.

Saturday, 2-28-04
Thornton Invite
Final Team Standings: 1, Thornton 150. 2, Rich Central 110. 3, Joliet 10. 4, Leo 93. 5, Bolingbrook 80. 6, Brother Rice 16
Winners: SHOT PUT – Pat McClendon, Leo, 48-10. 3,200 RELAY – Rich Central (Aaron Wilson, Christian Lane, Tim Banning, Brandon Hey), 9:02.8. LONG JUMP – Stephen Benjamin, Leo, 21-6. HIGH JUMP – Marcus Wilson, Rich Central, 6-2. 3,200 RUN – Dan Dunne, Brother Rice, 10:26.3. 55 HIGH HURDLES – Nelson Miller, Leo, 7.6. 55 DASH – Chris Wright, Rich Central, 6.3. 600 RUN – Miller, Leo, 1:32.1. 800 RUN – Matt Horschler, Joliet 2:11. 800 RELAY – Rich Central (Marcus Allen, Ashley Wallace, Roderick Jenkins, Wilson), 1:40.7. 400 DASH – Christ Wright, Rich Central, 52.4. 55 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES – Miller, Leo, 7.4. TRIPLE JUMP – Pete Edmon, Joliet, 42-10. 1,600 RUN – Nathan Kennedy, Bolingbrook, 4:54. 300 DASH – Tremaine Love, Thornton, 37.3. 1,600 RELAY – Thornton (Donnie Scott, Martell Hall, Brandon Drake, Habindeen Olaniran), 3:48.1.

Glenbard South Relays
Final Team Standings: 1, Glenbard South 116. 2, Glenbard West 111. 3, Sycamore 85. 4, St. Charles North 65. 5, Batavia 59. 6, Geneva 37. 7, Willowbrook. 8, St. Ignatius 19. 9, Brother Rice 9.
Winners: SHOT PUT – Glenbard West 169-4. TRIPLE JUMP – Glenbard West 151-8. HIGH JUMP – Batavia 21-4. POLE VAULT – Glenbard South 38-0. FROSH 4 x 800 – Glenbard South 9:16.4. SOPH 4 x 800 – St. Charles North 9:07.5. LONG JUMP – Glenbard West 74-3 ¼. VARSITY 4 x 800 – Glenbard South 8:25.7. SPRINT MEDLEY – Glenbard South 3:37.7. SOPH LOW HURDLES – St. Charles North 34.9. VARSITY HIGH HURDLES – Glenbard West 34.7. FROSH 4 x 160 – Glenbard West 1:23.4. SOPH 4 x 160 – Glenbard West 1:21.2. VARSITY 4 x 160 – Glenbard South 1:18.0. DISTANCE MEDLEY, Glenbard South 11:00.4. CLASS 4 x 400 – Batavia 3:48.7. 4x400 – Batavia 3:43.6.

Lockport Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Wheaton Warrenville South 169.5. 2, Lockport 123. 3, Naperville North 104. 4, West Aurora 68. 5, Moline 49. 6, Mt. Carmel 27.5. 7, Providence 8. 8, Illinois Valley Central 6
Winners: SHOT PUT – Roy Magna, West Aurora, 54-2. HIGH JUMP – Cordell Brown, West Aurora, 5-8. POLE VAULT – Nick Warrens, Wheaton Warrenville South, 14-0. LONG JUMP – Durrell Williams, West Aurora, 22-1 ½. TRIPLE JUMP – Adam Michalski, Lockport, 45-2 ½. 3,200 RELAY – Lockport (Bob Kenney, Mike Skinner, Kyle Saginus, Kyle Swyenburg), 8:14.64. 3,200 RUN – Jon Popejoy, Wheaton Warrenville South, 9:22.61. 55 HURDLES – Aaron Cook, Moline 7.5. 55 DASH – Dwight Carter, Naperville North, 6.34. 600 RUN – Bob Kenney, Lockport, 1:29.85. 55 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES – Aaron Cook, Moline, 7.55. 800 RUN – Mike Skinner, Lockport, 2:04.16. 880 RELAY – Naperville North (Brandon Huggins, Scott Pavel, Nick booth, Mac Scarlej), 1:39.25. 1,000 RUN – Kyle Saginus, Lockport 2:41.05. 400 – Justin Harrison, Wheaton Warrenville South 51.21. 1,600 RUN – Mike Popejoy, Wheaton Warrenville South, 4:26.75. 200 DASH – Justin Harrison Wheaton Warrenville South 23.24. 1,600 RELAY – Lockport (Kyle Swyenburg, Bob Kenney, Mike Skinner, Rodney Burkes), 3:42.38

WRESTLING
Tuesday, 2-24-04
Dual Team Wrestling
Tuesdays Sectional Results
Class AA
Andrew
Providence 55, Lincoln-Way East 8, title
Providence 30, Sandburg 19
Lincoln-Way East 46, Thornwood 30
Mount Carmel
St. Rita 48, Mount Carmel 18, title
St. Rita 56, Gordon Tech 12
Mount Carmel 39, Morton 26
Class A
St. Francis De Sales A
Sandwich 30, Wilmington 29
St. Francis De Sales B
Montini 61, Illiana Christian 16
Saturday, 2-28-04
Class AA Dual Team Finals
Championship
St. Rita 27, Providence 22
Third Place
Glenbard North 30, Dundee-Crown 25
Quarterfinals
Providence 35, Crown-Dundee 30
St. Rita 37, Glenbard North 18
Semifinals
St. Rita 57, Notre Dame 11
Providence 38, Minooka 21
Dundee-Crown 33, Grant 38
Glenbard North 31, Granite city 30
Class AA Matches
(All matches in chronological order)
Championship
St. Rita 27, Providence 22
112 – Kyle Hutter, Providence d. Adam Canty, St. Rita, 7-2. 119 – Tim Walsh, Providence d. Brian Earner, St. Rita, 5-2. 125 – Dan Ruettiger, Providence d. Carlos, St. Rita, 5-0. 130 – David Murphy, Providence d. Mike Sands, St. Rita 4-2. 135 – Albert White, St. Rita d. Scott DeChant, Providence, 17-2. 140 – Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Gerry Starzyk St. Rita, 9-0. 145 – Marty Engwall, Providence d. Brian Carey, St. Rita, 3-51. 152 – Obie Simpson, St. Rita d. John Drabeck, Providence, 16-7. 160 – Brett Wolmakowski, St. Rita d. Steve Moriarty, Probidence, 13-1. 171 – John Murphy, St. Rita d. Joe Nudo, Providence, 9-3. 189 – Scott Sands, St Rita d. DeAndre Nunn, Providence, 3-2. 215 – Brendon McElligott, St.Rita d. Kyle Cornwell, Providence. 275 – Freddie Deramus, St. Rita d. Tim Jay, 1-0. 103 – John Starzyk, St. Rita d. Ron Uccardi, Providence, 3-1.
Third Place
Glenbard North 30, Dundee-Crown 25
112 – Ed Domich, Dundee-Crown d. Mark Schultz, Glenbard North, 18-14. 119 – Tim Hayes, Dundee-Crown d. Bryan O'Connor, Glenbard North, 3-1. 125 – Brad Fiorito, Dundee-Crown d. Joe Miksan, Glenbard North, 10-9. 130 – Jon Isacson, Glenbard North pinned Franklin Alrich, Dundee-Crown, 2:44. 135 – Lowell Shepard, Dundee-Crown d. Jon Ranck,Glenbard North, 15-9. 140 – Joe Gomez, Glenbard North d. Zach Hayes, Dundee-Crown, tech. Fall, 2:38. 145 – Matt Wahl, Dundee-Crown d. Dan Garuso, Glenbard North, 19-5. 152 – Tony Deppe, Glenbard North d. Pat Nagel, Dundee-Crown, 10-2. 160 – Joe Binkley, Glenbard North d. Mike Schwartz, Dundee-Crown, 7-5. 171 –

ThunderBolts Ten Game Mini Plan

The Windy City ThunderBolts' staff was up bright and early at 5 a.m. this past Monday morning to sell their 10-Game Mini Plan Packages at an incredible discounted rate. The ThunderBolts sold the first 45 10-Game Packages for an unbelievably low price of $15. Mike Wisbel of Midlothian was the first in line at the ThunderBolts' box office at approximately 4:45 to get in on the savings, purchasing 4 10-Game Packages for himself and his family. These $15 packages were sold out before 9 a.m., which is when the ThunderBolts' box office normally opens. The stair-step sale continues this week with the next 45 10-Game Packages sold at $30, then the 45 packages after that at $45. All additional 10-Game Mini Plan Packages will be sold this week for only $60. Check out the ThunderBolts' web site at www.wcthunderbolts.com for more details.

"The ThunderBolts' season is coming up quickly, and we want to spark the people's interest," Windy City Assistant General Manager Matt Wilson said. The ThunderBolts' season kicks off on Sunday, May 16th with a pre-season double-header starting at 3:30 p.m. The regular season opener will be on Friday, May 21st against the Rockford River Hawks at 7 p.m. The ThunderBolts will have a ceremony honoring the new ownership group before the game, as well as a fireworks display immediately following the game.

"Things are heading in the right direction for this organization," President Kevin Rhomberg stated early Monday morning. "The new staff is coming together, and the excitement level for baseball in Crestwood this summer is rapidly growing."

The ThunderBolts have great opportunities available for corporate advertising, group outings, and full and half-season ticket plans. Any ThunderBolts' staff member will gladly answer any questions you may have.

For corporate advertising, season tickets or group outings, contact the Windy City ThunderBolts at (708) 489-2255.

Recreational Trail Development Grants

Gov. Rod Blagojevich recently announced $907,200 in grants for recreational trail development projects in six Illinois communities.

"These grants will help expand access to the kind of safe, family-oriented recreation that trails provide," Blagojevich said. "Regular exercise and outdoor recreation are important to stay healthy and to provide a pleasant quality of life. These trails will help accomplish those goals."

Funding for the grants comes through the federal government's Recreational Trails Program, which provides 80 percent of the cost of the trail projects with local sponsors contributing the balance of the funding. The program in Illinois is administered by the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

The projects were recommended for funding by the Illinois Greenways and Trails Council, a panel which includes representatives of statewide motorized and non-motorized trail user organizations, statewide agency organizations, organizations with expertise in greenways and trails, and metro-area greenways and trails coalitions.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Matt Smith, Glenbard North d. Nathan Hoeck, Dundee-Crown, 18-2. 189 - Mike Geanto, Glenbard North pinned Jeremy Jennings, Dundee-Crown, 1:59. 215 - Jason Ryan, Dundee-Crown d. Rod Aurelius, Glenbard North, 3-1 (2 OT). 275 - Gino Heredia, Glenbard North d. Bob Foster, Dundee-Crown, 2-2. 103 - Caitlyn Chase, Glenbard North d. Josh Pasek, Dundee-Crown, 11-9 (OT).

Semifinals

Providence 35, Dundee-Crown 30

112 - Kyle Hunter, Providence d. Scott Horcher, Dundee-Crown, 10-1. 119 - Tim Haves, Dundee-Crown pinned Jake Beechy, Providence, 5:36. 125 - Dan Ruettiger, Providence d. Brad Fiorito, Dundee-Crown, 9-4. 130 - David Murphy, Providence pinned David Little, Dundee-Crown, 4:55. 135 - Scott Deshant, Providence d. Franklin Alrich, Dundee-Crown, 4-3. 140 - Sean Reynolds, Providence d. Zach Haves, Dundee-Crown, 8-2. 145 - Marty Engwall, Providence d. Matt Wahl, Dundee-Crown, 7-1. 152 - John Draneck, Providence d. Clifton Washington, Dundee-Crown, 14-8. 160 - Gannon Novak, Providence d. Mike Schwartz, Dundee-Crown, 8-1. 171 - Pat Stephens, Providence pinned Nathan Noeck, Dundee-Crown, 5:29. 189 - Vince Faso, Dundee-Crown won by forfeit. 215 - Jason Ryan, Dundee-Crown won by forfeit. 275 - Bob Foster, Dundee-Crown won by forfeit. 103 - Colin Spence, Dundee-Crown won by forfeit.

St. Rita 37, Glenbard North 18

112 - Adam Canty, St. Rita d. Mark Schultz, Glenbard North, 14-4. 119 - Bryan O'Connor, Glenbard North d. Brian Earner, St.Rita, 3-1 (OT). 125 - Carlos Lopez, St. Rita d. Joe Miksan, Glenbard North, 8-1. 130 - Jon Jacson, Glenbard North d. Mike Sands, St. Rita, 11-5. 135 - Albert White, St. Rita d. Erick Sotelo, Glenbard North, tech. Fall, 3:52. 140 - Joe Gomz, Glenbard North d. Brian Farey, St. Rita, 12-6. 145 - Gerry Starzyk, St. Rita pinned Travis Moffitt, Glenbard North, 4:42. 152 - Obie Simpson, St. Rita da. Dan Paraso, Glenbard North, 16-7. 160 - Brett Wolniakowski, St. Rita, d. Bob Corey, Glenbard North, 13-3. 171 - John Murphy, St. Rita d. Matt Smith, Glenbard North, 5-1. 189 - Scott Sands, St. Rita d. Mike Geanto, Glenbard North, tech. Fall, 5:33. 215 - Gino Heredia, Glenbard North d. Alan Lick, St. Rita, 5-0. 275 - Neal Burnett, St. Rita d. Rob Aurelius, Glenbard Nroth, 5-0. 103 - Chris Mazzone, Glenbard North, won by forfeit.

Class A Dual Team Finals

Championship

Montini 42,Roxana 21

Third Place

Sandwich 46, Oregon 20

Semifinals

Montini 32, Sandwich 20

Roxana 53, Oregon 22

Quarterfinals

Montini 55,Fairbury Prairie Central 18

Roxana 52, Orion 22

Oregon 38, Petersburg Porta 16

Sandwich 47, Port Byron Riverdale 17

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, 2-23-04

Class A Supersectionals

Olivet Nazarene

Bishop McNamara 58, St. Joseph-Ogden 51

Loyola

Illiana Christian 59, Lisle 44

Class AA Sectionals

St. Ignatius

Marshall 65, St. Ignatius 44

Thornton

Stagg 61, Marist 45

Sandburg

Marian Catholic 54, Joliet Catholic 47

Tuesday, 2-24-04

Class AA Sectionals

Morton

Trinity 72, Lyons 49

Thornton

Thornwood 55, Mother McAuley 48

Sandburg

Sandburg 47, Homewood-Flossmoor 44

Thursday, 2-26-04

Class AA Sectional Finals

Thornton

Stagg 53, Thornwood 47

Sandburg

Marian Catholic 52, Sandburg 44

Downers Grove North

Benet 48, Bolingbrook 42

Friday, 2-27-04

Class A Quarterfinals

Illiana Christian 41, Carrollton 35

Carthage 47, Bishop McNamara 42

Hampshire 38, Riverton 37

Decatur St. Teresa 78, Anna-Jonesboro 58

Saturday, 2-28-04

Class A State Tournament

Championship

Decatur St. Teresa 59, Hampshire 50

Third Place

Carthage 60, Illiana Christian 41

GIRLS TRACK

Friday, 2-27-04

Lockport 106, Naperville North 83, Morgan Park 42, Rich Central 17

Saturday, 2-28-04

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Hinsdale Central 104, Downers Grove North 45, Morton 21

Mother McAuley 88, St. Charles North 57, Fremd 56, Glenbard West 55

Wheaton South 62, Rock Island 61, Oswego 58, Waubonsie Valley 39

Thornton Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1. Thornwood 148. 2. East St. Louise 144. 3. Thornton 107. 4. Homewood-Flossmoor 104. 5. Highland Park 56. 6. Rich Central 22.

Winners: SHOT PUT - Riley, Homewood-Flossmoor, 40-10. 3,200 RELAY - Highland Park, 10:30.5. LONG JUMP - Joyner, Homewood-Flossmoor, 16-10. 3,200 RUN - McKinney, Thornwood, 11:54. 55 HIGH HURDLES - Barr, Thornton, 9.0. 55 DASH - Lynn, Thornwood, 6.9. 600 RUN - Edwards, East St. Louis, 1:49.9. 800 - Watts, East St. Louis, 2:42.5. HIGH JUMP - Davenport, Homewood-Flossmoor, 5-4. 400 RELAY - Thornwood, 1:53.6. 400 - Burgess, Thornwood, 1:03.2. 55 LOW HURDLES - Barr, Thornton, 8.8. TRIPLE JUMP - Jean-Pierre, Thornwood, 34-7 ¾. 1,600 RUN - McKinney, Thornwood, 5:33.5. 300 DASH - Lynn, Thornwood, 42.4. 1,600 RELAY - East St. Louis,4:23.3.

Wheeling Invite

Final Team Standings: 1. Wheeling 93. 2. Maine South 92. 3. Dundee-Crown 83. 4. Lane 72. 5. Jacobs 45. 6. Bartlett 30. 7. Regina 24. 8. Carmel 11. 9. St. Viator 6. 10. Marshall 2.

Winners: 55 DASH - Krystal Williams, Lane 7.4. 200 DASH - Staci Hendrickson, Wheeling, 28.7. 400 DASH - Julie Alrich, Dundee-Crown, 1:04.1. 800 RUN - Jessie Morgenthal, Wheeling, 2:26.1. 1,600 RUN - Gada Qatisheh, Wheeling, 5:28.0. 3,200 RUN - Alison Coren, Wheeling, 11:28.1. 55 HURDLES - Lyrisey Ruck, Dundee-Crown, 9.4. 4 x 150 RELAY - Dundee-Crown, 1:24.4. 4 x 400 RELAY - Jacobs, 4:27.7. 4x 800 RELAY - Jacobs, 10:38.7. HIGH JUMP - Theresa Spencer, Maine South, 4-10. POLE VAULT - Laura Soler, Jacobs, 7-0. LONG JUMP - Ashleigh Morris, Maine South, 15-3. TRIPLE JUMP - Theresa Spencer, Maine South 41.7 ½. SHOT PUT - Stephanie Collins, Lane, 39-11 ½.

SXU Has 61-59 Win

The entire crowd at the Shannon Center in Chicago held its breath when Olivet Nazarene University junior center Erick Rhinehart released his three-pointer from the left baseline with one second remaining in the game. Luckily for the St. Xavier University fans in attendance, Rhinehart's shot rimmed out and No. 25 SXU was able to come away with the 61-59 win over CCAC foe Olivet Nazarene University on Tuesday on the Cougars Senior Night.

Special Olympics

Nearly 365 Special Olympics athletes competed in the 24th annual Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games held from Feb. 3rd to 5th in Galena, Illinois and Dubuque, Iowa.

During Winter Games, athletes competed in one of five sports: alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, speed skating, or snow shoeing. Skiing and snow shoeing events took place at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena; and skating events took place at Five Flags Center in Dubuque.

To compete in Winter Games, athletes must have trained for at least eight weeks and qualified through one of 17 Areas in the state. Winter Games is one of 175 Special Olympics competitions held throughout the state each year, giving athletes an opportunity to demonstrate the sports skills they have developed through training.

PRESERVING THOSE FOREST PRESERVES: Not too long ago, a father and son were arrested for picking *dead* leaves off the ground in a Cook County Forest Preserve. The young lad was collecting leaves for a school science project. I heard the case was dismissed, but it points out the mind-set of the Forest Preserve District.

This is the time of year when the male deer are dropping their antlers. Collecting shed antlers is a nation-wide hobby, with clubs and contests specifically set up to encourage folks to enjoy the 'Great Outdoors,' and at the same time pursue their hobby. But don't try it in the Cook County Forest Preserves - *It's Illegal.*

Mushroom picking time is just around the corner. This is a great time for the families to shake off the winter blahs, bond together, and collect some great table-fare. Just don't be tempted to do this in our nearby Forest Preserves - *It's Illegal*

Over the years, I've joined friends in Wisconsin in tapping Maple trees for the sap to make maple syrup. It's hard work, but a lot of fun, gathering 30-40 gallons of sap to come up with one gallon of delicious syrup.

As I trail ride through the Forest Preserves, I can't help but notice the large number of Maple trees that would be ready for tapping right about now, but I soon stop thinking about it - *It's Illegal, and besides, I don't look good in stripes*

■**BILL WOULD CANCEL BAN ON GUNS USED IN SELF-DEFENSE:** Arguing that a Wilmette man had a right to shoot an intruder in his home - regardless of a local ban on handguns - a state representative is proposing legislation that would override such bans when guns are used in self-defense.

"People in Illinois should be able to defend their person and property," said Rep. John Bradley (D-Marion) who filed the legislation in February. "This affirmative defense would allow them to do that," he said.

Bradley said authorities are wrong in prosecuting Hale DeMar for violating Wilmette's handgun ban and for failing to renew an Illinois Firearms Owner's Identification Card. The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, Bradley said.

DeMar made headlines when he shot a burglar. The Cook County state's attorney's office declined to charge DeMar for the shooting after determining he acted in self-defense. But he was charged with the other violation.

In a letter published in Chicago newspapers, an unrepentant DeMar said he served his civic duty when he shot the burglar. "What is one to do when a criminal proceeds, undeterred by a 90-pound German Shepherd, a security alarm system and property lit up like an outdoor stadium?" he wrote. Bradley agreed, saying "law-abiding" citizens should not be prosecuted if they use a gun in self-defense. (Source: *The Great Lakes Basin Report*)

■**LOCAL PARK DISTRICTS TO SHARE IN GRANTS:** Governor Blagojevich announced $23 million in grants for local park districts to assist them in their efforts to buy land for and develop parks in communities throughout Illinois. Local park districts awarded grants include:

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS: $391,000, to develop a natural area with a 1-1/2 mile jogging/walking trail/three fishing ponds with cascading waterfalls, fishing piers and an indoor/outdoor pavilion.

CRETE PARK DISTRICT: $52,600, to develop a 1.5 acre neighborhood park that will include two play lots for two age groups of children, a picnic shelter, walking path and open play area.

FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT: $371,000 to further develop Commissioner's Park with a skate park, water playground, frisbee golf facility, tennis courts, in-line skating hockey area, ½ court basketball pad, ice skating area, exercise path, landscaping, paving of the parking lot and entrance road.

FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT: $750,000, to acquire 40 acres of land that currently contains a 9 hole golf course, small club house and parking lot. Located on St. Frances Road.

OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT: $122,800, to further develop Central Park on Central Avenue. A new playground, skate park, and pathway system included.

TINLEY PARK PARK DISTRICT: $400,000, to develop the district's first all-purpose sports park at 80th Avenue and Timbers Drive, and will include a football field, soccer field, softball field, baseball diamond, playground and rest-room/concession building.

DNR Director Joel Brunsvold said "Local parks are heavily used by families day in and day out. They provide a place for kids to play right in their own neighborhoods."

Girls Basketball Shootout

Blue Chip Girls Basketball Shootout is coming to the University of Illinois, Chicago, on Sunday, March 14th. All players must register between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The games will begin at 9 a.m. There is a mandatory NCAA meeting for all players at 8:30. All applications should be in the office by March 8th.

This one-day Shootout is a high-exposure event designed for the student athlete who aspires to play at the college level. Each athlete will have the opportunity to compete against quality competition during the NCAA "live" period for college recruiters. The athletes will play three games on teams that are coached by area basketball coaches. For additional information or an application, call Sport Camps, Inc. at (610) 446-3636 or your local director, Tanya Johnson, at (847) 265-0706.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee under the Applicable Agreement, Plaintiff, vs. Lori A. Shelton, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12974.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8824 S. Rockwell Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $140,512.61.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7354.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff vs. Andrew Scott, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-21297.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 7, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8122 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. James R Geraghty, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Please refer to file number 03-9480D

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs Sotero J. Cervantes, et al. Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13413.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-FF2 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs Joe Williams, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12604.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 12253 S. McDaniel Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $224,305.26.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

200941C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Salvatore Tenuta a/k/a Salvatore Tenuta, et al., Defendants. No. [illegible] 5628.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October [illegible], 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the hour of [illegible] in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 11801 S. [illegible] Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Premier Mortgage Services, Plaintiff, vs. Vernon G. Neeley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13765.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14505 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,687.08

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-[illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

201247C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Willie Massey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-[illegible].

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 56855

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on April [illegible], 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at the outside of the door at the Northeast Corner of the Lobby, of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described premises:

C.K.A. 7801 S. Sawyer, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick constructed dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $141,073.93.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205285C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

201788C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Express, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michele A. McSwain, et al., Defendants. No. [illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8551 S. Drake, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 236-0077.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305910.

200931C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alonzo Logwood, III, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-17244.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8638 S. Kolin Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $152,054.83

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds: balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 02-4760D

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

199788C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Michael J. Wasowicz a/k/a Michael Wascowicz, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-3103

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 55592

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES.)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on October 9, 2003.

Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on March 24, 2004 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at Main Corridor 23rd Floor Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described premises:

C.K.A. 14340 Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445

The improvements on the property consist of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $114,933.30.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One NA, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Edward Lelois, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-[illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8151 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $138,326.08.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0207233.

200904C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank United, Plaintiff, vs. Mark S. Hofstra, et al., Defendants. No. [illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 25, [illegible], Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: [illegible] Lancaster Ct., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level single family residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $117,434.86.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 996380.

200868C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of CTX Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Jacqueline Hill, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-[illegible]166.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 21, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3553 W. 79th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $115,572.32.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Alliance Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Abrams, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13773.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8130 S. Mulligan Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $[illegible].

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales Clerk, [illegible] & [illegible], [illegible] Lake Cook Road, [illegible], (847) [illegible] between the hours of [illegible] and [illegible].

Please refer to file number [illegible].

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Republic Bank d/b/a Flagship Capital, Plaintiff, vs. Douglas Thomas a/k/a Doug Thomas, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12592.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7949 S. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,008.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7116.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Marie K. Swanson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14305.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 15050 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,910.61.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid, by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 32527.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Rudy Huber, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4185.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4112 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $61,109.70.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 30292.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Timothy Yrachota a/k/a Timothy Yrachota, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-12901.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7756 S. Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $112,880.10.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3835.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Immigrant Drivers License

The Illinois General Assembly is currently considering House Bill 4003, which would allow immigrants to obtain valid Illinois driver's licenses.

"These million immigrants aren't going anywhere, and neither is this issue until it is resolved," says Marcia Brown-Medina, a leader of the Illinois Hunger Coalition.

If passed into law HB4003 would enhance public safety by encouraging driver education and compliance with mandatory insurance laws. The law would create a reliable way to verify the identity of immigrant residents, allowing law enforcement to better track repeat traffic offenders, arrest warrants, and potential terrorists. Furthermore, a decrease in uninsured drivers would lower insurance rates for the general populace, and Illinois would benefit by collecting more application fees and tax revenue. New amendments to HB4003 will ensure that licenses held by immigrants would be virtually fraud-proof, with security provisions surpassing current policy and those of all other states that license residents without Social Security Numbers.

"Allowing an alternative identifier to be used in place of a social security number of "uninsured, unlicensed motorists throughout Illinois, thereby increasing the safety of all drivers," says Kankakee Police Chief Michael Kinkade.

Host St. Pat's Day Concert

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library, 11960 S. Pulaski, will host a lively concert of Irish music by the popular Beverly band, Dyed in the Wool, on Wednesday, March 10th at 7 p.m. The band is well known to Beverly music lovers. They blend American and Celtic folk traditions using a variety of instruments including banjo, mandolin, flute, guitar and the Celtic bodhran. Dyed in the Wool is sure to make you tap your feet and put a smile on your face! To register, call Adult Services at (708) 371-5666.

Lift Ban

Quarantines imposed in Summit and Addison to prevent the spread of the tree-killing Asian Long-horned Beetle have been lifted, Illinois Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke announced.

"The quarantines served their purpose, thwarting new beetle infestations in surrounding neighborhoods while work progressed in the quarantined area to get rid of this destructive pest," Hartke said. "No beetles have been detected in either area for more than three years."

The last beetle in Summit was sighted in August of 1999. No discoveries have occurred in Addison since December 2000.

Beetle sighting should be reported to the toll-free beetle hotline at 1-800-641-3934.

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Expectant Parents Stress-Free Transition

The amount of time that women take off work after having a baby may be at an all time low. A surprising one-third of those quizzed by Parent Soup said they took less than eight weeks off of work to care for their new family members. Many new parents cite a shortage of vacation time and money as the main reasons for this.

Fortunately, parents are given nine months to prepare financially so they are not forced to return immediately to the workforce. Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS), a division of Money Management International (MMI), offers the following tips for making the transition as stress-free as possible:

Investigate your available benefits. A study by the Families and Work Institute found that all large employers surveyed offer some benefits, from maternity leave (100 percent) to part-time work (88 percent) to flex-time (77 percent). Read your company's maternity or paternity policy as soon as possible. Also, request an updated statement of benefits from the Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov/mystatement.

Create a plan. Develop a plan to present to your employer that includes the date you expect your leave to begin and your predicted return date. Outline your ongoing job duties and how you recommend they should be performed in your absence. Also, determine how and when you would like to communicate with the office while on leave. This could open the door to a possible work-from-home arrangement, so you can still earn some income while caring for your newly expanded family.

Make up for lost wages. Studies prove that working women lose income when they become mothers. Consider that a 12-week unpaid leave equals a 25 percent salary cut for the year. The impact is even greater when you consider that you are not contributing to a retirement plan during that time. Therefore, as soon as you find out you are expecting, consider boosting your 401k contribution. Also, begin to aggressively build your savings account so that you will be able to fully enjoy time with the new baby, rather than worrying about bills.

Manage expenses. Put off making large purchases until after the baby is born. Keeping your expenses at a manageable level will give you more flexibility when determining if and when you will return to work. It is also wise to use this time to reduce your expenses by paying down debt.

"Many expectant parents worry about how to make everything work together," said Cate Williams, vice-president of financial literacy for CCCS. "Most new parents discover that with a little planning, it isn't impossible to be successful with both a career and a family."

Apcel Is A Finalist

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School is proud to announce that English faculty member, Melissa Apcel, has been named one of the 32 Chicago-area finalists for the 2004 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in teaching. She was among those honored at the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching on Feb. 21st. Ten Golden Apple Award recipients will be announced on March 10th and 11th.

Ms. Apcel has taught English at McAuley for five years. She changed careers to become an educator after practicing law for 21 years; 18 with Latham and Watkins, and 3 years as the general counsel of the U.S. Soccer Federation. During her coursework for a Master of Liberal Arts at the University of Chicago, she was inspired to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching. Upon completing her MAT in 1999, she accepted a position at McAuley.

When asked about her nomination for the Golden Apple Award, Ms. Apcel stated, "If I receive this award, it's because people have been so generous, kind and patient to me. The English Dept. and McAuley as a whole are collaborative and a joy to work with."

Park District Host After School Bingo

Join the Bridgeview Park District for Candy Bar Bingo! This after-school bingo will be held on Monday, March 8th at the Sports Complex, 8100 S. Beloit. Have fun while playing bingo! This is a great activity to meet new friends and win candy bars too! We meet from 4 until 5:30 p.m. The fee is $3 per person. This class is open to 1st through 6th graders. For additional information, call the park office at (708) 594-1818.

Dinner & Fashions

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary will host its 34th annual Reflections 2004 dinner and fashion show on April 1st at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. Colleen Lamb Ferrara will chair the event.

This year's theme, "The Orient Express," will highlight a variety of fabulous clothing, daytime casual, dressy casual, and evening wear. Fashions will be provided by Bellissimo, Hansen's Villa, Kimberly Bond Boutique, Lili of Trieste II, My Sisters and Me, and Worldly Things.

The event will feature a grand raffle drawing with prizes including a one-week vacation to Killarney, Ireland, a $1,000 cash prize, and a weekend stay at the Fitzpatrick Hotel and dinner gift certificate. Grand raffle tickets are $10 each or three for $25.

Proceeds from Reflections 2004 will benefit the Auxiliary's pledge towards Maternity Services at Little Company. Tickets for the event are $45 per person. The event starts at 5 p.m. and is followed by dinner at 6:30. For reservations, call (708) 229-5447.

Intern

Millikin University senior Andrew Trojanowski of Oak Lawn is spending the spring semester working for Total Pharmacy Services in Burr Ridge as an intern.

Trojanowski, a Biology major, was chosen for the internship from his scholastic record and personal interviews.

Trojanowski is a graduate of De La Salle Institute.

Pictured left to right: Laura Shallow, Chair of the Board of Trustees at McAuley; George and Lorna Ferrell, Celebration co-chairs; Sister Rose Wiorek, Principal of McAuley; Ann and Bill Carroll, Celebration co-chairs; and Sister Sheila Megley, Vice President of Development at McAuley.

Annual Celebration Scholarship Endowment Dinner Dance Set

On March 27 at 6:30 p.m., Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will host its 12th Annual Celebration Scholarship Endowment Dinner Dance at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. Since its inception in 1987, monies raised from Celebration have helped bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each of the school's young women. A significant number of students are able to attend McAuley because these funds help support the tuition assistance program.

At the event in March, four individuals will be formally recognized for their years of involvement and contributions to McAuley. The 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award Honorees are Joan P. Claussen of Orland Park, Francis Gallagher of Oak Lawn and Ave Hayes Green of Oak Lawn. The 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award Honoree is Sister Jean McGrath, CSJ of Chicago, West Beverly. These individuals were announced at the Celebration kick-off event on Jan. 12.

The Celebration event is co-chaired by Lorna and George Ferrell of Palos Park and Ann and Bill Carroll of Orland Park. Lorna served as vice president of the Mothers Club in 2001-02 and President in 2002-03. They are the parents of '99 and '03 graduates, Hillary and Emily Ferrell. Ann served as an officer of the Mothers Club and they are parents of '02 grad, Caitlin Carroll.

In addition to the efforts of the co-chairs, Celebration committees work months in advance of the event to make it a success. Those individuals who dedicate their time are: Larry Harris of Oak Lawn, Jennifer Lagda Busk of Evergreen Park, Dr. Daniel Meus of Palos Heights, Stacy Spagnoli of Evergreen Park, Betty DeTamble of Evergreen Park, Laura Shallow of Evergreen Park, Sister Sheila Megley, RSM, of Mount Greenwood, Sheila McNamara of Orland Park, Sharon Mundo of Palos Heights, Mary Jo Guyette of Oak Lawn, Thomas Dombro of Evergreen Park, Jayne Laird Sorkis of Homer Glen and Maribeth McCraw of Alsip.

McAuley thanks the many individuals who offer their talents to make Celebration 2004 a grand occasion and look forward to recognizing the 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award Honorees and 2004 Distinguished Alumna Honoree at the event on March 27. For further information about Celebration, contact Nancy Lynch in the McAuley Development Office at (773) 881-6566.

Campaign Against Illegal Drugs Ecstasy & Meth

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced a series of community awareness events to kick off Project X, the aggressive campaign against the illegal drugs Ecstasy and Meth. The community forums are being held in the nine areas that are receiving funding for the initiative. The community forums will bring together community stakeholders, law enforcement, treatment providers and the public in an effort to crack down on the growing problem of these so-called club drugs.

"Meth and Ecstasy aren't just a problem for law enforcement," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Use of these drugs impacts the entire community and that's why these forums are important. We're increasing awareness and encouraging community involvement in an all out assault on the illegal sale and use of these dangerous drugs."

Meth is made with common household items that may be purchased at many stores. Ingredients include anhydrous ammonia, ephedrine (found in cold and sinus medicine), lithium and others. Meth, which is made in makeshift laboratories, has already gained a foothold in rural Illinois.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Ecstasy is the most commonly used stimulant in Chicago. The popularity of Ecstasy in raves and dance clubs in cities is now moving into suburbs and rural areas.

U.S. Department of Justice statistics indicate more than six million children age 12 and under have tried Ecstasy at least once. Many of these club drug users do not realize the serious health risks associated with these drugs. Short-term effects include increased heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. The user may experience a feeling of euphoria, impaired speech and loss of appetite. Long-term effects include severe dehydration, brain damage, heat exhaustion that can cause kidney and heart failure, paranoid behavior, stroke and even death.

Camp Duncan Programs

YMCA Camp Duncan, located near Fox Lake, offers resident camp programs for 7-15 year old boys and girls and Teen Adventure programs for 14-18 year old teens. The camp program features traditional YMCA Camp activities like swimming, boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, blobbing, sports, high ropes, climbing tower, crafts, nature, songs, campfires and the non-traditional camping experiences for teens, such as Leader-In Training and Counselor-In-Training.

The camp is located only 55 miles northwest of Chicago near Fox Lake, Illinois on Fish Lake and includes 300 acres of woods, hills and prairie plus modern cabins, rustic dining lodge, athletic fields and an indoor swimming pool.

Enthusiastic, participative, mature, trained college staff aged 19 and older have been recruited as counselors. The camp is directed by Kim Kiser, a YMCA professional staff person with 27 years of YMCA program work and Rona Roffey, camp director with 13 years of camp experience.

"Helping Children build character is our goal at Camp Duncan," Roffey said. "Camp Duncan is a place to build confidence, make new friends and have fun! Camp Duncan's staff partners with parents to teach the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. At Camp Duncan we are dedicated to the values of the YMCA."

For more information call YMCA Camp Duncan at (847) 546-8086. If you would like to have a tour of the camp contact Rona Roffey, Camp Director to make an appointment at the above phone number.

Release Annual Top Ten Complaints List

Attorney General Lisa Madigan released the annual Top 10 Consumer Complaints list, announcing that for the third year in a row telecommunication complaints top the list of Illinois consumer gripes. The 2003 list marks the 18th year the list has been released.

The release of the Attorney General's Top 10 list came in the middle of National Consumer Protection Week, which ran from Feb. 1st to 7th and is sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Madigan said Illinois consumers' top gripe was against telemarketers who allegedly violated the new combined federal and state Do Not Call (DNC) registry by flouting new rules that have caused a significant decrease in such calls. An FTC database, to which Madigan's office frequently refers Illinois consumers to report alleged DNC violations, registered approximately 7,500 complaints from Illinoisans. These complaints were added to the 156 similar complaints received by the Attorney General's office for alleged DNC violations.

Madigan was the first Attorney General to use the new FTC Do Not Call rule to sue a telemarketer, basing her lawsuit on a number of complaints consumers lodged against a Branson, Missouri telemarketing outfit that peddles vacations.

While home remodeling and repair complaints continue to cost Illinois consumers the most in terms of dollars, Madigan said the lists in recent years reflect the changing marketplace. Indeed, technology-related complaints involving wireless phone service, Internet service and internet auctions have surged near the top of the complaints list. Additionally, with consumer debt continuing to grow, complaints about collection agencies and debt counseling have increased.

"The Top 10 list is a guide to Illinois consumers' problems and concerns. It also alerts consumers of the fraudulent behavior and scams they need to watch for and protect themselves from," Madigan said. "It is very important for Illinoisans to alert the Attorney General's office when consumer issues arise, but we also have found that educating consumers about fraudulent behavior can prevent them from unnecessarily falling victim to scams."

Do Not Call complaints topped the telecommunications category of the 2003 list, but consumes had other telecommunications problems to report as well.

Out of the 22,213 consumer complaints filed with the Attorney General's office in 2003, telecommunication dwarfed the competition, accounting for 10,040 of the complaints. The telecommunications complaints included issues related to Do Not Call complaints (7,656 complaints), wireless service and cellular phones (724), long distance service (459), Internet service providers and Internet scams (437) and local phone service (420).

Madigan said that with an increasingly technology-driven population, many Illinoisans have purchased wireless communications products over the past year. In Illinois, the number of wireless subscribers in 2003 was just over 50 percent of the total population, and that number continues to grow. Not surprisingly, Madigan said, wireless service complaints overtook long distance complaints as the subcategory of telecommunications with the most complaints filed in 2003.

Construction and home improvement fraud, which came in second on the 2003 list, has ranked as one of the top three consumer complaints for eight out of the past 10 years. Complaints regarding construction and home improvement in 2003 included those related to remodeling (1,194 complaints), siding and windows (350), roofs and gutters (309), driveways (135), plumbing and sewers (120) and new construction (90).

In 2003, Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau brought more enforcement actions against construction and home improvement contractors than any other industry identified in a category of complaints reported to the office. In addition, the bureau mediates a large number of consumer complaints to successful resolutions each year.

Complaints regarding credit came in third on this year's list with 1,997 complaints filed in 2003. Complaints regarding credit include problems with collection agencies (1,132 complaints), ID theft (214), credit reporting agencies (176), debt counseling (158) and loan companies (150).

Madigan said the number of credit-related complaints is at least partly due to the fact that Illinoisans who found themselves with financial difficulties and mounting debt during the economic downturn sought help from companies that too often did not have the consumer's interests in mind.

Many of the same categories of complaints found on the 2002 list were back on the Illinois Top 10 list in 2003. The only category of complaints on this year's Top 10 list that wasn't on the 2002 list is bank and financial institution complaints, which took the number 10 spot away from last year's complaints regarding utilities.

Women Cougar's Defeat IIT

Thirteen different Saint Xavier University women's basketball players scored, led by sophomore center Veronica Kristie (Willow Springs/Argo) with 18 points, as the Cougars defeated Illinois Institute of Technology, 97-58, in first round action of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) postseason tournament Tuesday at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

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DIPPING SAUCE

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons chili sauce
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons minced chives

Assorted raw vegetables or potato chips

In a bowl, combine the first six ingredients; cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Sprinkle with chives. Serve with vegetables or chips. Yield: 1 cup.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Edward P. Cheske

Chapel services will be held Thursday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m. at the Schaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem Ave., to 10 a.m. mass at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10811 Ridgeland Ave., with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Edward P. Cheske, 82, husband of the late Helen and a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. Mr. Cheske was a former Chicago Ridge Trustee and retired Chicago Ridge police officer. He was a Past Commander of Glen Maker American Legion Post 1160.

He is survived by his children Donna Newton, Beverly (Luis) Hernandez, Robert (Barbara), Carol (Ray) Dove and James; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Denise A. Shelly

Services were held Monday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Denise A. Shelly, an 8 year employee of the Great American Bagel.

She is survived by her husband Leonard; her children Gary Schaefer, Bob (Patricia) Shelly and Jennifer Shelly; and two grandchildren.

Pauline J. Vranas

Services were held Wednesday at SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Pauline J. Vranas, wife of the late James.

She is survived by her children Bill J. (Peggy) and Christine Beberdick; three grandchildren; and a brother Spero (Andrea) Gianopoulos.

Edna R. Walter

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Edna R. Walter, wife of the late Anthony.

She is survived by her children Edna (Stanley) Majewski and Lawrence (Linda); and two grandchildren.

Daniel J. Williams

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Daniel J. Williams.

He is survived by his parents Joan and Bernard Williams; brothers James (Lorna) and Thomas (Victoria) and sister Carol (Ray) Maloney.

James F. Glynn

Services will be held Thursday, March 4th at 9 a.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., to 9:45 a.m. mass at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 4100 W. 107th St., with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James F. Glynn "597," 72, a Korean War veteran. Mr. Glynn was a 52 year member of the Pipefitters Local 597, U.A., 24 years as a business agent, past vice-president of Indiana Pipe Trades. He was a member of Oak Lawn Elks Lodge 2254, American Legion and Vis Kids. Mr. Glynn graduated in 1950 from De La Salle High School.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his mother Mary Glynn; children Sheila (James "Mo") Potempa, Mary Kay Racky, James "Bo" (Betty), Michael (Barbara), Timothy, Julie (Robert) Lane and Kevin (Diane); and 12 grandchildren.

Marguerite Anne Ryan

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marguerite Anne Ryan, 82, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

She is survived by her sister Mary June Frazier.

Mary Margaret Saladin

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Margaret Saladin, 86. She was a member of the St. Thomas More and Most Holy Redeemer Altar & Rosary Society, the Sacred Heart A.C.C.W. and the Fun Club.

She is survived by her husband Lawrence Joseph, Sr.; her children Lawrence Joseph, Jr. (Jane), Susan Mary (Jerry) Cismoski and Betty Jo (Bill) Manion; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Alice (Jack) Mullane and Phyllis Doyle and brothers Jack (Lee) and Bob (Eileen) Ward.

Michael J. Saliga

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Michael J. Saliga, a World War II Army veteran and husband of the late Helen.

He is survived by his son Kenneth (Nancy); one grandchild; one great-grandchild and a sister Christine Ovlasuk.

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John T. McNamara

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John T. McNamara, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of I.U.E.C. Local 2 and an usher at St. Barnabas Church.

He is survived by his wife Sheila; his children Stephen (Mary), John (Eileen), Sheila (George) Brackin, Kerry (Joan) and Mary Ann; and eight grandchildren.

Eleanor T. McNeill

Mass was said Monday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eleanor T. McNeill, 78, wife of the late Daniel.

She is survived by her children Thomas, Daniel (Helen), Mary Miller and Michael (Nancy); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Myron J. Minda

Services were held Tuesday at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, for Myron J. Minda, a retired employee of Rheem Manufacturing Company with 25 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Ruth M.; his children Lorie (Robert) Sacco and John (Margaret); and two grandchildren.

Bonnie J. Mockus

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, for Bonnie J. Mockus.

She is survived by her husband Peter A.; a son Peter; her father Clarence Huff and a sister Donna (Steve) Kube.

Ruth Naso

Services were held Sunday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Ruth Naso, 82, wife of the late Sam.

She is survived by her sister Edith (Charles) Niarhos.

Matthew E. Doherty

Mass was said Monday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, for Matthew E. Doherty.

He is survived by his wife Mary Alice, his children Dee (Chuck) Radgowski, Dennis (Traci), Timothy, Cynthia (Pat) Malloy, Michael (Maureen), Patrick (Mary), Kevin (Jane), Martin (Coletta), Joseph (Dianne), Edward (Kelly), Gerard (Geri) and Matthew Jr. (Sherri); 49 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a sister June Schumann.

Margaret M. Cameron

Services were held Tuesday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Margaret M. Cameron, wife of the late Chester. She was a former 30 year employee of Oak Forest Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter June (Frank) Goodman; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Mary (Louis) Adams and Dorothy Treptow and a brother Joseph (Betty) DeCoster.

Nicholas C. Garofalo

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Nicholas C. Garofalo, 64, a veteran of Palos Park. He was retired from Sears with 33 years of service. Mr. Garofalo and his wife owned the Palos Hills Sandbox Early Learning Center for 22 years. He also served on the board of directors of the Palos Community Center and was a member of the Master Gardeners.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children Karen (Charles) Humphrey, James (Nicole) and Kelley (Joseph) Tansey; three grandchildren; brother Gary and sister Marianne (Bruce) Matthews.

Amanda Hoffenkamp

Services were held Monday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Amanda "Mande" Hoffenkamp, wife of the late Howard "Jack."

She is survived by her children Howard "Jack" Jr. (Linda), John Michael (Debra), and Kevin Paul (Jennifer); three grandchildren; sisters Mary, Grahovac and Katie (Hank) LaMonica and a brother Michael Grahovac.

Frances O. Janecek

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Frances O. Janecek, 86, wife of the late John.

She is survived by her children Richard (Charlene), Raymond (Ruth) and Russell (Connie); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a brother Oliver Kroll.

Mary Louise Drennan

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Louise Drennan, wife of the late Joseph, Retired Captain Chicago Police Department.

She is survived by her children Dan (Peggy), Ginny Carlson, Thomas (Diane), Marilyn (Jack) Carlson, Carol (Jack) Stanton and Mary Pat (Tom) Malloy, 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a sister Mildred Philbin.

Michael J. Coleman

Services were held Monday at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Michael J. "Jack" Coleman, 55.

He is survived by his children Donna (Darrell) Pawlak and Michael; three grandchildren; sister Irene (Dan) Muntner and brothers Edward, Thomas (Patricia) and Joseph (Judy).

Bernice Drobut

Mass was said Tuesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Bernice Drobut, 80, wife of the late Anthony.

She is survived by her children Diane, Anthony (Joanne), George (Elenor) and Richard; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Antoinette C. Alessi

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with entombment at St. Mary Garden Mausoleum, for Antoinette C. Alessi.

She is survived by her husband Anthony; her children Marifran (James) Drymiller, and Tonette (Phillip) Mitchell; and five grandchildren.

Margaret E. Casper

Mass was said Monday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret E. Casper, wife of the late Charles.

She is survived by her children Charles E. (Lesly), Wayne (Shelley), James (Donna), and Alfred; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Readers

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on March 10th to discuss "The Concert Player Who Saved Ireland" by Frank O'Connor and on April 14th for "The Hitch-Hikers" by Eudora Welty. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on March 24th to discuss "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich and on April 28th for "Life of Pi: A Novel" by Yann Martel. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708) 422-4933.

Lent Services

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W. 120th St., will hold midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings through March 31st at 7:30. "Cross Examination" is the theme. During the six weeks of Lent, different speakers will be presenting the Passion story from a cross examination standpoint. Light refreshments will be available after each of the midweek services.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers announced that its Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., received the 2004 Brigid Award. Concern Worldwide (U.S.) Inc. held its sixth annual Brigid Awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Chicago Feb. 20, in honor of the women of today who exemplify St. Brigid's sense of justice, generosity, and compassion in their daily lives. St. Brigid was one of the most celebrated women in Irish history due to her tireless dedication to helping the poor.

Sister McIntyre was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital, a highly accomplished and compassionate hospital that would later define her life's work. In 1956 Kathleen joined the Sisters of Little Company of Mary, an international congregation founded by Venerable Mary Potter in 1877 in Notthingham, England. In 1893 the Sisters began their ministry in America, by caring for the sick and their families in their homes.

In 1982 she was missioned to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, and appointed the Associate Director of the School of Nursing. Five years later Sister Kathleen accepted an appointment as President and CEO of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers in Evergreen Park and currently is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Sister Kathleen is an untiring champion of programs such as The Heart Connection, a bereavement program for children and "Our Doctors to Your Home," a service for home bound seniors. As a Councilor in the American Province, Sister Kathleen advocates for the sisters missioned in Tunisia, Albania, Tonga, Korea and an AIDS clinic in Zimbabwe. Currently, as Chairperson of the Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers Board of Directors, she is a supportive partner in the Chicago Archdiocese's Medical Mission to Bolivia.

Joining Sister McIntyre this year are two other honorees: Meg Heron-Blake, a learning disabilities specialist and the Hon. Sheila M. Murphy, Counsel to the Law Offices of Rothschild, Barry & Myers, retired Circuit Court Judge, and human rights advocate.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers congratulates all of this year's Brigid Award recipients. Their compassion and dedication are an inspiration to all.

Pictured left to right: Sister Kathleen McIntyre, Hon. Sheila M. Murphy and Meg Heron-Blake.

Natural Resources News

It is time for the cooling lakes to reopen. That must mean spring is right around the corner. **Braidwood Lake** was first to open on March 1st with operating hours from 6 a.m. to sunset. Nearby **Mazonia** will open when the site gets open water. **LaSalle Lake** will open March 17th on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule from 6 a.m. to sunset. A 7-day-per-week schedule is planned for April 1st, depending on staffing levels at the time. **Heidecke Lake** will open April 1st with hours of 6 a.m. to sunset for the boat ramp and a 6:30 a.m. opening for bank fishing. These dates and times are subject to change based on weather and any ongoing security issues.

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This is the time of year when freezing and thawing can create challenging conditions at Illinois State Parks. Call ahead to parks to determine if the facilities you are interested are open. For example, some campgrounds may be closed due to wet conditions.

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The Dept. of Natural Resources will hold an orientation meeting for new members of the **Off-highway Vehicle Trails Advisory Board** to familiarize them with their role in the OHV grant program. The meeting will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in DNR's Springfield headquarters on Monday, March 8th. For more information, call (217) 782-4963.

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The **White Pines Inn** opens for the season on March 5th. The Inn is an authentic log cabin inn crafted from stone and timber and is nestled under the majestic white pines in a 385-acre park that was once part of Chief Black Hawk's tribal domain. For information or to make a reservation, call (815) 946-3817 or visit them on the web at www.whitepinesinn.com

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The Dept. of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to its **archery deer hunting rule.** The hearing is scheduled for March 26th at 1 p.m. at the Artisan Building on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

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The **Natural Resources Advisory Board** will meet on April 15th at 7 p.m. at Eagle Creek Resort, Shelbyville. The NRAB advises the Department on long-range policies. Time is allotted for public comment. For more information, call (217) 782-4963.

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IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold has appointed new members to the Department's **Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails Advisory Board.** OHV Board members will serve two-year terms expiring Dec. 31st, 2005. New members are: Lance Martin, Harrisburg; Kevin "Bud" Northrup, Mahomet; Kevin O'Meara, Burbank; and John Roth, Hartford. Ms. Brenda Potts of Springfield remains as DNR's representative on the board, voting only in case of a tie.

The OHV board evaluates and recommends to the Director, recreational trail projects for funding through the Off-highway Vehicle Trails Fund. Grants may be given for acquisition, development and maintenance of OHV riding areas, for the restoration of areas damaged by OHV use, and for rider education and safety training programs.

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Governor's Cup Shooting Challenge: It's time to register for the annual Governor's Cup Shooting Challenge scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 30th and May 1st at Faller's Sporting Clays, located west of Butler in Montgomery County.

In addition to the prestigious Illinois Governor's Cup title, experienced shooters will compete for cash and prizes, including a guaranteed $750 for high overall (HOA) in this NSCA-registered class. Ted shoot. Non-registered shooters will compete in an exciting "Hunter Class" with cash and prizes for HOA and Lewis Class winners.

Each shooter registered for the Governor's Cup is invited to participate in a free "Fun Shoot" on Friday afternoon, April 30th.

Saturday's schedule features the 100-target Governor's Cup Shooting Challenge for both the NSCA-Registered shooters and the Hunter Class.

The event registration fee is $125. Shooting station sponsorships are available for $150. Event proceeds benefit the Illinois Conservation Foundation, a 502-c-3 charitable organization, and IDNR youth shooting programs and promotions.

For more information, registration or sponsorship details, contact Bob Ruff, IDNR Public Events and Promotions, by calling (217) 782-7181 or by e-mail at events@dnrmail.state.il.us.

Eligibility For Earned Income Tax Credit

The Internal Revenue Service is urging low-income Illinois workers to review their eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to see if they qualify. The IRS says this credit, which can mean as much as $4,200 in extra cash, is overlooked by as many as 20 percent of eligible taxpayers.

The EITC first became available in 1975 to offset federal taxes paid by lower-income wage earners and to serve as a work incentive. For the 2001 tax year, more than 765,000 Illinoisans received almost $1.3 billion in EITC payments. Nationwide, more than 19 million taxpayers received more than $33 billion in EITC payments.

As good as that may sound, the IRS estimates that an additional 175,000 lower-income Illinois workers could have received EITCs totaling more than $115 million on their 2001 tax returns, but they failed to claim the credit.

"The tougher economy means that this credit is even more valuable to lower-income workers," said Sue Hales, IRS spokeswoman for northern Illinois. "It may result in a substantially larger refund for many people. And because the qualifying income limits for EITC have increased for the 2003 tax year, more people are eligible."

To be eligible for the EITC in tax year 2003, taxpayers must earn less than $33,692 if they have two or more qualifying children, $29,666 with one qualifying child or $11,230 if there are no children. Income limits are $1,000 higher if a couple's filing status is married filing jointly.

The maximum refundable credit for the 2003 tax year is $4,204 for a family with two or more qualifying children, $2,547 for a family with one qualifying child and $382 if there are no qualifying children. Many taxpayers qualify for less than the maximum, depending on their income.

EITC eligibility rules can be found in Publication 596 and through "1010 Central" on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

Hales said the IRS also recommends that EITC claimants consider electronic filing, especially through Free File, which offers free tax preparation and e-filing to taxpayers. E-filing reduces math errors that can delay a refund and results in faster refunds – about half the time of a paper-filed return. For more information on the IRS' Free File program, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. Lower-income taxpayers may also be eligible for free tax return preparation and e-filing through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). For the location of the VITA site nearest you, call the IRS at 1(800) 829-1040.

Millikin Sports Roundup

Millikin University's wrestling team set a new standard for itself by placing six wrestlers in this year's NCAA Tournament. The previous best for any team was in 1985 when the Big Blue sent four individuals on to the NCAAs.

The Big Blue placed third overall at last weekend's Midwest Regional including five first-place finishers. At 125 pounds, junior Jim Fascetta went 4-0 to capture an NCAA appearance. While wrapping up first place in his weight class, Fascetta also set a new Millikin mark for wins in a season. His 42-9 record to date betters the previous win total of 39 set by Drew Blickensderfer in 1997-98.

Joining Fascetta at the top of the podium and earning NCAA spots were freshmen Phil Davidson 3-0 at 133 and Justin Edwards 3-0 at 141. Juniors Joe Krugler 3-0 at 184 and Bryan 3-0 at 285. Senior Jacob Rodriguez also earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament, finishing second at 157 with a 3-1 record.

Head coach Mike Poe, who earned the CCIW Coach of the Year honor a few weeks ago, was also named the Midwest Region's Coach of the Year.

The NCAA Wrestling Tournament will be held this weekend, March 5th to 7th, in Dubuque, Iowa at Loras College.

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The Big Blue men's and women's track teams headed to Kenosha, Wis. and Carthage College over the weekend for the 2004 CCIW Indoor Championships. The Big Blue finished fifth on the men's side while the women finished seventh overall.

Individually, Millikin's Tonya Winter set a new indoor school record in the shot put while Angie Hawk posted another NCAA provisional mark in the triple jump. Two men earned CCIW titles – senior Frank Safranski won the 55 m. dash (5.56) and freshman Jordan Thomas won the high jump (6-6.75).

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Millikin men's basketball team took to the road for the final two games of the 2003-04 season. In two close contests, Millikin suffered two losses but finished up the year with a 14-11 mark. Millikin hadn't won 14 or more games since 1999-00 when the team went 15-10.

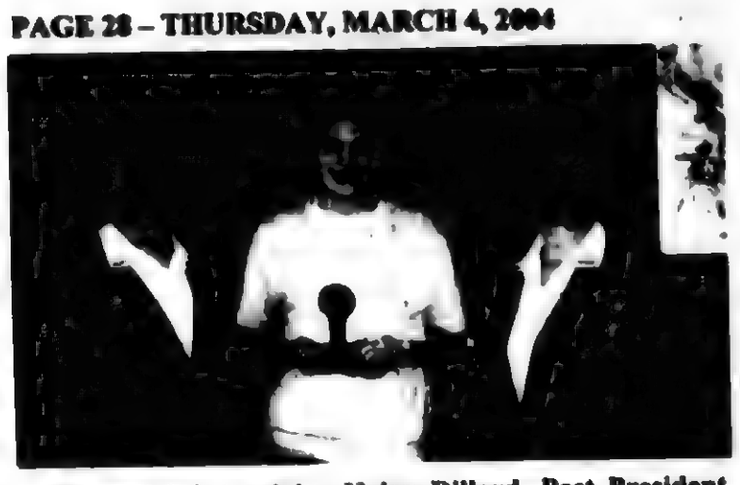
Excellence In Financial Reporting Award

The Government Finance Officers Assn. presented two awards to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and for a Distinguished Budget for its 2003 budget.

The Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of accounting and financial reporting by state or local governments. This is the 28th consecutive year the Certificate of Achievement has been presented to the District. The award provides assurance to the District's Board of Commissioners, staff and the citizens of Cook County that the District's financial condition and operations are fully and fairly presented in the District's CAFR.

The Distinguished Budget Award is based on a review of the District's 2003 budget as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Award-winning documents must be rated "Proficient" in all four categories. This is the 17th consecutive year that the District has received this prestigious award.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, chairman of the Committee on Finance, said, "We are proud to receive this recognition from the GFOA. The awards are a sign of our commitment to excellence and high professional standards in providing a vital service to the public."



Pictured left to right: Helen Dillard, Past President 3rd District VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Hometown-Murray VFW #9773 Youth Activities Chairperson; Ashley Gomez, St. Bede the Venerable School, VFW Patriots Pen "My Dream for America" essay winner; and Patricia Shoenbaum, President Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary #9773.

Sell Season Tickets

Season tickets are now available for Oak Lawn Park District Theatre productions. Community-theatre fans can purchase season tickets for the 14th season of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group. The 2004/2005 scheduled is: *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (June 4-6 & 10-13); *Anything Goes* (Aug. 6-8 &12-15); *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Nov. 12-14 & 18-21; and, in 2005, *Sweet Charity* (March 4-6 & 10-13. Season tickets for these productions will be available for $65 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

To help celebrate the Oak Lawn Park District's 60th anniversary in 2004, the upcoming season will also include a special dinner-theatre performance at the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., which will be sold separately from the group's core four productions. *The 1940's Radio Hour* will run Dec. 3-5, and will include a catered dinner at the clubhouse. Cast members are: Tom Fagan (Biff Baker, choreographer), Frank Fett (Lou Cohn), Liz Griffin (music director), Bill Hansen (Zoot Doubleman, conductor), Brad Kisner (Wally Fergusson), Mike Knezz (B.J. Gibson), Sara Martin (Geneva Lee Brown), Kathy Miller (Kate Smith), Gil Oliva (Johnny Catone, set/lighting designer), Renee Redican (Ginger Brooks), Dawn Schnolis (Connie Miller) and Julie Spencer (Helen Forrest). Tickets for this special event are $40 per person; they will be on sale beginning Saturday, March 6.

Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theater are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann. To order tickets, visit the Oak View Center or call (708) 857-2200, or for more information, e-mail theatre@olparks.com.

Military Service Tax Deferral Plan

Men and women being called to active military service in this country and overseas can defer payment of their Cook County property taxes, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

Pappas said applicants who might qualify for a military-service deferral should contact her office, which is collecting the first installment of taxes for tax year 2003. The due date for the current bill was Tuesday, March 2.

Illinois law allows county treasurers to grant deferrals of property taxes to those being called to active duty overseas. In the interest of fairness, Pappas said, her office will grant deferrals also to those called to duty in Illinois and the rest of the United States.

Penalties for late payment will be waived in Cook County if the serviceman or servicewoman pays the deferred taxes within a year of returning to civilian life, Pappas said.

Those who might qualify should visit www.cookcountytreasurer.com and download an "Application for Property Tax Relief for Military Personnel," or call (312) 443-5100 and reach a customer service representative.

Pappas said the deferral provision covers those in full-time, active service in all branches of the military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and National Guard, and including the Merchant Marines.

"The men and women whose lives are on the line to serve our country and protect us deserve some consideration for the economic disruption that can come with military service," Pappas said.

Library Trip

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Friday, March 19th. The cost, which includes motor-coach transportation and admission charges, is $20 for Friends members and $25 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. To purchase a ticket, call Donna Beckett at (815) 439-0075.

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Family Saved By Neighbors

On the morning of Feb. 20th three Oak Lawn residents came to the aid of fellow residents possibly even saving their lives. Connie Sonzski observed smoke emanating from the house behind hers on Normandy Ave. After calling 911 Sonzski got in her car, and drove around to the house. She saw people in the windows of the second floor who were unable to escape via the stairs because of the smoke. Sonzski found an extension ladder in the garage and brought it to the front of the home. A neighbor, Nancy Williams, and a passerby, Michael Schmitz also saw the smoke and the ladder and assisted Sonzski in placing the ladder at a second floor window. A woman climbed down the ladder to safety. They moved the ladder to another window and a man escaped down the ladder. As they were moving the ladder to the third window, three minutes after the 911 call, Oak Lawn Engine 27 arrived on the scene. The firemen entered the home and discovered the third person, who was unconscious on the floor. The firemen passed the victim through the window and carried him down the ladder to waiting firefighter paramedics, who began treatment as they transported him to Christ Hospital. The man remained in the hospital for a few days being treated for severe smoke inhalation. Because of their life saving actions at the house fire – Connie Sonzski, Nancy Williams, Michael Schmitz, and the Oak Lawn Fire Department were honored with a special recognition award at the Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees meeting on March 9th.

Daniel O'Donnell's petition requesting variations for front, rear, and side yards at 8937 S. Parkside were approved but only after Trustee Jerry Hurckes issued a strong tongue lashing to O'Donnell. Hurckes stated that an ordinance had to be passed because O'Donnell chose to ignore existing setbacks. The new ordinance requires a fine in the amount of $500 and for the next 24 months O"Donnell must have a staked survey performed for any site he works on prior to the issuance of permits. Hurckes added that no longer will this type of attitude, building anywhere on a lot and ignoring setbacks, be tolerated in Oak Lawn.

The board voted to concur with the finance committee and approved an ordinance increasing the quarterly commuter parking fee from $45 to $65 for 2004 and to $75 for 2005. The new fee is comparable to what other communities charge. The finance committee submitted a proposal from Metro transportation Group for a traffic study of the commuter parking lot and the surrounding area and a proposal from Walker Parking consultants for engineering services related to the proposed parking deck. Both proposals were approved. The fee for the Metro Transportation Group study is $7,500. The Walker Parking Consultants study fee is $17,000.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers reminded that absentee voting is being held in the clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. Also the polls will be open on March 16th election day from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Speaks To Retirees

Askia Abdullah, who handles the Public Relations and is the Press Secretary for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago on Wednesday, March 17th at 9 a.m. at the Oak View Center Board Room, 4625 W. 110th St.

Donald Delany, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

OLCHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad

For the fifth consecutive year the Oak Lawn Community High School Spartan varsity cheerleading squad qualified for State Championship after competing in the ICCA Downers Grove regional competition.

Coached by Pat Greiman, they took first place in the medium varsity division and will compete at State in Springfield on March 14th.

Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Jayci Hojek, Nikki Martin, Missy Huizenga, Alicia Smith, Lisa Tillman, and Sara Martinez; (center) Vicki Stubbs, Eileen Nash, Courtney Hojek, Jessica Schaar, Melissa Casey, Stephanie Bauer, Tracy Leithleiter, and Lindsey Stubbs; (front row) Christina Castillo, Brooke Kopf, and Katie Kapala. Katie Bauer was also a member of the squad.

"These girls work very hard. They devote three to four hours a day training and from broken noses to reconstructed knee surgery, they beat themselves up, yet they come back for more. That's a Team!" said Jillian Reiner, cheerleading parent club secretary.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Redeveloping The Oak Lawn Town Center

Dear Editor:

The efforts to redevelop the Town Center of Oak Lawn have been underway for many years. In 1983, a new train station and commuter lot were constructed on the site of a former coal yard. During the 1990's the Harris Bank-Starbucks Center and the new street scape were installed. In 2004, the upscale 51st Avenue Station Development is being built. In 2005, Metra will replace the 1983 train station with a new larger facility as well as providing us with dramatically improved train service in 2006.

The Village of Oak Lawn has taken an active interest in redeveloping the Town Center. We have created Tax Increment Financing Districts to encourage private investment. The Village Board has negotiated redevelopment agreements with several different developers. The Village has purchased property and installed public parking. In essence, our local government has acted responsibly to ensure a vibrant community.

This process has not always been easy. Some people do not like change. Others complain that the Village is doing the wrong thing. But anyone taking a close look at the overall picture cannot deny that Oak Lawn is a very vibrant community.

The fact that Oak Lawn remains vibrant is a testimony to the success of Village action. Communities that make decisions to stimulate development and redevelopment are thinking about the future. Communities that fail to look forward become stagnant and ultimately lose their assets. A prosperous healthy community continues to grow; an aging isolated community slowly dies.

Given the obvious choice, we would ask for your understanding and support as we work at keeping our community on the path to success. The vast majority of people understand that good solid progress is the road to success. We choose success together for ourselves and generations to come.

Sincerely,
s/s Ronald M. Stancik
Acting Village President

Pilgrim Faith Church Celebrate Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ on March 14th. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be recognized during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cub Scout Pack #3473 which meets at Pilgrim Faith will receive special recognition.

Rotary Club Speaker

Ed Mattson, President and Executive Director of the Linda Mattson Wings of Hope Cancer Foundation will be the guest speaker at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Monday, March 15th. Lunch will be held at the Hilton Oak Lawn beginning at 12:15 p.m. The cost for non-members is $13.

Mattson, a published author, has gained a reputation for delivering a moving and informative program on the subject of medical research including such topics as the ethics of stem cell research and targeted gene therapy. He also addresses some of the latest cancer treatments utilizing chemotherapy, immunotherapy and others. For more information or reservations, call Dave Kobak at (708) 361-1177.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Section

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Momentum Builds For Dan Hynes

A new poll commissioned by the Bloomington Pantagraph and WEEK-TV in Peoria shows the momentum building behind Dan Hynes' U.S. Senate campaign as the primary election on March 16th approaches.

The poll commissioned by renowned national pollster Del Ali and his firm Research 2000 uses live callers to determine the voter's intent. The results are as follows: Barack Obama 22%, Dan Hynes 20%, Blair Hull 15%, Maria Pappas 14% and 23% undecided.

In a story about the poll in Monday's Bloomington Pantagraph, the paper noted that Hull has been knocked out of first place despite having spent $24 million so far. On Sunday it was reported that Hull put in another $5 million of his own money bringing his total personal contribution to $29 million. In total, Hull has spent $14 million on television advertisements, which he began running in June of 2003.

The Bloomington Pantagraph also noted that the momentum and field organization that helped U.S. Sen. John Kerry win the Iowa Caucuses is a "positive trend for Hynes. With turnout expected to be lower, Hynes' formidable field operations could get more voters to the polls."

Hynes has the support of more than 800 local, elected officials at every level of government in every corner of the state, including 85 of the state's 102 County Chairmen, in addition to the support of the Illinois AFL-CIO and its 1.1 million members – both key elements in getting out the vote for Hynes on election day.

"Across the state, voters are getting behind Dan Hynes because he has inspired them with his positive message that America can work again and his vision and plans for getting the country back on track," said Chris Mather, Hynes for Senate Communications Director.

The poll was conducted from March 1st to 3rd and the sample consisted of 400 likely voters; there was a margin of error of +/-5 percent.

EPA Proposal Draws Sharp Criticism

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal to weaken power plant mercury protections drew sharp criticism at a public hearing in Chicago recently. The EPA hearing, one of three across the country, was held to solicit public input on several EPA proposed options to address mercury emissions from power plants. The vast majority of the attendees, however, said that EPA's options fall far short of what is needed to protect public health – allowing children to be exposed to far more mercury, for a decade longer than what EPA itself said was achievable.

"The Bush Administration is proposing to allow the single largest unregulated source of mercury to continue emitting high levels for at least the next decade," said Rebecca Stanfield, Environmental Attorney for the Illinois PIRG Education Fund. "The Bush Administration's proposal will leave our children vulnerable to risks of developing problems with walking, talking and even learning due to exposure to mercury pollution."

Mercury is a highly toxic chemical whose effects on the central nervous system are comparable to those of lead. Exposure to mercury, especially exposure of the developing fetus in the womb, can cause severe neurological and developmental problems that include poor attention span and delayed language development, impaired memory and vision, problems processing information, and impaired fine motor coordination. Electric power plants are the largest uncontrolled source of mercury into the environment.

"The EPA proposal completely fails to protect Illinois families from dangerous mercury exposure," said Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn. "The U.S. EPA proposal grossly violates the Illinois Constitution by failing to protect the fundamental right of Illinois citizens to a healthful environment."

Attendees at the hearing were especially concerned with the insufficiencies of EPA's proposals in light of a recent EPA study estimating that more than 600,000 children born in the U.S. each year have been exposed to unsafe levels of mercury in the womb. This number doubled previous estimates of children at risk.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said that the Bush Administration had been "working overtime to ignore scientific data regarding dangerous toxins and their impact on public health. By proposing to reverse tough standards to protect the public health from mercury emissions, the Bush Administration is ignoring clear and well-established evidence of the harm this toxin causes. This toxin is such a problem in Illinois that the Illinois Dept. of Public Health has issued a statewide fish consumption advisory, warning that fish from every lake, stream and river may be laced with mercury."

Under the Clean Air Act, toxic substances such as mercury must be controlled to emission levels achievable by "maximum achievable control technologies" (MACT) at each and every power plant. In 2000, the EPA determined that due to the serious health threat posed by mercury, it was required to regulate mercury and other hazardous air pollutants from power plants. In 2001, EPA estimated that, under this standard, available technologies could reduce 90 percent of mercury from power plants, bringing mercury emissions down to roughly 5 tons per year by 2008.

In EPA's recent actions, however, EPA proposes to revoke this MACT determination and allow some power plants to avoid reducing mercury emissions with a "cap and trade" scheme under a section of the Clean Air Act usually reserved for conventional air pollutants. All of EPA's options allow power plants to emit six to seven times more mercury pollution into our airways for a decade longer compared to EPA's 2001 determination.

Illinois EPA Director Renee Cipriano opposed the U.S. EPA scheme, stating: "Illinois believes that MACT should be used to control mercury emissions. A 90 percent reduction is both necessary and feasible given the technology available today and the advances anticipated in coming years."

Czech's & Deer Featured In Historic Illinois

The Czech National Hall in Edwardsville and John Deere's legacy in Illinois are featured in the latest issue of *Historic Illinois*, a publication of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

The 1906 Narodni Sin was built in Edwardsville to preserve the native language and traditions of Czech immigrants who had settled in the area since 1851. The first Czechoslovak Protective Society was founded in St. Louis in 1854, and Jan Kalal opened an Edwardsville chapter in 1875. The lure of coal mining drew so many Czechs to the area that in 1881 a two-story building was purchased for a lodge, but that was soon outgrown as well. Society members raised funds to buy property and construct a new building, which was dedicated in 1906. The Edwardsville Narodni Sin was used as a sort of ethnic YMCA with physical fitness and cultural activities, meeting space, and educational areas. Society membership declined as coal mines closed, resulting in the sale of the building in 1971. However, it was purchased by the granddaughter of the Narodni Sin's builder, who has renovated the structure and opened it for commercial use. The article was written by Jacob Baska, IHPA publications intern.

The amazing success story of John Deere, a Vermont blacksmith who moved to Illinois with only $73 in his pocket and established the world's largest agricultural equipment firm, is the subject of another article. Deere moved to Grand Detour, Illinois in 1836 to escape his mounting debt and quickly found work as a blacksmith, something he had done in Vermont. He noticed the problems Midwestern farmers faced when they tried to cultivate their wet, sticky soil, a situation which hampered agricultural use of the fertile ground.

Taking an old saw blade, Deere fashioned it into a steel plow, tested it at a nearby farm, and found the device worked like a charm. He began to produce more of these steel plows in 1837. In 1840 he made 40 plows selling for $10 each; six years later, his business produced 1,000 plows, and Deere found it necessary to move to Moline, Illinois to accommodate the rapidly expanding industry he started. He was elected mayor of Moline in 1873, and never forgetting his humble beginnings, Deere made many charitable contributions later in life. Deere's home and shop in Grand Detour and his home in Moline may still be visited, and the company he started now sells green and yellow farm machines to more than 160 countries. The article was written by Andrew Cheatham, IHPA publications intern.

Historic Illinois is a bimonthly IHPA publication that features historically significant sites in Illinois. Subscriptions are $10 per year, which includes six issues of *Historic Illinois* and one full-color *Historic Illinois Calendar*. To subscribe, call (217) 524-6045, or write: Historic Illinois, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507.

Follow Prep Sports

Nine students at Oak Lawn Community High School have been named Students of the Quarter. The criteria for being nominated include: a minimum of a B average, demonstrate responsibility, above average effort, consistent growth, and have no unexcused tardies, absences, or discipline problems.

This quarter's awardees are: Business Education, Neil Neumann; English, Jessica Chathas; Family & Life Science, Deina Musa; Fine Arts, Edward Suda; Foreign Language, Laura Dee; Industrial Technology, Abner Cordon; Mathematics, Martin Alexander; Science, Ashley Alexander; and Social Studies, Joseph Fattore.

Pictured left to right: Principal Catherine Frenczak, Laura Dee, Neil Neumann, Jessica Chathas, and Board of Education Vice President John Hickey.

2005 Will Be Pilot Year For MAX & DHS Program

It was announced an Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS) pilot program called Maximizing Accountability and Excellence (MAX) that will increase responsible stewardship and accountability for state dollars and maximize federal funding to the state.

– Commenting on the DHS initiative, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich said, "This new approach follows our core principals of reform and renewal in all aspects of agency management. The intent is to support the quality of services, promote creativity and innovation, and ensure that resources are directed to areas of critical need. It's time for Illinois to adopt a 'best practices' approach to the provision of these essential community-based services."

Fiscal year 2005 will be the pilot year for MAX and the DHS program divisions have identified $64 million in contracts to offer through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The contracts selected for this first phase include those that must be re-bid according to statute, and those where program funds were underutilized in previous years. These contracts represent a fraction of the overall budget – less than 4 percent.

This sampling will be sufficient to enable DHS to learn from and evaluate the process in moving forward. The RFP process will require clear deliverables and quantifiable outcome measures for each awarded contract.

Some of the existing grant contracts have been in place for over 30 years, dating to a time when the service delivery system was vastly different. Many were single-source grants because there was only one qualified provider available at the time.

Today, the situation has changed dramatically. The number of community service providers has multiplied, and in many communities across the state the demographics of the population have altered as well. DHS must have the flexibility to deploy its resources to the areas of greatest need as populations shift or community issues change.

The MAX initiative was created with three objectives

- to increase the amount of DHS contract dollars that are competitively bid through a request for proposals (RFP) process;
- to attract federal Medicaid match funds; and
- to institute performance-based contracts.

To ensure that all community providers are able to participate in the RFP process, DHS is conducting Grants Workshops across the state in February to offer technical assistance to providers who are not familiar with the RFP process. Providers may access information on schedule and registration at www.DHSMAX.info.

Sixth Quilt Show

The Outreach and Mission Committee of the United Methodist Church of New Lenox will present their sixth quilt show, "Granny's Attic," in conjunction with a chili bar luncheon, on Saturday, March 27th. The quilt show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to exhibit a quilt, or some other quilted item, may do so by filling out a quilt entry form. Entry forms may be obtained by calling Anna Melton at (815) 485-3010 or contact her on the web at http://www.geocities.com/doanmelt/granny.html. There will also be several items offered for sale at a silent auction. Vendors will be on hand showing a variety of quilting supplies.

Tickets for the chili bar luncheon are $5 and must be purchased in advance by calling Bobbie Baird at (815) 485-6856.

Tickets for the quilt show are $3 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. All proceeds from this event will support mission projects.

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox is at 339 W. Haven Ave.

Salamander Safari Set

"Salamander Safari," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, March 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

There may still be a nip in the air, and at times it may seem that it could possibly snow. Believe it or not, this is a good time of year to see amphibians. Many salamanders and frogs are active at this time of year, calling and moving from their winter spots to the newly formed spring ponds. The Chicago Herpetological Society will visit Plum Creek Nature Center and bring along some amphibians for an up-close look. Members of the Herpetological Society will be on hand to answer questions about these fascinating animals.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Dan Hynes Campaign Gains Momentum

With less than a week left until the election, Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes' campaign for the U.S. Senate is gaining momentum across the state. Dan Hynes has received the endorsements of the Daily Southtown, the Joliet Herald News, the Bloomington Pantagraph, the Journal & Topics Newspapers and the Southwest Messenger Press, demonstrating the strong support and high esteem with which Dan is held across Illinois – in Chicago, its suburbs and downstate Illinois. According to the Daily Southtown: "Democratic voters should want to nominate a candidate who can win in November. Hynes is that candidate, in our view, and we endorse him in the March 16th Democratic primary." The Joliet Herald News wrote: "Though he comes from Chicago, Hynes has represented all residents of the state as comptroller. We believe he'll do the same thing as a U.S. Senator." And the Bloomington Pantagraph noted: "If elected to the U.S. Senate, Hynes has pledged to continue to be a financial watchdog; to seek ways to give more people access to quality, affordable health care; to work in a united manner with other members of the Illinois delegation."

Voters across the state are responding to Hynes' message of job creation. "As Illinois' next United States Senator, I will fight for the hard-working people of this country every day I am in office. I was the first candidate to propose a detailed jobs plan that will create jobs through 'Made in America' tax credits, investments in states and infrastructure and a national manufacturing policy." Hynes has made job creation the centerpiece of his campaign and if elected, he will make it a top priority in the U.S. Senate. His 22-point plan calls for a dollar-for-dollar match – for every dollar we spend rebuilding Iraq we must match it with a new dollar spent at home, increased investment in our states and infrastructure, a national manufacturing policy, and worker protections in past and future trade agreements. Not only is Dan Hynes receiving the stamp of approval from editorial boards and strong support from voters across Illinois, his campaign is building momentum at precisely the right time.

Every night for the last two weeks, 1,000 volunteers have been making phone calls to friends and family on behalf of Hynes' candidacy. Every weekend more than 4,000 people have been working precincts getting out Hynes' message. The Hynes for Senate campaign has placed over 100,000 lawn signs in every corner of the state and delivered 2,500,000 pieces of literature to people's doors over the last few months. Dan Hynes has put more than 25,000 miles on his campaign van in the last six weeks, and has visited 43 Illinois counties in six days this past month. When Dan Hynes entered this race, he began planning for Election Day, and the Hynes campaign is ready for that day, just as Dan Hynes is ready to fight for the hard-working men and women of Illinois in the U.S. Senate. "The winner of the race should not be who spends the most money," said Hynes, "it should be who inspires the most people and that is why we are going to win."

A new poll conducted by Research 2000 for the Bloomington Pantagraph and WEEK-TV (margin of error +/-5% points) shows Dan Hynes with 20% Barack Obama with 22%, Blair Hull with 15%, Maria Pappas with 14%, and 23% of voters undecided, making the race a statistical dead heat. With the unmatched field organization that Hynes will have, he is in an optimal position to win this election and serve Illinois with distinction in the U.S. Senate.

Bro. Rice Gold Key Drawing

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski, is selling chances for its annual Gold Key Fundraiser. First prize is a choice of $25,000, a 2004 Jaguar X-Type or a 2004 Mercedes-Benz C-Class. Second prize is $1,000; third and fourth prizes are $500; and fifth through ninth prizes are $100. Tickets are $50 and available at the Brother Rice Development Office. Only 1,500 chances will be sold. The drawing will be held at the school's Gold Key Hop on Saturday, March 20th. Winners need not be present. Tickets for the dance are also available for $20 at the school. For more information, call (773) 429-4349.

MVCC Board

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16th. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave.

Vote for Good Courts On March 16

Go to www.isba.org to see ratings of the judicial candidates on your ballot.

A public interest message

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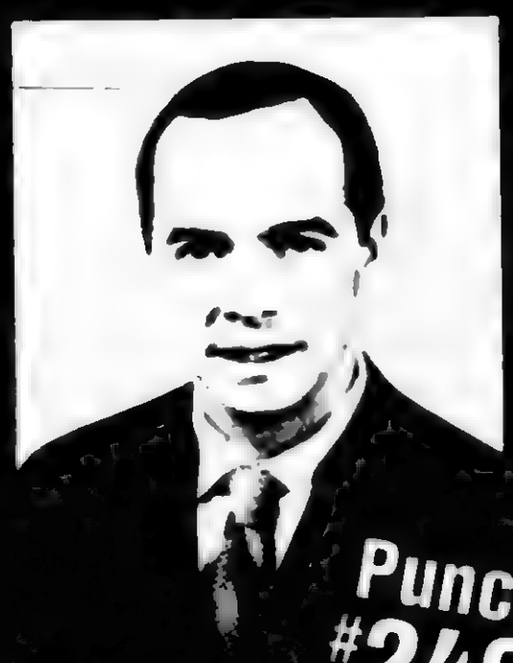

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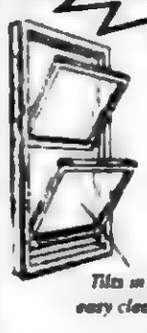

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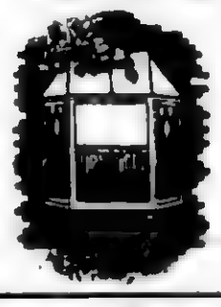

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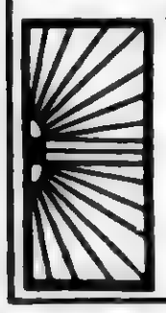

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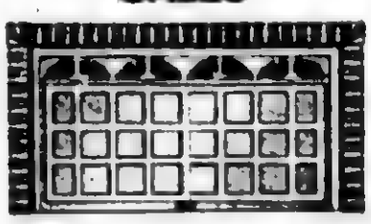

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Steven Rauschenberger For U.S. Senator

The campaign for the Republican U.S. Senate seat finds several candidates investing huge dollars to represent the G.O.P. this November. While we have found a number of the TV spots entertaining and, at time educational, we can't help remembering Jim Durkin's campaign two years ago.

We recognize one candidate whose credentials and body of work make him, in our opinion, the best candidate for a Republican victory this fall! That man is State Senator Steven Rauschenberger.

Senator Steven Rauschenberger has exhibited a superb public record of effective leadership in his 11 years in the senate. His professional record of accomplishments includes his appointment as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee in just his second year in Springfield. He has focused on such sound issues as pension and welfare reform, and the deregulation of electricity. Not glamorous issues...just ones that we people need in our daily lives. Rauschenberger has also delivered on his promises to provide income tax relief and property tax relief to the citizenry. His personal appeal makes this candidate attractive to people outside regular Republican stalwarts. He has worked on legislation which has provided healthcare for poor children and subsidized day care. The Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor also passed on his watch.

Senator Steven Rauschenberger brings an energy to the Republican cause. He has fought to restore an ethical standard to the state party, much to the dismay of some former and present elected officials.

Republican voters know where Rauschenberger stands. His professionalism and integrity the past 11 years have proven to us that he should represent the Republican Party this November in the U.S. Senate race. We endorse his candidacy.

Coalition Releases Statement

The Illinois Campaign Reform Coalition released the following statement in reaction to Gov. Rod Blagojevich signing the 2003 Illinois Ethics Act:

"The Illinois Campaign Reform Coalition is pleased to join with the governor and other elected officials to witness the signing of the 2003 Illinois Ethics Act.

The new law is striking for its breadth. It propels Illinois from being one of the least regulated states in the nation into the forefront of ethics reform. The legislation institutes a comprehensive system of ethical mandates, ranging from disclosure to revolving door provisions, with independent ethics commissions charged with setting standards and enforcement.

We commend the governor, the constitutional officers, the legislative leaders and the General Assembly for their leadership in bringing this important legislation to fruition. However, with legislation as sweeping as the ethics bill, we recognize that the real challenge will be to ensure that the promise of the legislation is met, and that the disclosure and accountability principles underpinning it are respected in its implementation.

Over the coming months, the Illinois Campaign Reform Coalition will work to monitor implementation of the new law to begin the process of transforming Illinois government from a culture of corruption into an open and accountable system, which everyone in this state can be proud of."

Our Endorsements In Contested Races

U.S. Senate
Daniel W. Hynes (D)
Steven J. Rauschenberger (R)

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Dorothy A. Brown (D)

States Attorney of Cook County
Richard A. Devine (D)

27th House District
Monique D. Davis (D)

28th House District
Robert "Bob" Rita (D)

35th House District
James Brosnahan (D)

38th House District
Robin Kelly

Cook County Board of Review 3rd District
Robert Shaw (D)

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner
(by-partisan)
Gloria Alitto Majewski (D)
Patricia Young (D)
Brendan George O'Connor (D)

For Judge of the Circuit Court (4th Judicial Sub-Circuit)
Edward J. Barrett (D)

For Judge of the Circuit Court (15th Judicial Sub-Circuit)
Jim Ryan (D)

St. Albert's Vegas Nights

St. Albert the Great Church, 5555 State Rd., is hosting a Vegas Night on April 23rd and 24th from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m. Admission is $4 for adults 21 and over. Free admission from 6 to 7 p.m. Games include poker, blackjack, roulette, keno, dice games, money wheel and pull-tabs. Prizes will be raffled off. There will be food and refreshments. Come join us for a fun evening at one of the most popular Vegas Nights on the south side. Proceeds benefit St. Albert the Great School.

Making A Will

Creating a will is the easiest way to ensure that your assets and personal effects will be distributed according to your wishes after you pass away. Although making a will is simple, about half of all Americans die without one. Use **Making a Will** from the MetLife Consumer Education Center, the American Bar Assn., and the Legal Services Corp. to find out what to include, how to keep your will current, and where to keep it safe. For your free copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 575L. Or send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 575L, Pueblo, CO 81009.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

We're down to five days to the March 16th Primary Election and if history is any proven indicator these last remaining days will be filled with charges and counter-charges by numerous candidates. We hope that an informed and motivated electorate will exercise their individual right, and privilege, and get out and vote for their candidates of choice or local referenda questions.

We will remind our readers once more to look for value in their selections..ie. experience, professionalism and character. Is the candidate you choose the person you would want to have representing your family, speaking on their behalf, and making tough decisions that will impact and govern our future lives? That is the responsibility you are placing when you cast your vote.

The U.S. Senate race has enjoyed the highest profile for several months as media buyers and campaign coordinators have spent upwards of $60 million. They hope to induce the undecided voter to embrace their respective candidate's message. To that end we see a barn-burner in both the Democratic and Republican races. We will recap them now.

The eight Republican U.S. Senate candidates have waged an aggressive battle. Newcomer Jack Ryan, a financier-turned school teacher, has continued to match TV commercials with dairy man Jim Oberweiss and businessman Andy McKenna, Jr. Ryan has been conspicuous by his absence at local debate forums and candidates' nights. While Ryan, Oberweiss and McKenna compete for the airwaves, State Senator Steve Rauschenberger is counting on his 11 years of building party alliances across the state to carry him to victory. Newcomer Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria, a physician financier has shown himself to be an interesting, enthusiastic and knowledgeable candidate. Dr. Kathuria, should be encouraged to continue to grow within GOP circles.

There are a number of talented candidates in this field. That being said, we feel that Senator Steve Rauschenberger's experience, the political, independence he has shown throughout his career, and his ability to work effectively with members of both parties make him the most deserving candidate for the Republican U.S. Senate seat. We **endorse Rauschenberger**.

The seven Democrats vying for the November general election have waged a spirited if not contentious race. Former options trader Blair Hull has poured tens of millions of dollars in personal wealth into his first bid for elective public office. Having enjoyed a comfortable early lead in the polls, Hull has been recently baptized into the reality of political life. The personal disclosures of three failed marriages and allegations of spousal abuse have forced Hull into a defensive mode. While the candidate and his consultants have had to resort to damage control, Hull's most formidable opponents, namely State Comptroller Dan Hynes, and State Senator Barack Obama have seen their own campaigns boom.

While we are impressed with the poise and substance of Senator Obama, we told you last week and we'll repeat it again, State Comptroller Dan Hynes' proven track record of fighting for the people of this state makes him the clear and compelling choice in the Democratic field of U.S. Senate candidates. We **strongly endorse Dan Hynes** in the Primary Election on March 16th.

The **Clerk of the Circuit Court** race finds incumbent **Dorothy Brown** being challenged by former judge and Chicago alderman Jerry Orbach. We feel Brown has made significant progress in her office but would suggest she take a stronger look at streamlining her 2,300 employee staff by improving this office's technological capabilities. She has our **endorsement**.

The **Cook County States Attorney** race features talented incumbent **Richard Devine** against candidate Tommy Brewer. Devine has demonstrated his outstanding leadership abilities by aggressively prosecuting homicide, gang crimes and other devastating cases. He is a public official who has proven himself to both his employees and the public agencies with which he interfaces. He is **strongly endorsed**.

The **Cook County Board of Review District 3** race has developed into one of the most intense campaigns in our area. Incumbent **Robert Shaw** has been accused of patronage and questionable verdicts about assessments by his opponent youthful attorney Larry Rogers, Jr. Rogers boasts an outstanding professional legal background and is being supported by U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. Shaw counters that nearly 300,000 people in Cook County have received property tax deductions on his watch. Shaw is being supported by virtually all Democratic committeemen. **Shaw's** experience earns our support.

The **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District** Commissioners race finds several candidates are vying for the Democratic Party spots. We feel that the most effective candidates are incumbent **Gloria Alitto Majewski** and **Patricia Young**, who have repeatedly proven that they grasp the complexities of their office. **Brendan George O'Connor** is also an attractive new candidate who worked for the district for five years before going into law practice.

In a variety of contested **House District** races we offer our **endorsement** to: **Monique D. Davis** (D) 27th, **James Brosnahan** (D) 35th, **Robin Kelly** (D) 38th and **Robert "Bob" Rita** (D) 28th. Rep. "Bob" Rita has particularly shown remarkable poise having been elected under a cloud of allegations which were summarily thrown out of court. Rep. Rita, like all of the Representatives above, has served his respective district with distinction and should merit voters support.

The judicial races which we find most intriguing include **endorsements** for: **Edward J. Barrett** (D) in the 4th Sub-Circuit and **Jim Ryan** in the 15th Sub-Circuit. We find two candidates of special interest in the race for Judge of the Circuit Court. Both Jeanne Marie Reynolds and Kathleen Ann Panozzo have impressed us with their demeanor and understanding of the enormity of this position. We trust the voters to select one of these equally talented professionals.

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Ballot colors for Tuesday's election are: Republican, Yellow; Democrat, Green; Orange Demonstration of Practice; White, Non-Partisan.

The Non-Partisan White ballot is for voters who do not want to declare their party but want to vote only in the referenda contests.

VOTE for the candidate of your choice

Cook County's Newly Redesigned Websites

Cook County Clerk David Orr's newly redesigned website will help suburban Cook County voters prepare to make informed decisions on Election Day.

At www.voterinfonet.com, suburban Cook County residents can type their address to verify if they're registered to vote, learn their polling place address, view a "virtual ballot" of the candidates appearing on their ballot on Election Day and access an online voting guide to learn more about where their candidates stand on the issues.

Orr's office has asked all candidates running for office in suburban Cook County to submit a 400-word statement highlighting their positions, qualifications and background.

"Voters rarely can attend every political debate or get access to all of the election materials they need to learn what's at stake in an election," Orr said. "We want voterinfonet.com to serve as a one-stop resource for voters to conveniently find out what's on their ballot before they step into the voting booth."

The election information is featured as part of the launch of the Clerk's two updated and redesigned websites, which highlight the Clerk's services and election information in time for the March 16 primary.

With just a few quick clicks from the comfort of home, suburban Cook County voters can:

- Learn about provisional voting, which allows people to cast a provisional ballot, even if their eligibility to vote is questioned on Election Day.
- Print voter registration and absentee ballot applications – now available in three languages.
- View new instructions in three languages explaining how to vote a ballot.
- Submit a new application online to become an election judge.
- Learn the number of registered voters in each village, school district, township precinct or other election jurisdiction in suburban Cook County.
- Access forms to allow students to sign up for teen voting education.
- Learn more about disabled voting and other programs.

The improved clerk's main website www.cookcyclerk.com allows all Cook County residents to access:

- Forms to request birth, death and marriage certificates and other vital records.
- Meeting agendas and archives of related documents from the Cook County Board of Commissioners.
- Request forms and new online resources to obtain genealogy documents.
- New clickable maps to find their elected U.S., state and county officials.
- New detailed instructions and tips for redeeming delinquent property taxes.
- New forms to order estimates of delinquent taxes, proof of property-tax payments, tax maps and other tax documents.
- The latest Cook County tax rates.
- Requirements for the county's new Domestic Partnership registry.
- Legal requirements and new forms for business name registration.
- A list of acceptable ID to obtain records from the Clerk's office.

"Whether it's signing up to vote or requesting a birth certificate, we want to make it easier for people to take advantage of all of our services," Orr said. "It's also important that residents understand what's required of them when it comes to getting death records, tax information and completing other tasks that have become a common part of everyday life."

The Cook County Clerk serves as the chief election authority for the county, the third largest election jurisdiction in the country.

Other functions of the Clerk's office include: keeping and issuing birth, marriage and death records; maintaining records of tax delinquent properties; calculating property tax rates; keeping statements of economic interests; and serving as the clerk of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Annual "Helping Hands" Benefit Dinner

The Southwest Suburban Services of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold its 6th Annual "Helping Hands" Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction "Rockin' with Rubey," honoring Rev. Charles T. Rubey, associate administrator of Catholic Charities and founder of Catholic Charities' LOSS Program (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) with the "Helping Hands" Award, on Saturday, March 20, at Rosewood West Restaurant, 131st and Cicero Ave. The reception and extensive silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed at 7:30 p.m. by dinner, raffle and dancing. Tickets are $50 per person.

The fund-raiser will benefit Catholic Charities Suburban Shelter program, which serves homeless families in the Southwest suburbs. More than 450 attendees enjoyed last year's event.

Catholic Charities Southwest Suburban Services provides professional, compassionate social services and alleviates basic human needs for families, seniors and individuals who are suffering crisis or hardship on Chicago's Southwest Side and in the Southwest suburbs from I-57 on the east, to the Will County line on the south and west, and I-55 on the north.

Catholic Charities' Southwest Suburban regional office and food pantry is located at 10661 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills. Catholic Charities' service site at St. Blase Parish, 7435 W. 61st Place in Summit, provides an Early Childhood Center, a food pantry and nutrition program, and a hot meal program every Wednesday evening for community residents who are homeless or hungry.

The "Helping Hands: Rockin' with Rubey" benefit is presented by Catholic Charities Southwest Suburban Regional Advisory Board: Greg Powell of Palos Heights is president, and Mary Jane Nogal of Orland Park is vice president. Event chairpersons are Regional Advisory Board members Wally Carbonneau, Lockport; Gina Courtright, Oak Lawn; and Pat Finnegan, Palos Park. Rev Michael M. Boland, Administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is host of the event.

To make reservations or to obtain further information, contact Betty Chambers of Cosima Dean at (708) 430-0428.

Develop Drivers Education Work Zone

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), in conjunction with the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the Virginia Department of Transportation, has developed a Drivers Education Work Zone Awareness Program.

"With the continuing increase of work zone fatalities over the past few years, we felt it was important that our younger/inexperienced drivers be made aware of the dangers associated with driving through a work zone," stated Secretary of Transportation, Tim Martin.

In 2003, 42 people were killed in work zones. Of those fatalities, 35 were motorists, which reiterates the importance of being aware of potential work zone hazards, being able to identify the work zone and traffic control devices and most importantly having the basic knowledge to proceed safely in work zones.

The program consists of a 90 minute presentation including a CD-ROM with a PowerPoint presentation, handout materials, the Pact-student agreement and completion certificate.

This awareness program was designed with the student in mind with scenarios and information for today's young adult.

A copy of this program is being sent to all facilities that have a drivers' education program. IDOT staff is available to discuss the program with instructors, teachers and facilitators.

Secretary Martin added that "we consider this a very worthwhile tool in educating high school students and would like to see it incorporated into all drivers' education programs statewide."

Mardi Gras

St. Rita High School Mother's Club will present "Mardi Gras in April" on Thursday, April 1st at the Rosewood West Restaurant, 131st & Cicero Ave. Bonnie DeShong, a V-103 radio personality, will host the event.

Tickets in advance are $40 per person which will include dinner and an open bar. All proceeds will benefit St. Rita High School Programs and Scholarship Funds.

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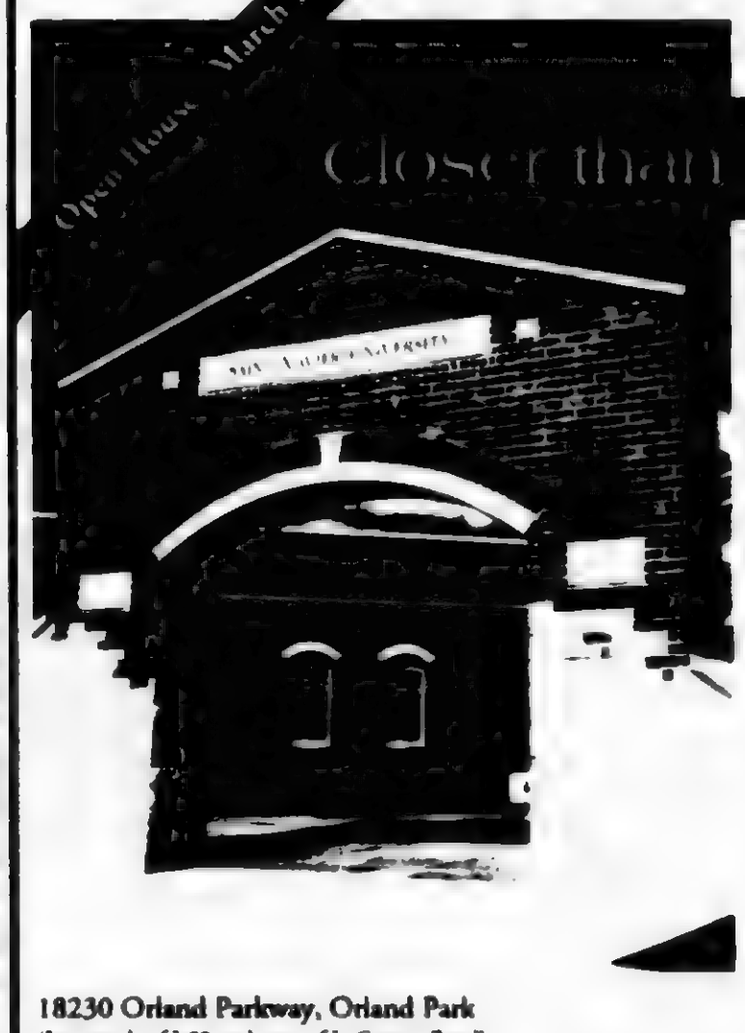

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U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced a new plan to give small businesses affordable choices among private health insurance plans and expand access to coverage for their employees. The legislation would allow small businesses across America to band together for lower health care prices by pooling their purchasing power and spreading their risk over a large number of participants. Employers would qualify for an annual tax credit to partially offset contributions on behalf of employees. Durbin was joined at a Capitol Hill news conference by U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) and Tom Carper (D-DE) to announce the proposal.

The Small Employers Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) is modeled after the highly successful Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), which has offered members of Congress and government workers a wide range of private health insurance choices for more than 40 years. SEHBP would give employees of small businesses access to a comparable range of private health plans.

"The number one concern I hear from Illinois businesses is the high cost of health insurance," Durbin said. "Over the course of a decade, health insurance costs have increased dramatically. Small businesses have experienced increases even larger than the national average. Those who work in small businesses deserve the same peace of mind and access to affordable health care as federal employees and those at larger companies."

Under the Durbin bill, any business with 100 or fewer employees would be eligible to enroll in the SEHBP. As an incentive to participate, employers, who agree to pay at least 60 percent of their lower income employees' premiums would be eligible for a refundable tax credit offsetting some of those costs. To encourage employers to enroll in SEHBP quickly – establishing a sizeable pool of participants to negotiate rates and share risk at the onset the bill includes a bonus tax credit to businesses that enroll in the first year.

The Small Employers Health Benefits Program would be administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the agency that administers FEHBP. OPM has developed considerable expertise in negotiating and working with health plans and has shown it can run an effective insurance program at minimal cost.

Like FEHBP, the Durbin bill would include important consumer protections. Plans participating in the new program will be subject to the same strict regulatory and solvency standards and statewide plans will be required to offer state-mandated benefits.

"Giving small businesses an opportunity to join together will open the door to affordable health coverage for many more Americans," Durbin said. "Sky-high insurance rates are one burden that business should not have to bear any longer. This bill is a long overdue solution to the struggles small employers have had to face just to offer a decent health benefit for their workers."

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Community College Enrollments

Recently released figures from the Illinois Community College Board for spring 2004 show another record level of total statewide enrolment at Illinois community colleges. Statewide enrollment is up 1.9% from spring 2003 and has shown a huge increase of 11.8% over the past five years. These numbers eclipse last year's spring record. The figures released are for total headcount in credit-bearing classes, 367,547 students for this spring. The near-record fall 2003 headcount enrollment was 364,284. The figures are for those enrolled in credit-bearing classes.

"It's unusual to see overall spring enrollments top fall enrollments, but that is what we are seeing here," said Geoffrey S. Obrzut, president and chief executive officer of the ICCB. "We are seeing demand from those in the workforce who need to enhance their skills, and the low tuition costs make community colleges a much more attractive option."

"We have seen this trend of increasing spring enrollments for the past four years now," said Guy H. Alongi, chairman of the ICCB. "It is a credit to our colleges and the manner in which they deliver a quality educational experience to their students."

Figures for full-time equivalent enrollments (FTE), the measure of total credit hours divided by 15 – the number of semester hours considered as a full-time class load – have also increased. The FTE is up 2.3% over last spring and 15% compared to five years ago.

"The increase in FTE means that more students are taking more classes," Obrzut explained. "As a matter of fact, the spring 2004 full-time equivalent enrollment also is the highest it has ever been, and last year was a record too."

China Takes Off

Dominican University's Graduate School of Business and Information Systems will sponsor *China Takes Off*, a lecture on current economic issues in China, on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Eloise Martin Recital Hall, located in the Fine Arts Building, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest. The program will be presented by David Hale and Lyric Hughes of China Online, an Internet-based news and information service that provides business and economic intelligence regarding China.

For more information about this lecture, call (708) 524-6810.

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Chico Urges Support

U.S. Senate candidate and former Chicago School Board President Gery Chico recently urged opponent Dan Hynes to support the American Center for Cures, a research center supported by Chico and state Sen. Steve Rauschenberger.

"I'm glad to see that Mr. Hynes has finally developed a healthcare plan and I encourage him to add his support to the American Center for Cures," said Chico. "Certainly finding cures for chronic and fatal diseases is worthy of Mr. Hynes' support."

The proposed American Center for Cures would aggressively explore new ideas to move potential cures from the laboratory bench to effective cures at the patient's bedside. It will be funded for success and armed with mission-specific teams given the high-level leadership, flexibility, multi-year budgeting and cabinet-level authority necessary to accomplish its goals.

"Our government has the power to make the American Center for Cures a priority, and I hope Mr. Hynes will join me in moving this concept forward," Chico said.

More than one-third of the United States population is living with a disease for which there is no known cure. These chronic diseases afflict more than 100 million Americans and are responsible for three out of four deaths in the U.S. each year.

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Madigan's Sex Offenders Proposal

Noting that sex offenders who attack adults have an average of seven victims and those who abuse children have an average of 76 victims, Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently urged a House panel to approve her proposal that would, for the first time in Illinois history, establish specific parole conditions for sex offenders being released from Illinois prisons.

Madigan testified before the House Judiciary II Committee about her proposal, HB 6786, sponsored by State Rep. Careen Gordon. The legislation is the foundation of a comprehensive lifetime supervision program Madigan is developing with law enforcement, victims' advocates and treatment experts. Introduction of the bill followed a series of five hearings across the state on the subject held by Madigan and then State Rep. Mary K. O'Brien.

"We know that sex offenders are likely to re-offend. It is therefore critical to establish parole conditions targeted at taking opportunities to attack another victim away from the offenders," Madigan said. "For the first time in Illinois history, we are creating sex offender-specific parole conditions that will help parole agents to effectively monitor these offenders and, most importantly, help prevent possible victims."

"The cardinal mission of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board is to protect the public safety and assist ex-offenders with parole conditions that will offer the best opportunity for success following incarceration. This bill is an excellent contribution to that effort and it tracks well with the Blagojevich Administration's Operation Spotlight initiative for better parole supervision," said Craig Finley, chairman of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

Madigan's proposal alters Illinois' current one-size-fits-all approach to parole and bases the level of an offender's supervision on the level of risk he poses to the community. Under this proposal, new, common-sense parole conditions for sex offenders would be established, including prohibiting sex offenders from possessing sexually oriented material; notifying landlords, employers and neighbors of a person's status as a convicted sex offender; prohibiting sex offenders from communicating with their victims; and prohibiting employment or participation in volunteer activities that involve contact with children.

"Sex offenders know no boundaries," Madigan said. "Sex offenders are not car thieves or burglars. They present a whole different set of challenges and dangers and we have to be aggressive – and realistic – in our fight to protect women and children."

St. Augustine Alumni Association – Dinner and Reunion, March 20th, noon, Lexington House, Hickory Hills. Call (773) 735-2236.

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Nonsectarian Home Educators Conference

The seventh nonsectarian Illinois Home Educators Conference, formerly known as the HOUSE conference, will be held March 26-27 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights, northwest of Chicago. One of the few homeschool conferences in the country which includes workshops for children, it will be sponsored by InHome, Illinois Nonsectarian Homeschooling Options for a Meaningful Education. The two day event will feature over 90 workshops for adults and over 100 for children.

Workshops will cover a broad range of homeschool interest. Topics will be offered for parents just starting to explore homeschooling options as well as for experienced homeschoolers looking for more information on specific subjects; homeschooling high school, working with special needs students and much more.

All registration postmarked after March 8 and onsite registration will be $50 per adult and $30 per child. Discounted hotel rates of $95 per night will be available while rooms last. Attendees must ask for the special homeschool conference rate at (847) 394-2000.

This year's vendor hall, open to the public, will feature over 50 companies offering a variety of homeschooling and educational resources. Also on Saturday, a children's science fair judged by professional scientists, and a children's flea market will be held. For information on classes and registration, check the conference website at www.homeeducatorsconference.org or call (630) 585-4635.

White Announces DUI Fact Book Is Available

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the *2004 DUI Fact Book* is available. The annual publication from White is an excellent reference material for the media as well as the general public. The *2004 DUI Fact Book is also available on Secretary of State Jesse White's website at* www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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Annual Flower And Garden Show

The 10th annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show, presented by Ace Hardware, will be held Saturday, March 13th through Sunday, March 21st at Chicago's Navy Pier and promises an exciting showcase of the latest floral and garden designs. As one of the nation's most acclaimed flower shows, this year's event – themed "Public Places, Private Spaces" – will turn Navy Pier into a beautiful springtime display while offering attendees ideas and inspiration for their own private gardens.

A prelude to spring, the Chicago Flower & Garden Show is a multi-sensory delight that blooms with color and fragrance. With 22 spectacular themed gardens, an extensive gardeners' and plant market featuring 150 educational and product booths, and a world-class lecture and demonstration series, there is something for every garden lover. A host of child-friendly activities are also available.

Visitors can stroll through the beautiful exhibits and collect a wealth of ideas from floral designs that feature container gardens, window boxes, gardening in challenging spaces, landscaped gardens, lush outdoor patios and much more. Attendees can participate through hands-on demonstrations and learn about the latest trends in horticulture.

The Chicago Flower & Garden Show is one of the preeminent garden shows in the United States. In full bloom from March 13th to 21st on Chicago's Navy Pier – Festival Hall, 600 E. Grand Ave., the show is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is $11 weekdays and $13 weekends, children (ages 4-12) are $5 weekdays and $6 weekends.

Orchestra

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, a Professionally Oriented Training Orchestra, which challenges aspiring college, graduate and older musicians, orchestral players to reach their full artistic development by rehearsal and performance of the highest level of literature, thus gaining invaluable repertoire experience and access to their own professional standards, will present a free concert on Sunday, March 14th at 3 p.m.

GSU Student Exhibit

Governors State University's Visual Arts Gallery will hold its annual student exhibition through Thursday, March 18th.

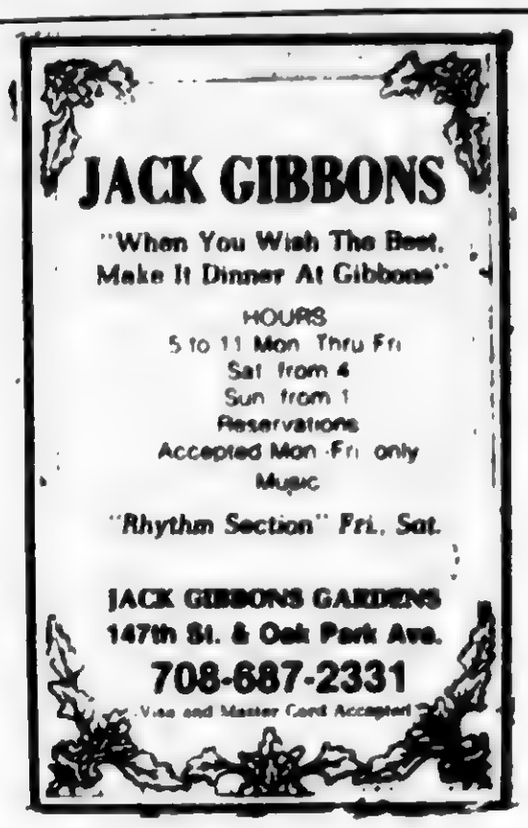
The exhibit will display the work of GSU graduate and undergraduate art students. Works chosen for the exhibit include paintings, drawings, photography, digital imagery, sculpture and printmaking.

Selections for the exhibit were juried by Professor Mario Castillo of Columbia College.

Castillo is a nationally recognized artist and pioneer of Chicago's mural art movement of the late 1960s.

He will critique the students' work at the exhibit reception on March 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. in E-Lounge on the university's main campus, 1 University Parkway, University Park.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit and reception. For more information, call (708) 534-4021.



Information About Competing Hospitals

With two large hospital chains vying for state approval to build a new hospital in the southwest suburbs, a health care research and advocacy organization released a consumer education guide to raise awareness about the competing proposals.

The two hospitals, Saint Francis of Blue Island and Advocate Health Care, have submitted applications to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to construct new hospitals a mile apart on LaGrange Road in the Tinley Park and Orland Park communities.

The state planning board is holding hearings to gather public input on the proposals in early March. The board is tentatively scheduled to make its decision at its June meeting.

The "Our Hospitals, Our Choice" consumer education guide, released by the Hospital Accountability Project of the Service Employees International Union, compares the hospitals on how well they provide patients access to affordable health care.

"The price tags and the construction plans are essentially the same. What's different is how these hospitals treat patients," said Joseph Geevarghese, director of the project. "If consumers don't pay attention, residents may end up paying higher prices, facing aggressive debt collection tactics, and losing access to their family doctor. And local community hospitals may close as well."

The guide, available online at ourhospitalourchoice.org, highlights key issues the public may want to consider, including:

- Sticker prices for medical treatment at Advocate Christ Hospital were 48% higher than at Saint Francis
- On average, Advocate Christ Hospital sued patients to collect unpaid bills nearly three times more often than Saint Francis.
- In 2002, Advocate nearly severed relations with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which would have affected 300,000 consumers. In 2003, Advocate terminated its contract with UnitedHealthcare affecting 40,000 consumers.
- Advocate's own application to build a new hospital suggests patients may be drawn away from Advocate's nearby South Suburban Hospital, threatening South Suburban's financial viability.

In addition to publishing the guide, the project is running a series of advertisements in local newspapers and has established a website (ourhospitalourchoice.org) and a consumer telephone hotline (708) 802-1194.

During the past year, the Hospital Authority Project has released several in-depth research reports on the hospital pricing, collections, and charity care policies of the 59 hospitals in Cook County. Its findings led Attorney General Lisa Madigan to launch an on-going investigation into hospital price gouging and aggressive collections practices and to the introduction of legislation in Springfield to lower hospital costs for low-income patients.

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The concert begins at 8 p.m. at The Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University, University Park. Tickets are $25, $35, $45, $65 and are available by calling (708) 481-7774. All seats are reserved.

Nick Clooney (brother of Rosemary, father of George) is well known as the former TV host of the American Movie Classic Cable Channel. He joins the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra to read the sensual poetry of Omar Khayyam set to the mesmerizing and lovely music of Alan Hovhaness.

Full Day SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Tuesday, March 30th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn Marketing, Selling and Design principles and strategies needed to be successful on the Web. The workshop is for those beginning to use web site marketing as well as for those who want to improve their current web site business. Basics needed before building or improving your site will be covered.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $50. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

NARFE Will Hold Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership.

At the meeting members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

For more information, come to the meeting or call John at (708) 458-4990.

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Each Applicant will be required to pay a non-refundable $35.00 application fee payable to the Village of Evergreen Park, at the time of requesting the application packet.

Applicants must be 21 years of age by the date of offer of employment is made and proof of age will be required at time of application. Applicants must have successfully completed at least 30 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university as of the date the offer of employment is made or is currently a sworn police officer.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

March 16th is an important election. There are many important issues and candidates competing for the attention of voters.

However, there is a very important branch of government that warrants the attention of voters, although it draws little press attention. The selection of qualified judges to our Circuit Court.

Recent decisions in the state courts of Massachusetts regarding same sex marriages have triggered a national debate, resulting in the call for a Constitutional amendment, and which may become a key issue in the Presidential election.

Whatever your opinion of that ruling, the court's decision is important. Who interprets our laws is just as important as who makes our laws.

But how does one select a candidate to support in a judicial election? The media is of little help here because of the many other contests demanding attention.

I suggest voters look at the experience of the candidate and the recommendations of the professional legal associations.

For example, I have nearly eighteen years of experience as a practicing attorney, and I have more than ten years of service as a qualified arbitrator for the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program.

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I hope voters find my candidacy worthy of consideration based upon my experience and the opinions of my fellow lawyers. Please be sure to vote on March 16th!

Very truly yours,
s/s Jeanne Marie Reynolds

Bill To Keep Jobs In Illinois

State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) wants to see crucial legislation to keep trucking industry jobs in Illinois on the fast track to becoming law. Radogno has signed on as a co-sponsor of House Bill 412, which she hopes gains swift approval in the Senate.

House Bill 412, which gained approval in the House of Representatives 90-7-6, reinstates the rolling stock exemption and authorizes a refund of all fees paid under the 2003 law.

"We have seen jobs leave Illinois since this fee was imposed last year," said Radogno who did not support this or any of the more than 300 fees imposed as part of last year's budget. "When you are trying to improve the state's economy, you cannot pass laws that send jobs across state lines. It's counterproductive."

Radogno wants to work with Democrat leadership to see the bill gain swift approval in the Senate.

"We have the opportunity to keep jobs in Illinois," said Radogno. "We need to act quickly and send this legislation to the governor."

House Bill 412 is currently before the Senate Rules committee. Radogno encourages area residents interested in seeing the fee repealed to write to Senate President Emil Jones (D-Chicago), 327 State House, Springfield, IL 62706 or jones@senatedem.state.il.us or Chairman of the Rules Committee Senator Vince Demuzio (D-Carlinville) at 323 State House, Springfield, IL 62706 or demuzio@senatedem.state.il.us.

Radogno encourages area residents interested in receiving e-mail updates on the issue to sign up at www.senategop.state.il.us.

Chamber Message

Statement from Illinois Chamber President Douglas L. Whitley

The Illinois Chamber commends the governor on his continued pursuit of a leaner, more efficient and more accountable approach to managing state government. We recognize that this is a difficult task, and we are encouraged by his willingness to challenge the status quo in matters such as union contract negotiations and review of community-based human service providers.

However, it is unfortunate the governor continues to think the way to match spending plans with revenue needs is to impose higher taxes and fees on employers.

The best way to bridge the state's annual budget gap is to create jobs so more people are working and paying taxes. The governor's revenue problem should be addressed by encouraging job growth and investment in Illinois.

Sadly, the governor's tax policies send the opposite signal. While employers seek predictable and reliable tax policies, the Blagojevich administration chooses to spring annual tax and fee surprises.

The fundamental issue is the administration's disregard for the significance of establishing and maintaining a positive business climate. The lame attempt to characterize employers as villains by suggesting the corporate taxpayers are not carrying a fair share of the state's tax burden is both misleading and wrong. The business taxpayers in Illinois already provide more than half of the total state and local taxes collected in the state.

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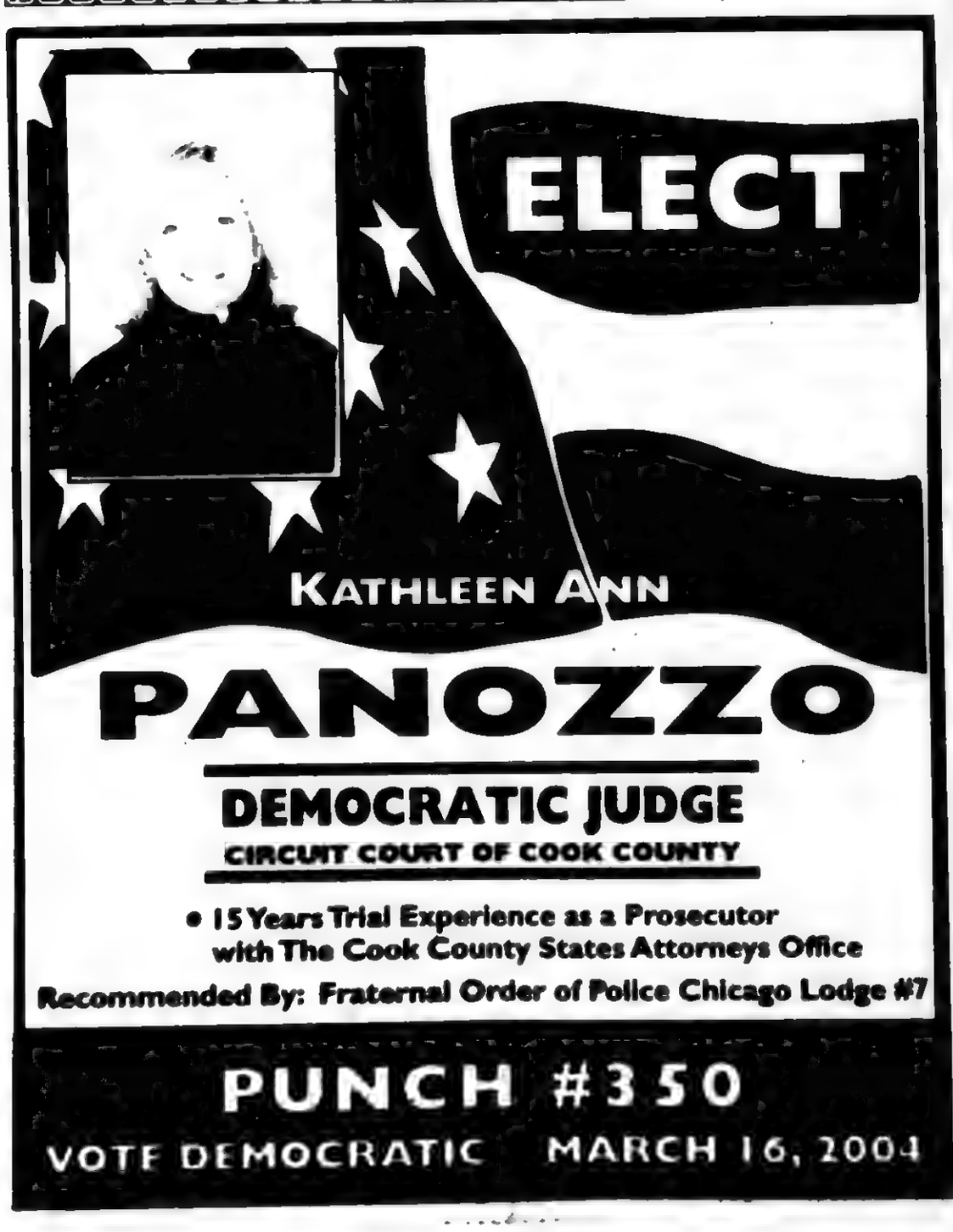

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Pictured left to right: 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award Honorees Joan P. Claussen, Francis Gallagher, and Ave Hayes Green. The 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award Honoree is Sister Jean McGrath, CSJ.

Annual Celebration Scholarship Endowment Dinner Dance Set

On March 27 at 6:30 p.m., Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will host its 12th Annual Celebration Scholarship Endowment Dinner Dance at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. Since its inception in 1987, monies raised from Celebration have helped bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each of the school's young women. A significant number of students are able to attend McAuley because these funds help support the tuition assistance program.

At the event in March, four individuals will be formally recognized for their years of involvement and contributions to McAuley. The 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award Honorees are Joan P. Claussen of Orland Park, Francis Gallagher of Oak Lawn and Ave Hayes Green of Oak Lawn. The 2004 Distinguished Alumna Award Honoree is Sister Jean McGrath, CSJ of Chicago, West Beverly. These individuals were announced at the Celebration kick-off event on Jan. 12.

The Celebration event is co-chaired by Lorna and George Ferrell of Palos Park and Ann and Bill Carroll of Orland Park. Lorna served as vice president of the Mothers Club in 2001-02 and President in 2002-03. They are the parents of '99 and '03 graduates, Hillary and Emily Ferrell. Ann served as an officer of the Mothers Club and they are parents of '02 grad, Caitlin Carroll.

In addition to the efforts of the co-chairs, Celebration committees work months in advance of the event to make it a success. Those individuals who dedicate their time are: Larry Harris of Oak Lawn, Jennifer Ligda Busk of Evergreen Park, Dr. Daniel Meus of Palos Heights, Stacy Spagnoli of Evergreen Park, Betty DeTamble of Evergreen Park, Laura Shallow of Evergreen Park, Sister Sheila Megley, RSM, of Mount Greenwood, Sheila McNamara of Orland Park, Sharon Mundo of Palos Heights, Mary Jo Guyette of Oak Lawn, Thomas Dombro of Evergreen Park, Jayne Laird Sorkis of Homer Glen and Maribeth McCraw of Alsip.

McAuley thanks the many individuals who offer their talents to make Celebration 2004 a grand occasion and look forward to recognizing the 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award Honorees and 2004 Distinguished Alumna Honoree at the event on March 27. For further information about Celebration, contact Nancy Lynch in the McAuley Development Office at (773) 881-6566.

Host Basketball Tournament

De La Salle Institute will be hosting its 2nd annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Sunday, March 28th in the historic Bronzeville school's Parmer Activity Center, 3455 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago. Registration is at 11 a.m. with play beginning at 11:45.

The De La Salle Alumni Assn. would like to invite all alumni, family, friends and parents of De La Salle to participate. All proceeds will benefit the student financial assistance program. Aside from the 3-on-3 Tournament, guests also can participate in split-the-pot drawings and other fun games for various prizes.

The cost is $20 per contestant and $10 for grammar school participants. The price includes admission, a T-shirt, unlimited pizza and refreshments and — a guarantee of two games.

In the interest of fairness, the event will have a blind draw. Registered players will have two participants join them on a team. All ball exchanges must go back to the 3-point line, regardless of where the change of possession occurred.

All six glass backboards will be used in the Parmer Activity Center and players will call their own fouls until the semifinals at which time referees will be used.

For those interested in a sponsorship for the 2nd annual 3-on-3 Tournament, the cost is $50.

For more information, contact Colleen Kruse in the Office for Advancement at (312) 842-7355, ext. 146.

Stop Illegal Bail Money

State Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to put a stop to criminals using illegally obtained funds for bail money. Senate Bill 2809 has passed the Senate and now moves to the House. This would allow the State's Attorney to determine the source of bail funds.

Under current law, neither the State's Attorney nor the court has the ability to inquire about the source of bail funding or to prevent the use of illegally obtained funds for bail. Illegal money the State's Attorney is concerned with would include money from the sale of drugs, prostitution, identity theft, or any other illegal activity.

Maloney hopes this legislation will help to stop the use of illegally obtained funds from being used for bail money.

"This legislation is a public safety initiative that is necessary to help stop people from using illegally obtained money to get them out of jail," stated Maloney. "This legislation will also give the courts and the State's Attorney's Office more power to curtail a criminal's ability to post bail."

Annual Prayer Breakfast

South Side Unity Center of Christianity, Chicago's oldest African-American Unity Church, celebrates its annual prayer breakfast, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, March 20 at the Hilton Oak Lawn. Donation for attending this event is $30 per adult guest, $15 for children.

Reverend Calvin S. Morris, Ph.D., headlines the event as keynote speaker. Dr. Morris is currently the Executive Director of the Community Renewal Society, a faith-based organization in Chicago that works toward eradicating racism and poverty to empower the disadvantaged.

To arrange reservations or booth space, phone the church at (773) 445-7895.

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SPECIMEN BALLOT

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

The following are the Specimen Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green Ballots for the Primary Election being held under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk in suburban Cook County on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004

As well as the Specimen Nonpartisan Ballot for local elections and referenda.

Please note: A separate notice is published by the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners which includes officers that are wholly within the City of Chicago.

The Polling Places for said Primary Election will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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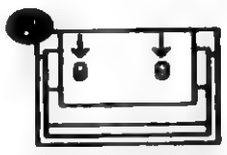

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Democratic Party Primary Ballot
Tuesday, March 16, 2004
Boleta Primaria Democrática
Martes, 16 de Marzo, 2004

DAVID ORR
COUNTY CLERK
COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
PARA PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- John Edwards 4 →
- Wesley K. Clark 6 →
- Howard Dean 8 →
- Joe Lieberman 10 →
- Dennis J. Kucinich 12 →
- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. 14 →
- Carol Moseley Braun 16 →
- Alfred C. Sharpton 18 →
- John F. Kerry 20 →

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (FULL 6-YEAR TERM)
PARA SENADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS (Termino Completo De 6 Años)
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Barack Obama 26 →
- Daniel W. Hynes 28 →
- Gery Chico 30 →
- Maria Pappas 32 →
- M. Blair Hull 34 →
- Joyce Washington 36 →
- Nancy Skinner 38 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN CONGRESO 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Bobby L. Rush 45 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN CONGRESO 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- William O. Lipinski 49 →

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Eight / Vote Por Ocho

- Roland W. Burris (Dean) 40 →
- Jacqueline Y. Collins (Dean) 51 →
- Ted Thomas (Dean) 53 →
- Joan Patricia Murphy (Dean) 55 →
- Alan Mora Dobry (Dean) 57 →
- Shirley A. Coleman (Dean) 59 →
- Jamaal R. Bachman (Dean) 61 →
- Delmarie L. Cobb (Dean) 63 →
- Cindy S. Krenzelok (Kucinich) 65 →
- Joshua T. "Isaiah" Georgy (Kucinich) 67 →
- Lisa Hasenestab (Kucinich) 69 →
- Nick Servalter (Kucinich) 71 →
- Kathy Thoma (Kucinich) 73 →
- Thomas McDougal (Kucinich) 75 →
- Steven Casillas (Kucinich) 79 →
- Simiel Campbell (Gephardt) 81 →
- Jackie Daly (Gephardt) 83 →
- Lester Coney (Gephardt) 85 →
- Sharon Davenport (Gephardt) 87 →
- Robert E. Ingersoll (Gephardt) 89 →
- Roy Murray (Gephardt) 91 →
- Katie Barnes (Gephardt) 93 →
- Dorothy Gary (Gephardt) 95 →
- Todd Stroger (Braun) 97 →
- Levane "Lou" Jones (Braun) 99 →
- Marlow H. Colvin (Braun) 101 →
- Fredderenna M. Lyle (Braun) 103 →
- Lucious Hall (Braun) 105 →
- William K. Crosby (Braun) 107 →
- Mary Flowers (Braun) 109 →
- Joseph Young (Edwards) 111 →
- Madeline L. Haithcock (Edwards) 113 →
- Jerry Washington, Jr. (Edwards) 117 →
- Brenda J. Hunter (Edwards) 119 →
- Howard Ward (Edwards) 121 →
- Patricia A. Boyd (Edwards) 123 →
- John C. Corrigan (Edwards) 125 →
- Dorothy A. Banks (Edwards) 127 →
- Mark Smith (Clark) 129 →
- Kwame Raoul (Clark) 131 →
- William G. McLain (Clark) 133 →
- Joe Murphy (Clark) 135 →
- Deborah Telman (Clark) 137 →
- Colette McCool (Clark) 139 →
- Leslie Kennedy (Clark) 141 →
- Lori Porter (Kerry) 143 →
- Ken Broady (Kerry) 145 →
- Kimberly Ferris (Kerry) 147 →
- Craig McLenden (Kerry) 149 →
- Beverly A Howard (Kerry) 151 →
- Carlton E Hull (Kerry) 153 →
- Celize Bragance (Kerry) 155 →
- Donald Heard (Kerry) 157 →

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Six / Vote Por Seis

- Fred G. Lebed (Dean) 49 →
- Marion Murphy (Dean) 51 →
- Joseph M. Burke (Dean) 53 →
- Patricia E. Bellver (Dean) 55 →
- David A. Benoma (Dean) 57 →
- Rachel M. Ostendorf (Dean) 59 →
- Marjorie D. Zamora (Kucinich) 61 →
- Michael Fearrod (Kucinich) 63 →
- Therese M. "Teri" Plato (Kucinich) 65 →
- Carl J. Holmgren (Kucinich) 67 →
- Pamela M. "Pam" Panton (Kucinich) 69 →
- Timothy A. Prorok (Kucinich) 71 →
- Wilfred "Will" Brennan (Gephardt) 73 →
- Linda S. Brennan (Gephardt) 75 →
- Alfredo A. Pedroza (Braun) 79 →
- John Fitzgerald (Braun) 81 →
- Robert K. Gorman (Braun) 83 →
- Elizabeth Pedroza (Braun) 85 →
- Thomas J. Dart (Edwards) 87 →
- Terrie Pickerill (Edwards) 89 →
- Paul D. Newman (Edwards) 91 →
- Dolores J. Feertsch (Edwards) 93 →
- Alvan Hui Tong Leung (Edwards) 95 →
- Angela V. Venegas (Edwards) 97 →
- Michael B. Stillman (Clark) 99 →
- John D. Carr (Clark) 101 →
- Ron Prati (Clark) 103 →
- Hollie Bash (Clark) 105 →
- Mary Newman (Clark) 107 →
- Lisa Forde (Clark) 109 →
- Lisa Benigno-Praznowski (Kerry) 111 →
- James M. Ryan (Kerry) 113 →
- Nora E. Rowley (Kerry) 117 →
- Martin Joyce (Kerry) 119 →
- Virginia L. Reyes (Kerry) 121 →
- Matthew J. O'Shea (Kerry) 123 →
- Lenore Goodfriend (Lieberman) 125 →
- Christopher Jutten (Lieberman) 127 →
- John "Jack" Neven (Lieberman) 129 →
- Mary Jo Noonan (Lieberman) 131 →
- David Topps (Lieberman) 133 →
- Diane Viverito (Lieberman) 135 →

FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO ALTERNO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Joan L. Hart (Gephardt) 165 →
- Irene H. Brodie (Braun) 167 →
- Thelma Jean Quince (Edwards) 169 →
- Tanya Salzer (Kerry) 171 →

FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO ALTERNO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Sheila M. Murphy (Dean) 141 →
- Gail E. Schlesinger (Kucinich) 143 →
- Linda D. Stevanovich (Gephardt) 145 →
- Cristina De La Rosa (Edwards) 147 →
- Tomio Sepulveda (Kerry) 149 →
- Laura Lee Niesiak (Lieberman) 151 →

FOR STATE SENATOR 14th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
PARA SENADOR DEL ESTADO 14° Distrito Legislativo
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Emil Jones, Jr. 209 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 27th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 27° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One / Vote Por Uno

- Monique D. Davis 224 →
- Jaferme Brown 226 →

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FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 25th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 25° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Arvin Boddie 217 →
- Robert "Bob" Rita 219 →
- Brenda Williams 221 →
- Ladonna Thomas 223 →
- Katrina "Ki-Ki" Glass 225 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 31st REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 31° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Mary E. Flowers 216 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 35th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 35° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Kevin Carey Joyce 218 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 36th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 36° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- James D. Brosnahan 221 →

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT (FULL 6-YEAR TERM)
PARA COMISIONADOS DEL DISTRITO METROPOLITANO DE RECLAMACION DE AGUA (Termino Completo De 6 Años)
Vote For Three
Vote Por Tres

- Xochitl "So-Sho" Flores 242 →
- Stacy M. Scott 244 →
- Brendan George O'Connor 246 →
- Gloria Alitto Majewski 248 →
- Patricia Young 250 →
- Barbara McGowan 252 →
- Anthony J. Sutor Jr. 254 →
- Lewis W. Powell, III 256 →
- Minerva V. Orozco 258 →
- Gracie Gipson 260 →
- Frank Avila 262 →

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY
PARA ABOGADO FISCAL DEL ESTADO
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Richard A. Devine 268 →
- Tommy H. Brewer 270 →

FOR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
PARA SECRETARIO DE LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Dorothy A. Brown 274 →
- Jerry Orbach 276 →

FOR COOK COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS
PARA REGISTRADOR DEL CONDADO DE COOK
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Eugene "Gene" Moore 280 →

FOR COMMISSIONER OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW 3rd DISTRICT (FULL 4-YEAR TERM)
PARA COMISIONADO DE LA JUNTA DE REVISION 3° DISTRITO (Termino Completo De 4 Años)
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Robert Shaw 286 →
- Larry R. Rogers, Jr. 288 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- James C. Murray 294 →
- Patrick T. Murphy 296 →
- Margaret Ann Carey 298 →
- Mary Therese Quinn 300 →
- Richard Frederick Johnson 302 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Timothy Michael Kelly 306 →
- Kathleen Marie Burke 308 →
- William James Haddad 310 →
- Michael J. (Yalsov) Fox 312 →
- Barbara Anne Bailey 314 →
- Thomas G. O'Brien 316 →
- Bridget Healy Ryan 318 →
- David G. McDermott 320 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Annie O'Donnell 324 →
- Charles Fitzgerald 326 →
- Amy Marie Corrigan 328 →
- Denise Y. Stanley 330 →
- Lawrence J. Danford 332 →
- Michael Patrick Casey 334 →
- Patrick D. Flanagan 336 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Patrick Dennis Riley 344 →
- Joanne Marie Reynolds 346 →
- Michelle Jordan 348 →
- Kathleen Ann Panozzo 350 →
- William Burnett Raines 352 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Timothy Patrick Murphy 356 →
- John Noonan Farrell 358 →
- Lisa R. Curcio 360 →
- Mary Lee Ryan Norwell 362 →
- Mary Beth Duffy 364 →
- Edwin Jon Bolz 366 →
- Susan Patricia Malone 368 →
- Terrence J. McConville 370 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DE LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO JUDICIAL [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Deirdre Ann McGuire 382 →
- Edward J. Barrett 384 →
- Mark L. LaFevour 386 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DE LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO JUDICIAL [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Robert A. Dworczak 395 →
- Bernadette Garrison Barrett 397 →
- Jim Ryan 399 →
- Anna Helen Demacopoulos 401 →

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Republican Party Primary Ballot
Tuesday, March 16, 2004
Boleta Oficial Ausente Ejemplar
Boleta Primaria Republicana
Martes, 16 de Marzo, 2004

DAVID ORR
COUNTY CLERK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
PARA PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- George W. Bush 80 →

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (FULL 6-YEAR TERM)
PARA SENADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS (Término Completo De 6 Años)
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Jim Oberweis 90 →
- Andy McKenna 92 →
- John Borling 94 →
- Steven J. Rauschenberger 96 →
- Jack Ryan 98 →
- Chirinjeev Kathuria 100 →
- Jonathan C. Wright 102 →
- Norm Hill 104 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN CONGRESO 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Raymond G. Wardingley 155 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN CONGRESO 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Ryan Chlada 157 →

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Two
Vote Por Dos

- Maureen Murphy (Bush) 165 →
- Lori S. Yokoyama (Bush) 167 →

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Two
Vote Por Dos

- William A. O'Connor (Bush) 169 →
- Patricia M. Pavlick (Bush) 171 →

FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO ALTERNO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 1° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Two
Vote Por Dos

- Patrick E. Rea (Bush) 179 →
- William F. Maher (Bush) 181 →

FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
PARA DELEGADO ALTERNO A LA CONVENCION NOMINATIVA NACIONAL 2° Distrito Congresional
Vote For Two
Vote Por Dos

- Tony Peraica (Bush) 183 →
- Mary Rob Clarke (Bush) 185 →

FOR STATE SENATOR 14th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
PARA SENADOR DEL ESTADO 14° Distrito Legislativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 27th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 27° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 28th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 28° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 31st REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 31° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 35th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 35° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Richard A. Madonia 218 →

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 36th REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 36° Distrito Representativo
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Jason E. Tabour 221 →

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Vote Por Tres

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- Fabian Villarreal 241 →
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Vote Por Uno

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Vote Por Uno

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Vote Por Uno

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FOR COMMISSIONER OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW 3rd DISTRICT (FULL 4-YEAR TERM)
PARA COMISIONADO DE LA JUNTA DE REVISION 3° DISTRITO (Termino Completo De 4 Años)
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
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- No Candidate

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- John Joseph Coyne 334 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DEL LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- No Candidate

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DE LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO JUDICIAL [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Thomas J. Nonnelly 346 →
- Bill Kunkle 348 →

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT [illegible]
PARA JUEZ DE LA CORTE DE CIRCUITO JUDICIAL [illegible]
Vote For One
Vote Por Uno

- Angelo J. Toccas 361 →
- Anthony C. Sorementi 363 →
- Catherine D. Sanders 365 →

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Parking Program For The Disabled

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced a new outreach program to educate medical professionals about the requirements necessary for approving parking placards and license plates for people with disabilities.

A new brochure, *Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities – A guide for Medical Professionals*, is being unveiled by White as part of an ongoing effort to reduce the abuse of parking placards and disability license plates.

"This guide will help educate and inform medical professionals about the provisions of the program so they can ensure a person meets the eligibility requirements of the program before they approve a patient for a placard or disability license plates," White said. "The fraudulent use of parking placards and disability license plates is a serious problem and I believe that by working with the medical community, together we can be part of the solution."

When applying for a disability placard or license plates, applicants are required to submit a medical form signed by their physician. A study conducted by the Secretary of State's office concluded that many medical professionals approve their patients without being aware of all of the eligibility requirements and provisions of the program.

The easy-to-read guide is divided into section that cover important facts about the programs, eligibility requirements, the application process, types of parking placards and disability license plates, privileges of the program and penalties for misuse of placards and disability license plates.

Over 30,000 copies of the guide have been printed and will be distributed to medical professionals across the state.

The guide is part of Secretary White's ongoing campaign to help educate the public about this vital program for persons with disabilities.

For more information about the *Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities A Guide for Medical Professionals* or other programs and services, contact the Department of Senior and Community Services at 1-800-252-2904 (v/TTY) or www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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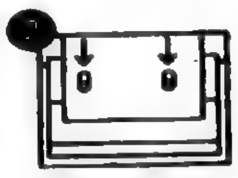

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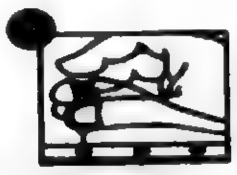

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Non-Partisan Ballot

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COUNTY CLERK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

OFFICIAL BALLOT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF COOK COUNTY:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL CONDADO DE COOK

"Shall the people of Illinois by referendum create an Education Trust Fund which would raise the state income tax only on those individuals who make more than a quarter-million dollars a year (less than 2% of all taxpayers) in order to improve education funding for every Illinois public school student and provide annual property tax relief for every Illinois homeowner guaranteed by the state constitution?"
"¿Deben los habitantes de Illinois crear por medio de un referéndum un Fondo Fiduciario para la Educación que aumente el impuesto sobre la renta estatal sólo para aquellas personas que ganan más de un cuarto de millón de dólares anualmente (menos del 2% de todos los contribuyentes) con el propósito de mejorar el financiamiento de la educación para cada estudiante de las escuelas públicas de Illinois y establecer una reducción del impuesto anual sobre la propiedad para todos los propietarios de viviendas en Illinois garantizada por la constitución estatal?"

← 411	YES SI	
← 415	NO NO	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 229
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS
SECUNDARIAS NO. 229
DE LA COMUNIDAD DE OAK LAWN
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 229:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS No. 229 DE LA COMUNIDAD DE OAK LAWN

"Shall the Board of Education of Oak Lawn Community High School District No. 229, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a new school building and issue bonds of said School District to the amount [illegible] for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"
"¿Debe la Junta de Educación del Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias No. 229 de Oak Lawn Community, Condado de Cook, Illinois, construir y equipar un nuevo edificio escolar y emitir bonos de dicho Distrito Escolar por el monto de [illegible] para pagar los costos correspondientes?"

YES SI	430 →
NO NO	434 →

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA
DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE

← 424	YES SI	
← 428	NO NO	

"Shall the annual public library tax rate for the ALSIP-MERRIONETTE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, located in and about Alsip and Merrionette Park, Illinois, be established at 0.20% of the full, fair cash value instead of at 0.15%, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?"
"¿Debe establecerse la tasa impositiva anual para bibliotecas públicas para EL DISTRITO DE BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DEL PARQUE ALSIP-MERRIONETTE, situado en y alrededor del Parque Alsip y Merrionette, Illinois, con una tasa del 0.20% del valor de mercado completo en lugar de con una tasa del 0.15%, la tasa máxima que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos?"

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
CIUDAD DE PALOS HEIGHTS
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS:
A LOS ELECTORES DE LA CIUDAD DE PALOS HEIGHTS

"Shall the City of Palos Heights plan for the construction of a new Recreation Center?"
"¿Debe la Ciudad de Palos Heights planificar la construcción de un nuevo Centro Recreativo?"

YES SI	424 →
NO NO	428 →

"Shall the City of Palos Heights plan for the construction of a new swimming pool?"
"¿Debe la Ciudad de Palos Heights planificar la construcción de una nueva piscina?"

YES SI	434 →
NO NO	438 →

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ALSIP, HAZELGREEN AND OAK LAWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 126
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO DE ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS NUMERO 126
DE ALSIP, HAZELGREEN Y OAK LAWN
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE ALSIP, HAZELGREEN AND OAK LAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 126:
A LOS ELECTORES DE ESCUELAS PRIMARIAS NUMERO 126 DE ALSIP, HAZELGREEN Y OAK LAWN

"Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary School District No. 126, Cook County, Illinois, be increased and established at 2.95 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 1.55 percent, the existing maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?"
"¿Debe aumentarse la tasa anual máxima para fines de educación del Distrito de Escuelas Primarias No. 126 de Alsip, Hazelgreen y Oak Lawn, Condado de Cook, Illinois, y establecerse al 2.95 por ciento sobre todas las propiedades gravables de dicho Distrito Escolar al valor según equiparación o evaluación del Departamento de Impuestos, en lugar del 1.55 por ciento, la tasa máxima existente que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos para dichos fines?"

YES SI	427 →
NO NO	431 →

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ATWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL
DISTRICT NUMBER 125
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR NUMERO 125
DE ATWOOD HEIGHTS
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF ATWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 125:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR NUMERO 125 DE ATWOOD HEIGHTS

"Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Atwood Heights School District Number 125, Cook County, Illinois, be increased and established at .50% upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of .375%, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes?"
"¿Debe aumentarse la tasa impositiva anual máxima para fines de operación y mantenimiento del Distrito Escolar Numero 125 de Atwood Heights, Condado de Cook, Illinois, y establecerse al 0.50% sobre todas las propiedades gravables de dicho Distrito Escolar al valor según equiparación o evaluación del Departamento de Impuestos, en lugar del 0.375%, la tasa máxima que sería aplicable a los próximos impuestos extendidos para dichos fines?"

YES SI	429 →
NO NO	433 →

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 16, 2004

BOLETA OFICIAL
PUEBLO DE CRESTWOOD
CONDADO DE COOK, ILLINOIS
16 DE MARZO DE 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD:
A LOS ELECTORES DEL PUEBLO DE CRESTWOOD

"Shall the introduction or expansion of gambling (including riverboats, betting parlors, slot machines, video lottery terminals and casinos) in the Village of Crestwood, Illinois, be prohibited unless approved by the voters of the Village of Crestwood at an election called for that purpose?"
"¿Debe prohibirse la introducción o expansión de los juegos de azar (incluyendo embarcaciones fluviales, salones de apuestas, máquinas tragamonedas, terminales de lotería por video y casinos) en el Pueblo de Crestwood, Illinois, excepto si son aprobados por los votantes del Pueblo de Crestwood en unas elecciones convocadas para tal efecto?"

YES SI	440 →
NO NO	444 →

DATED at Chicago, Illinois this 11th day of March 2004

DAVID ORR
COOK COUNTY CLERK

Michael Cain Will Lead Week Long Workshop

Duncan YMCA Chernin Center for the Arts (CCA) will host artist-in-residence Michael Cain from March 13th to 18th for a weeklong music workshop. Under Cain's leadership, participants will use the Duncan CCA's recording studio, learning to write lyrics, play instruments, sing and engineer their own recordings.

On Saturday, March 13th at 8 p.m. the New York-based Michael Cain Group will kick off the program with a free concert, *Jazzscapes and Wordshapes*, on the Duncan YMCA CCA Mainstage Theater, 1001 W. Roosevelt Rd. From March 14th to 17th, workshop sessions will be held, allowing participants to explore music on keyboards, electric bass, drum sets, and vocally under the supervision of professional musicians.

On Thursday, March 18th, Duncan YMCA CCA will host its Winter Carnival Open House. Twice that night participants will join Michael Cain on stage for a concert featuring workshop produced music.

A professor at the New England Conservatory of Music, Cain founded the Digital Playground in Hoboken Charter School, Hoboken, New Jersey, and linked students there with Choir Academy Charter School students in Chicago to co-compose music on-line.

Nick Jaffe, a Chicago Choir Academy teacher, who furthered this relationship by bringing Cain to Chicago, will also lead workshop sessions.

Digital Playground Chicago Style is co-produced in collaboration with the Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE) and the Music in Education National Consortium. For more information on *Digital Playground Chicago Style* events, or to register for one of the free workshops, call (312) 421-7800.

Offer Resident Camp Programs At Camp Duncan

YMCA Camp Duncan, located near Fox Lake, offer resident camp programs for seven to 15 year old boys and girls and Teen Adventure programs for 14-18 year old teens. The camp program features traditional YMCA Camp activities like swimming, boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, blobbing, sports, high ropes, climbing tower, crafts, nature, songs, campfires and the non-traditional camping experiences for teens - such as Leader-In-Training and Counselor-In-Training.

The camp is located only 55 miles northwest of Chicago near Fox Lake, Illinois on Fish Lake and includes 300 acres of woods, hills and prairie plus modern cabins, rustic dining lodge, athletic fields and an indoor swimming pool.

Enthusiastic, participative, mature, trained college staff aged 19 and older have been recruited as counselors. The camp is directed by Kim Kiser, a YMCA professional staff person with 27 years of YMCA program work and Rona Roffey, camp director with 13 years of camp experience.

"Helping Children build character is our goal at Camp Duncan," Roffey said. Camp Duncan is a place to build confidence, make new friends and have fun! Camp Duncan's staff partners with parents to teach the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. At Camp Duncan the staff is dedicated to the values of the YMCA!

For more information call YMCA Camp Duncan at (847) 546-8086. If you would like to have a tour of the camp contact Rona Roffey, Camp Director to make an appointment at the above phone number.

FOCUS ON: EYE CARE

by James C. Liang, M.D. - Retinal Specialist

OF CONCERN TO DIABETICS

Diabetes damages blood vessels throughout the body, and blood vessels in the eye are particularly vulnerable. People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to become blind than those without the disorder, primarily owing to a diabetes-related condition called diabetic retinopathy. The disorder occurs when blood vessels in the retina leak, close or produce new growth that leads to fluid buildup, bleeding, and scarring that can impair or destroy vision. Nonproliferative retinopathy occurs when leaking blood vessels cause the retina to swell, resulting in gradual blurring of images over time. With proliferative retinopathy, fragile new blood vessels begin to appear on the surface of the retina or the optic nerve, and rupture to cause severe vision loss.

[illegible] diabetic [illegible] have regular professional [illegible] A comprehensive medical eye examination [illegible] ophthalmologist is the best protection [illegible] damage due to diabetic retinopathy. Your eyes are [illegible] the best [illegible] care. Let us at LIANG RETINA CARE provide [illegible] Let our experience and knowledge work for you. We [illegible] stress the importance of periodic eye examinations. Please [illegible] appointment!

[illegible] control of blood glucose and regular eye examinations [illegible] ophthalmologist are two of the best ways to protect the eyes from the effects of diabetes.

James C. Liang, M.D.

2701 West 68th St. Chicago
4429 West 95th St. • Oak Lawn (708) [illegible]
18200 LaGrange Rd. Suite 102, Tinley Park

Don't Miss It! --- Sunday, March 16th

South Side St. Patrick's Day PARADE

Starts at Noon from 103rd Street --- south on Western to 115th Street

South Side Irish Parade Is An Annual Event

Everyone loves a parade! Thousands look forward each year to the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade which is one of the largest neighborhood parades in the United States. The event will take place on Sunday, March 14th with step-off at 12 noon from 103rd and Western Ave. and proceed to 115th St. Persons of Irish heritage and those who are Irish for the day will take part in this very popular event.

Jennifer Callahan, 23, of Oak Lawn will reign as queen. She is a real estate broker and law student. Executives of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be the grand marshals.

The first parade was held in 1979 with a festively decorated baby buggy as the only float. Over 100 floats are expected to take part this year. There will be marching units, bands, pipe bands, family groups, Irish clans, politicians, decorated cars and trucks making this a colorful spectacular event.

An estimated crowd of 200,000 to 250,000 are expected to view the parade and cheer the entries.

From The Irish Folklore & Humor Encyclopedia

Anecdotes about Irish sportsmen from Henry D. Spalding's 1978 Encyclopedia of Irish Folklore and Humor, *The Lilt of the Irish*, including the following:

Joe McNulty, Cultural Attache' of the Irish Republic in Washington, D.C., tells about the first time he took his wife on a hunting trip in the Maine woods. They were in good rabbit territory, and other hunters were about, so McNulty cautioned his wife about the necessity of extreme care when firing her rifle. He and his missus were separated by some twenty yards or so when he heard a shot. Running to his wife's side, he found her smiling broadly and pointing to the bushes.

"I must have hit something, she announced triumphantly, "Just listen to that language!"

Years ago, Jimmy Dykes, the famous baseball player and manager, enjoyed telling this story on himself. When he first joined the A's back in 1918, he struck out four times in his first game. On his next turn, Connie Mack used a pinch hitter. Jimmy sulked on the bench, but the understanding Connie soothed him. "I suppose you know why I took you out," said Mack. "Why?" asked Jimmy in a harsh voice. "Because the American League record for striking out is five times in one game," explained Mack, "and I didn't want you to tie it in your very first big league game!"

"Pop" Moriarty, football coach at a small Catholic college in the hinterlands of Minnesota, had seen his charges trampled eight Saturday afternoons in a row, the last time by a humiliating score of 55 to 0. "Next week, we'll be having our last game of the season," he began bitterly. "But, we might as well forget all the trick plays I tried to teach you dimwits. We're going back to basics. Now, for lesson number one: this object I am holding in my hand is called a football. Do you understand that? I'll spell it for you: f-o-o-t-b-a-..." He was interrupted by an urgent cry from the back row: "Hey Pop, not so fast!"

St. Patrick's Week at CHICAGO GAELIC PARK March 6-17, 2004

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 pm Show By
Sullivan School of Irish Dancing
7:30 pm Show By
Mulhern School of Irish Dancing
Followed By: **Sean O'Donnell**

Thursday, March 11

7:00 pm Show By
World Academy of Irish Dancing
7:30 pm Show By
Ann-Cassidy School of Irish Dancing
Followed By: **Sean O'Donnell**

the CARRAIG IRISH PUB

7:00 pm on Stage Seisiun
No Cover Charge

Friday, March 12

7:00 pm Show By
Blackbird Academy of Irish Dancing
7:30 pm Show By
Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing
Followed By: **Sean O'Donnell**

the CARRAIG IRISH PUB

9:30 pm OnStage
Gerard Haughey
No Cover Charge

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm - 9:30 pm On Stage
3 Men in Kilts
10:00 pm - **Another Pint**

Sunday, March 14

SPECIAL SOUTH SIDE CELEBRATION DAY
9:00 am Mass
Followed By Irish Breakfast
Admission $6.00
Doors Open 1:30 pm
Three Stages of
Continuous Entertainment
Admission $5.00
Kids 12 and Under $3.00

Emerald Room

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm On Stage
The Larkin & Moran Brothers
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm On Stage
Arrannmore
Contemporary Folk Music
With Irish Flair
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm On Stage
The Dennehy School of Irish Dancing
7:00 pm - 11 pm On Stage
The Irish Musicians

Celtic Room

2:00 pm - 5:30 pm On Stage
Pat Daly and Sounds of Green
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm On Stage
St. James Gate
Delicious Hot Food Buffet
In Tara Room From 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 14

the CARRAIG IRISH PUB

2:00 pm - 6:30 pm On Stage
Joe McShane
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm On Stage
Katie Sullivan

Celtic Room

Children's Stage
2:00 pm **Sham-Rock Magic Show & Balloons**
3:30 pm **Wizard of Wonder**
5:00 pm **Too-Ra-Loo-Alonney Magic Show**
6:30 pm **The Family Fun Show**

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Emerald Room

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Featuring
Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon
Doors Open 11:00 am
Admission $15.00
Lunch Served at 12:00 noon
Music and Dancing Until 3:00 pm
On Stage **Velvet Green**
A Show By
Cross Keys School of Irish Dance
Reservations Only

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Emerald Room

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Concert
Traditional Irish Dinner Featuring
Corned Beef and Cabbage
On Stage **The Dave Coady Show**
A Show By
Ann Lavin-Cassidy School of Irish Dancing
Doors Open 6:00 pm
Admission $35.00
Family Style Dinner Served at 7:00 pm
Cash Bar
Make Your Reservation Now!
8:00 pm Raffle Drawing
WINNER OF TRIP TO
IRELAND

Tara Room

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm On Stage
Katie Sullivan

the CARRAIG IRISH PUB

Open for Lunch 11:00 am
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm On Stage
Seisiun
8:00 pm - 12:00 am On Stage
Gerard Haughey
Delicious Hot Food Buffet
In Tara Room From 3:00 pm

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day To Everyone!

American Potato

The blight in the 1840s which ravaged the potato crop in Ireland, like the potato itself, was an American import. The potato had been brought to Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh from one of his voyages to the New World. Raleigh is also credited with the introduction of tobacco to the European continent.

Happy St. Patrick's Day To All..

Gloria Alitto Majewski
Commissioner
• Chairman of Finance Committee

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Parade Queen And Court

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan turns over his chair to Jennifer Callahan of Oak Lawn, the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen, during the St. Patrick's Day Parade Court's recent visit to the Sheriff's Office.

Also pictured are members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Court, Megan Hickey and Mary Kate Downs.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

John P. Daley Family

Cook County Commissioner - 11th District

Have a Great Parade!

The American Irish

An adage says that the Normans, who invaded Ireland in 1169, "became more Irish than the Irish." In, his 1972 non-fiction account of Irish in America *That Most Distressful Nation* (subtitled "The Taming of the American Irish") Father Andrew M. Greeley reaches a similar conclusion about the Irish in the United States.

In a chapter titled "An Epitaph for the Irish" Father Greeley concludes:

"The legitimation of ethnicity came too late for the American Irish. They are the only European immigrant group to have over-acculturated. They stopped being Irish the day before it became all right to be Irish. The WASPs won the battle to convert the Irish into WASPs, just before the announcement came that permanent peace had been made with ethnic diversity. Daniel Patrick Moynihan makes the lonely hegira from Washington to Cambridge with the melancholy thought that he and Richard J. Daley are the last of the American Irish.

"Some will argue that the Irish have never been more powerful. All kinds of citizens, whose Celtic origins are problematic at best, will sport green emblems on the seventeenth of March (even though the Roman Church threw St. Patrick off the calendar—for which God forgive the Curia—together with St. Christopher). Richard M. Nixon goes to Ireland in search of his roots. Gaelic names have become part of the common pool of names that American mothers impose upon their children: Brian, Kevin, Maureen, Sheila, Eileen stopped being exclusive Irish property a generation ago; now Sean, Seamus, Moira, and Deidre get attached to Polish, Jewish, black, and even Oriental faces. Only Liam and Phionna have not yet been expropriated (and when I hear of a Liam Levy, I will know it is the end). The Clancy Brothers and the Irish Rovers will set hippie feet Semites, Slavs, and Latins will march down Fifth Avenue and proclaim the glories of the Emerald Isle, stomping in packed concert halls. Tens of thousands of Saxons, Africans, Teutons, And there's even Bernadette Devlin.

"So much of the nation seems to have become Irish. Only it's too late because there's nothing left.

Served As Senator

Perhaps the quintessential soldier-statesman was James Shields, born in 1810 in Atlimore, County Tyrone, Ireland. Shields was in New York in approximately 1826, then served in the Illinois House of Representatives, elected in 1836. In 1839, he became Illinois State Auditor and helped correct the state's disorganized finances. He served as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court from 1843-1845, and for two years, 1845-1847 as commissioner of the land office, Washington, D.C

He was a brigadier general during the War with Mexico and was brevetted major general for gallantry at the battle of Cerro Gordo, where he was severely wounded Following service in the War with Mexico, he was appointed governor of the Oregon Territory, in 1849 However, he resigned that post almost immediately and served as a Senator from Illinois from 1849-1855, when he moved to Minnesota. He encouraged Irish immigration there and founded the townships of Erin, Kilkenny, Montgomery and Shieldsville. He served as a Minnesota Senator from 1858 to 1859, when he went to San Francisco, California.

He served with the Illinois Volunteers as a brigadier general, fighting in the Shenandoah Valley campaign during the Civil War, 1861-1863. Following the end of hostilities, he returned to California as from 1863 to 1866, was California railroad commissioner. In 1866, he moved again, this time to Missouri, where he became a member of the state legislature and later as Missouri adjutant general. In 1879, he served as Senator from Missouri, until his death in June 1879.

A Democrat, Shields was the only man in U.S. history to serve as a Senator from three states.

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Country Full Of Genius

Commentary on the Irish character by some noted natives of the Emerald Isle: "The Irish are a very popular race... with themselves," Brendan Behan; "The quiet Irishman is about as harmless as a powder magazine built over a match factory," James Dunne; "The Irish people do not gladly suffer common sense," Oliver St. John Gogarty; "The trouble with Ireland is that it's a country full of genius. But with [illegible]"

Happy Saint Patrick's Day To Everyone!

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas hosts a St. Patrick's Day celebration at her Office in the County Building. Pictured with Pappas (left to right) are Megan Murphy Hickey, a member of the Queen's Court; Jonathan Martin of Pappas' staff; St. Patrick's Day Queen Jennifer Callahan; court-member Mary Kate Downs; Charles Sheehan, Consul General of Ireland; and Carlene Beck of Pappas' staff. TOPS, Treasurer's Outreach Program and Services, sponsored the St. Patrick's Day reception.

Function Of An Irish Pub

During a discussion of the function of the Irish pub, a Dubliner cited a memorable line spoken by Barry Fitzgerald in "The Quiet Man," the Academy Award-winning movie comedy of Irish country life directed by John Ford. Fitzgerald, on his way to a pub, declares, "I think I'll go and join me comrades and talk a little treason."

"The fellow who wrote that line knew Ireland," the Dubliner said. "He makes his character out to be heading for the pub not so much because he wants a drink but mainly because he wants to talk before an audience. That's the Irish pub, a stage for the orator, and that's an Irishman – a performer who loves to hear himself talk. Treason, of course, is now out as a timely topic of discourse because Ireland, sad to say, has won her political freedom, leaving a great yawning gap in his repertoire, but he finds enough other things to talk about until the bartender shuts off the lights and pushes him into the street."

(from *Ireland* by Joe McCarthy and the editors of "Life.")

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Shamrocks For Kids Campaign

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls Shamrocks for Kids campaign is focused on making miracles happen in the lives of hurting kids. Knowing the impact that a single person can make in the lives of these kids, Mercy Home is determined to inspire at least 31,446 individuals to make a miracle happen in a needy child's life. Making a promise to make a miracle happen for one of these children can be as simple as wearing our Shamrocks for Kids pin. To show your support for the plight of neglected children – wear a Shamrocks for Kids pin throughout the month of March. Visit www.mercyhome.org to make a promise and get your free Shamrocks for Kids pin today.

The Shamrocks for Kids campaign provides a variety of ways for you and your family to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day season in the Chicago metropolitan area that in turn will help bring the luck of the Irish to the kids in need.

You can help support Mercy Home's Shamrocks for Kids campaign by attending the 9th Annual Family Celebration – A Touch O'Green presented by MidAmerica Bank. The event will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Chicago Hilton immediately following the Downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade until 5 p.m. Mercy Home also needs volunteer coordinators to distribute shamrock pins and collect donations during the St. Patrick's Day season throughout Chicago and surrounding suburbs. To purchase tickets to the A Touch O'Green event and to find out how you can volunteer, visit mercyhome.org.

Mercy Home is proud to have actors Martin Sheen and Dennis Farina, as well as ABC-7 Chicago's leading news anchor, Kathy Brock, serving as Shamrocks for Kids Honorary Chairmen. They are all lending a hand to help raise awareness of the plight of Illinois' abused and neglected children. Children who need hope, healing and a place to call home have been finding refuge at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls since 1887. For 117 years, we've been making miracles happen for over 22,000 kids who have been cared for in our residential and mentoring programs. At-risk children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect, poverty and even abandonment are provided with the chance to improve their lives at Mercy Home. We provide a stable home, an education, food, clothing, medical care and counseling – and like a family, Mercy Home's goal is to help these kids to grow into happy, healthy adults who will go on to college, find good jobs, and raise families of their own.

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Except From "The Irish In Chicago"

Charles Fanning, a chronicler of Irish-American life, in his "The Literary Dimension" called Finley Peter Dunne and James T. Farrell, both Chicago writers, "the first American writers of genius to emerge from Irish ethnic backgrounds."

An excerpt from that essay, included in *The Irish in Chicago* follows: "He (Dunne) carefully scrutinizes the cluster of nationalist commemorations in his community, including the annual August 15th picnic of Chicago's United Irish Societies and the St. Patrick's Day parade. Invariably, he finds these events to be riddled with hypocrisy and self-delusion and his reports often include parodies of the excesses and simplifications of nationalist oratory. With these columns, Dunne made enemies among Irish nationalist editors, including Chicago's John Finerty, who frequently lambasted him editorially, and New York's Patrick Ford, who refused to advertise collections of the Dooley pieces. But to those who listened, Mr. Dooley offered clear, rational commentary on matters that more often stirred the fanatic heart."

"A Happy St. Patrick's Day To All... From The "Bud" Man!"

Thomas "Bud" Gavin
Worth Township Clerk

Happy Saint Patrick's Day To Everyone!

Congratulations on 26 years of a great South Side Tradition!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

John H. Stroger, Jr.
President
Cook County Board

Irish Story Of Wake Festivities

John McCarthy in *The Home Book of Irish Humor* reports: A considerable slice of Irish social life revolves around those festivities known as 'wakes,' which are held entirely apart from Christian funeral services, and surpass in community interest even the movies or politics. In the wild country of County Donegal, whole villages will participate in a wake. As soon as news of a relative's death reaches members of the clan, they pack supplies of foodstuffs, spirits and stout to last several days, assemble at a convenient meeting place and, in a group, proceed to the cottage of the deceased. There they spend the entire first night in keening. Keening is one of those ancient Irish customs, dating back into pre-Christian times, which has outlived the Christian inundation. Crowded around the coffin, the relatives weep and wail weirdly and in perfect unison, and the effect upon listeners is soul-searing. The first time you catch it, even as far off as I did one summer night, you are hard put to reconcile it with any sound you have heard before. It's so primitive, so eerie, so pagan that you almost believe the Druids are holding a ceremony high up in the hills.

The deceased's friends make their calls the next few evenings. All the people in the home village and nearby towns consider themselves friends. As they enter the house, they go directly to the casket, get on their knees and say a few prayers. Immediate members of the family are lined up close to the coffin. Following his prayers, the caller pays his respects to them, then adjourns to a back room, where he settles himself for a night of genuine sociability. The women gather in one room, the men in another.

In Ireland, the mister is still the privileged person. Therefore, in the rooms reserved for men there will be food, whiskey and stout aplenty, batches of new clay pipes and lots of tobacco. After a few kind words about the lamented host of the house, the lads fill their pipes and go to work on the food, spirits and stout. Tongues unloosen. And the wake is on! Every topic known to mankind is discussed; every personage in Irish public and private life is verbally trotted forth and his reputation literally torn to shreds. Not until the sun comes up does it occur to anyone to stop yarning and go home. Even then, they go reluctantly

Happy St. Patrick's Day

To all the wonderful families of the

Southwest Community

Tom and Judy Hynes and Family

Sandra Day O'Connor

Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by President Ronald Reagan as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981, is descended on her father's side from the O'Dea family. Day is a corruption of the original name. Mrs. O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas. She graduated third in her class at Stanford Law School, where she was a classmate of Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court William Rehnquist.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Mrs. O'Connor practiced law in California and in Arizona. In 1965 she was appointed assistant attorney-general of the State of Arizona. She then was elected to the Arizona State Senate, served as Superior Court Judge for Maricopa County and as a member of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Seniors Dinner

Orland Township is sponsoring a St. Pat's/St. Joe's Dinner Dance for seniors age 55 and over. The dinner dance will be held on Thursday, March 18 at the Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Rd., from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are necessary and may be purchased at the Orland Township office, 15100 S. 94th Ave. Tickets are $15 each for residents and $19 each for non-residents. Ticket price includes a family style meal and entertainment by The Swinging Times Band. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be offered.

Orland Township serves the communities of Orland Park, Orland Hills, the western half of Tinley Park, and the unincorporated area of Orland Township.

For more information, contact Ellen Friedl or Kathy Melchert at (708) 403-4222.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day To Everyone!

List Facts About An Irishman

The following 'facts' about an Irishman, reported by Henry D. Spalding, were made by Jim Murray, a sportswriter for the Los Angeles Times in 1976

"It will come as a great surprise to all of you – to say nothing of Saint Patrick, I am, sure – but tomorrow night, on the natal day of all Irishmen, I am to be honored by the Masquers Club of Hollywood as (get this!) 'Irish Man of the Year.'

I can understand their admiration. Being Irish and not making a muck of things by my age calls for a testimonial of some kind, an achievement kind of like overcoming a clubfoot.

They'll be needing to know a few things about the Irish if they want to keep from making fools of themselves. An Irishman is a guy who:

- May not be sure there's a God, but is damn sure of the infallibility of the Pope.
- Won't eat meat on Friday, but will drink gin for breakfast.
- Believes everything he can't see, and nothing he can
- To paraphrase Cleveland Amory, is someone who's very good at weekends, but not very good in the middle of the week
- Is against abortion, but in favor of hanging (or vice versa)
- Has such great respect for the truth, he only uses it in emergencies.
- Is irrational in important things but a tower of strength in the trivial
- Get married for life, but not necessarily for love
- Can argue either side of a question, often at the same time
- Sees things not as they are, but as they never will be
- Believes in leprechauns and banshees and considers anyone who doesn't to be a heathen
- Can lick any man in the house he is sole occupant of
- Cries at sad movies, but cheers in battle
- Considers funerals a festivity, but weddings sad events to be put off as long as possible, preferably forever
- Says he hates the English, but reserves his greatest cruelty for his countrymen
- Is not afraid of dying – in fact, he might prefer it
- Gets more Irish the farther he gets from Ireland
- Believes that God is Irish, or, at least, Catholic
- Believes in civil rights, but not in his neighborhood
- Is against corruption, unless it's a Democrat
- Loves religion for its own sake, but also because it makes it so damnably inconvenient for his neighbors
- Considers a bore to be someone who keeps constantly interrupting
- Scorns money, but worships those who have it
- Considers any Irishman who achieves success to be a traitor

"It grieves me they had to settle for a mere sportswriter but that's what's happened to the ancestral land of poets, saints and scholars. They've all become barrow commissioners. You see, you usually have to get an Irish author young. Before he dies of the drink, that is. If an Irishman says he's a writer, give him a sobriety test. If he thinks he's a writer."

Thank You For Placing Your Confidence In Me

State Representative
Kevin Joyce
35th District

Erin Go Braugh

Brendan Grace Will Perform

Ireland's number one comedian and entertainer Brendan Grace will bring his unique blend of humor and song to Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., on Saturday, March 27th at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission to the concert is $20.

Brendan Grace is one of Ireland's most popular and best-loved performers. His comedic cameos of life and humor of ordinary situations have earned him his own TV show, numerous guest appearances both in North America and Europe. He has toured extensively in Australia, and America, including an appearance at Carnegie Hall. Brendan is also an accomplished recording star.

For further information and tickets, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323.

Old Irish Proverbs

Old Irish Proverbs: from *The Home Book of Irish Humor*, selected & edited by John McCarthy

Most Irishmen are born philosophers. Intrigued with life, the Irish love to come up with reasons why things happen as they do. Also in their philosophy is a strong tinge of fatalism – what occurred was bound to occur regardless of what one may have done in advance to avoid it.

Coupled with this ingrained philosophical attitude, the Irish have a natural picturesque style of saying simple things. Out of these colorful Celtic sayings down through the years, have come not a few pertinent proverbs such as:

You'd be a good messenger to send for death (said of a slow person).
Let him cool in the skin he warmed in
'Tis a good story that fills the belly.
The man that's up is toasted.
The man that's down is trampled on
He comes like the bad weather (i.e., uninvited).
'Tis the fool has luck
He that loses the game, let him talk away
Falling is easier than rising.
A bad wife takes advice from every man but her own husband
Never take a wife who has no faults
Big head and little sense
Sweet is wine, bitter its payment
A closed hand gets but a shut fist.
It is not all big men that reap the harvest.
Not worried till married
Three without rule – a wife, a pig, and a mule
Better a drop of whiskey than a blow of a stick
The four drinks – the drink of thirst, the drink without thirst, the drink for fear of thirst, and the drink at the door
All the world would not make a racehorse of a jackass
Death is the poor man's doctor.
There's no good crying when the funeral is gone.
When carried far is heavy
A crow thinks its own young white.
Have your own will, like the women have
An old cat does not burn himself.
A candle does not give light till lit
Don't praise your son-in-law 'till the year's out
Better be idle than working for nothing.
Do not show your teeth when you cannot give a bite
Trust him as far as you can throw a cow by the tail
Where there's women there's talk, and where there's geese there's cackling
More beard than brains, as the fox said of the goat
An empty house is better than a bad tenant
He knows as much about it as a dog knows of his father
He can say anything but his prayers
A vessel will only hold the full of it.
An empty vessel makes most sound.

Ireland's Patron Saint

St. Patrick, born near the Severn in Britain probably in 389 AD, is the Patron Saint of Ireland. When he was 16, he is said to have been stolen from his home by Irish outlaws and sold as a slave. After six years as a slave in Antrim, he escaped into Gaul. He returned to Ireland as a bishop in order to convert the land of his captivity to Christianity. He was highly successful, and by the time of his death in 461, Ireland was well on the way to being a Christian nation. He is reputed to have driven all the snakes from Ireland, although biologists have assured us there were none there at the time, and his name is always associated with the shamrock because he was in the habit of using its three leaves to explain the Trinity.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a religious day accompanied by church ceremonies, much like Christmas and Easter. The Irish do not drink green beer, wear shamrocks, or march in festive parades, except as a means of meeting the expectations of tourists. Nonetheless, the enthusiasm for this ethnic celebration in America has had its effect on the old country. For example, Galway does hold a full-scale parade, even if it is paid for by shopkeepers and local hotel owners.

Re-Elect
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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Patricia Young grew up on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood and attended Queen of Martyrs Grammar School and Mother McAuley High School. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Patricia and her 22 month-old son, Alex, reside in LaGrange Park.

Patricia has served as a Commissioner for 12 years, and for 15 years prior to her election to the Board, she handled public relations for the District.

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Re-Elect
Patricia Young
Commissioner

Happy Saint Patrick's Day To Everyone!

St. Patrick's Day Parades In The 1800's

Although the St. Patrick's Day parade may be the largest ethnic spectacle in the United States, many Irish-Americans feel ambivalent about it. On the one hand, the green lines painted on the parkways and the green paper hats appear vulgar and trite in contrast to the joyous array of symbols in the Italian festa or the Spanish-speaking community's fiesta. What Irish-American does not feel anger at the sight of a donkey cart bearing "The World's Worst Irish Tenor" or a pudgy young woman in a green T-shirt inscribed "Erin Go Bra-less?"

In the nineteenth century, the Irish in America had no ambivalence about their enthusiasm for St. Patrick's Day parades. By the late 1840s the annual turnout in New York had dramatically increased with the coming of the Great Famine emigrants. In 1846 the New York Herald reported that during the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Columba's Church on 25th St., the Rev. Joseph Burke preached on the life of the saint in the Irish language.

The reporter commented: "The oration was all Greek to us; but to judge from the breathless silence , which prevailed during its delivery, we saw that the audience was delighted with it." The New York press described the burgeoning parades of the 1850s and 1860s with increased detail. By 1870 the line of march looked like this: a platoon of policemen; the 69th Regiment; the Legion of St. Patrick; Men of Tipperary; 21 divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; numerous parish benevolent societies and total abstinence units (e.g., "Father Matthew T.A.B., Society No. 2 of New York, 400 men," and "St. Bridget's R.C.T.A.B. Society, 1300 members"). Thirty thousand men walked in the procession of 1870. (*From The Folklore of American Holidays*, first edition)

St. Patricks Greetings To All
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Maggie Crotty
SENATOR 19TH DISTRICT

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Zoo's Nights In The Wild

Keep the "luck of the Irish" going and join in a post St. Patrick's Day celebration at Brookfield Zoo's Nights in the Wild on Friday, March 19.

This unique dining adventure begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in, where else, but the Reptile House. Unlike Irish folklore in which it was believed the snakes were driven out of Ireland, the slithering critters and other creatures residing in Brookfield Zoo's Reptile House are here to stay. A keeper will be on hand to answer questions and share amazing animal facts.

Diners will then board the Motor Safari tram and head to Bocaditos restaurant where the zoo's executive chef will have prepared a lavish meal. It begins with double baked potato leek soup and a mixed green salad with Granny Smith apples, blue cheese, and roasted walnuts with a raspberry vinaigrette, both served tableside. The mouth-watering all-you-can-eat buffet includes Irish roasted pork loin with potato served with a brandy apple cream sauce; traditional corn beef on steamed cabbage with a Dijon mustard dill sauce; carved leg of lamb layered with spinach, roasted peppers, and onions in a roasted pepper cream sauce; and vegetable accompaniments. Dessert is a delectable tartelette featuring a sweet dough shell filled with apples, caramel, walnuts, and chocolate drizzled with Bailey's and coffee sabayon. In addition, a premium bar will be open during the evening.

The cost is $125 for two or $70 for one person and includes tax and gratuity. Seating is limited. For reservations and further information, call the Catered Events Department at (708) 485-0263, ext. 353, or visit www.brookfieldzoo.org.

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To All My
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Best Wishes For
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Senator Edward D. Maloney
18th District

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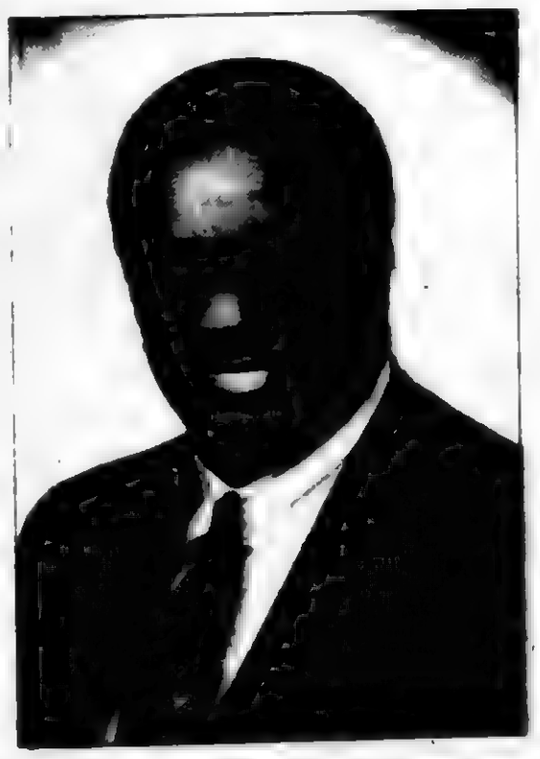

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- Recommended by the Italian-American Political Action Coalition

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St. Linus Guild Dinner

The St. Linus Ladies Guild is preparing for their annual Dinner and Fashion Show. The event will be held on Friday, March 26th at Gaelic Park. Chairing the event once again are Alex Brown and Deb Nevin who promise to live up to their reputation of entertaining audiences with productions of lively, choreographed shows.

This year's theme "Calendar Days, Months to Remember" will feature stunning clothing for a variety of seasons including daytime casual, sportswear, dressy casual and evening wear. Fashions will be provided by Aeropostale, Cache, Casual Corner, Harold's, J. Jill, Mal's Men Shop, Old Navy, Shannon Imports, The Children's Place and Wet Seal.

The event will also feature a grand prize cash raffle and a rainbow raffle of irresistible items that were made available by generous contributors and a large, enthusiastic committee chaired by Mary Clark and Tammy Kummerer. The multitude of beautifully packaged raffle baskets contain a range of appealing items including Lenox Suites and restaurant certificates, fitness club memberships, home decor, sports and entertainment tickets and spa products.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the St. Linus Ladies Guild as the organization assists in addressing the concerns of St. Linus Parish. Tickets for the event are $38 or $28 for seniors. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and then the fashion show. For reservations, call Mary Pat Coughlin at (708) 85[illegible]242 by March 12th.

Pictured left to right Lindsey Skala, Kelly Wright, Jessica Palarczyk, Kathy and David Kobak (Oak Lawn Rotary).

Pictured left to right: Kelly Wright, Lindsey Skala, Jessica Palarczyk, Nancy Duffy (teacher), and Andrea Anderson (principal).

Rotary Club Welcomes Three McGugan Junior High Students

Oak Lawn Rotary Club welcomed three students from McGugan Junior High School at the Feb. 23rd meeting. These students, along with several others from McGugan, participated in an essay contest sponsored by Rotary District 6450. The three winners, first place Jessica Palarczyk, second place Kelly Wright, and third place Lindsey Skala were presented with certificates and monetary awards for finishing in their respective places. Along with the students, their principal, Andrea Anderson and teacher Nancy Duffy were present for the celebration.

The four-way Test Essay Contest was one in which the students had to address the four main points of what Rotarians live by and explain how they would use these in different situations they may encounter. The four points include: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? All the participants wrote wonderful essays and these were evaluated by a team of Rotarians in the district to determine who the winners were. Jessica Palarczyk not only won the first place for McGugan but also in the entire Rotary district. This was quite an honor for such a young woman.

Devine Files Suit Against Six Local Home Repair Firms

Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine filed civil lawsuits recently against six local home repair companies alleging various violations of consumer protection laws.

"Warmer weather in the coming weeks will prompt a dramatic surge in home repair and remodeling activities throughout Cook County," said Devine. "Most home repair businesses are run by honest people. However, if you fall prey to a home repair scam, your home repair project can quickly turn into a nightmare."

Devine said his office's Consume Fraud Division filed the suits against: Rootbusters Sewer & Plumbing Service, Inc., 722 E. 31st St. in LaGrange Park; Anthony Edwards, d/b/a Edwards Interior & Exterior Repairs, 6517 S. Peoria in Chicago; Mark Gable, d/b/a Gable's Roofing & Remodeling, 416 W. Hickory in Hinsdale; Juan Segura d/b/a J.S. Decorating, 2814 S. Kedvale in Chicago; Michael Brockway, d/b/a Brockway Electric, 2518 W. Carmen in Chicago; and Jeffery Moskivich, d/b/a Concrete Repair Services, 4611 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn.

The suits allege that the businesses did not start or complete the work they were hired to perform and failed to refund deposits to consumers. Furthermore, according to the lawsuits, five of the businesses failed to notify consumers of their right to cancel the contracts.

Also, the lawsuits allege that Gable's Roofing & Remodeling, Brockway Electric, and Edwards Interior & Exterior held themselves out to the public as being licensed and insured, but did not possess the required licenses to perform the work. In addition, the suits allege that Mark Gable, owner of Gable Roofing & Remodeling, forged his name on the business card of another roofing company to give to his customers.

The lawsuits seek to permanently enjoin the six companies, as well as their operators, from further violations of Illinois consumer laws, as well as falsely advertising and providing home repair services, including roofing, plumbing and electrical services. Refunds for customers harmed by these unlawful business practices, and the imposition of $50,000 in civil penalties against each defendant, are also being sought as a deterrence to further violations of Illinois consumer laws.

These lawsuits were initiated after the State's Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division received citizen complaints about these six companies. Consumers with questions about and/or complaints against these companies may contact the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Consumer Fraud Division, at (312) 603-8700.

Preschool Open House

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., announces their spring open house on Friday, March 26th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The children have been working on projects during the year to display at the open house. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four-year-olds.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, call Cathy Cepican, director, at (708) 422-0193.

Change And Improve Illinois Schools

Further demonstrating his commitment and resolve to education reform, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently urged members of the Illinois Senate to approve his proposal to bring accountability to Illinois' system of education. Becoming only the second governor to testify before a rare Senate Committee of the Whole, Gov. Blagojevich challenged lawmakers to embrace the unique opportunity to make sweeping change and improve Illinois schools.

"No matter what you think of our proposal to create accountability and reform the system, I think everyone here can agree that our children deserve the best schools we can give them," Gov. Blagojevich said. "As you consider our proposal, ask yourself one simple question. Are you satisfied with the state of education in the State of Illinois? If you are, then leave things the way they are. But, when it comes down to it, I think most of you aren't."

Senate Bill 3000 shifts responsibility for managing the state's schools away from the Illinois State Board of Education to a new Dept. of Education. The legislation creates a department that will be directly accountable to the governor, to lawmakers and to the taxpayers of Illinois.

"The state is supposed to lead, provide guidance, establish rules and distribute resources," Gov. Blagojevich said. "And when the system is designed in a way in which no one is accountable, no one's feet are held to the fire, and no one is compelled to try new things. Our current system faces that problem."

Gov. Blagojevich testified in the state Senate that there are two ways to fundamentally reform education – improve the way the state manages schools and change the way the state funds education. The governor stressed money alone won't solve the state's education problems. First, it takes accountability and better management.

"Even if you think it's only about money, let me tell you something that's become abundantly clear to me," the governor said. "If we can't show the taxpayers that we're willing to step up and be held accountable, that we're willing to make changes, that we're willing to do things differently, they will never support paying higher income taxes to change the way we fund our schools."

During his State of the State Address in January, Gov. Blagojevich outlined a comprehensive plan to reform Illinois education. The cornerstone of his plan, the Dept. of Education, comes in response to growing aggravation from local school districts and educators saddled by bureaucratic burdens from the Illinois State Board of Education, the lack of ideas for reform coming out of the state's current education authority and the fact that only 46 cents of every education dollar is spent on classroom instruction. Measures of student achievement in Illinois illustrate the dire need to direct more resources to the classroom; one-third of the state's third graders cannot read at the third grade level, 44 percent of eighth graders can't write at the eighth grade level and one in seven Illinois students fails to graduate from high school.

The new Dept. of Education will work with local educators to cut down the 2,800 pages of rules that govern Illinois education, freeing up time and resources to commit to classroom instruction.

Senators from both political parties, representing schools from all corners of the state are sponsoring the legislation to create the new Dept. of Education. Chief sponsor in the state Senate is Sen. Vince Demuzio (D-Carlinville), member of the Senate Education Committee.

Gov. Blagojevich thanked the men and women of the Illinois Senate for the opportunity to testify and encouraged an open debate on education reform.

"Making our schools better means supporting fundamental change and fundamental reform," Gov. Blagojevich said. "In this case, that change starts at the top. It starts with accountability. It starts with innovation. It starts with leadership. If you want to make our schools better, when this bill comes before you – vote yes."

Easter Egg Hunt Set

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School welcomes the Easter Bunny during its second annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, 4660 W. 94th St., just east of the Hilton Hotel.

All young children, ages two to eight years old, are invited to join in the fun, visit with the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, and much more.

For more information, call (708) 423-1058 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 12 – Friday – Fish Fry, Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 13 – Saturday – Children's Spring and Summer Clothing Resale, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 8 to 11 a.m.

MARCH 13 – Saturday – Shrimp and Fish Fry, Hometown-Murray VFW Post 9773, 9092 Main St., [illegible] to 8 p.m.

MARCH 15 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, [illegible] p.m.

MARCH 15 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – Election Day.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

MARCH 16 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 17 – Wednesday – Worth Township Seniors Free Vision Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to noon, MUST REGISTER, call 37[illegible]-2900, ext. 28.

MARCH 17 – Wednesday – St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., 6 p.m.

MARCH 17 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 18 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 18 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Patricia Koulogeorge Golden Apple Scholar

Patricia Koulogeorge (pictured), a senior from Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, has been named a Golden Apple Scholar for 2004 by the Golden Apple Foundation.

The Golden Apple Foundation presents the awards to high school seniors who will pursue careers in education. In addition to scholarship money, Golden Apple Scholars receive a number of career development opportunities. The program, which covers a student's four years of college, features mentoring, summer institutes in school settings, and work-study.

A resident of Oak Lawn, Koulogeorge will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago starting next year and intends to study English literature.

An honor roll student, Koulogeorge participates in National Honor Society, student council, Presidents Club, cheerleading, and soccer. Koulogeorge, who was named an Illinois State Scholar this year, also serves as the 2004 president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter at Richards. SADD promotes awareness of the perils of alcohol and drug abuse.

Change Library Board Meeting

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its next monthly meeting one week later than usual on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. due to a library closing required to move materials, staff and operations into a new 38,000 square foot addition during the week of March 15-21.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members are Shirley Barrett, president; Joann Buechbach, vice president; Suzanne Marzano, secretary; Patricia Roberts, financial secretary; Frank March, Marian Sullivan and Michael Sutko, trustees.

Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series Program

"What are the Issues Facing High School Students and How can the Church Help?" is the topic for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series program on March 17th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Skip Brooks, Kaitlin Fleharty, Josh Lopez and Tim McGahan will discuss that topic.

A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the program. The series "Living by Faith" will continue each Wednesday through March 31st with a different panel addressing a different topic each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time to learn about Jesus' parables. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

Garden Club Meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, March 25th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 a.m. The program will be Hummingbirds Haven, presented by Judi Ann Dore-Plains Woman Plantings. Her interesting slide presentation will be creating a haven for hummingbirds. Judi has a B.S. in design/art from College of St. Francis, is a Master Gardener, NWF Habitat Steward, a member of LaGrange Garden Club, Southside Novice Gardeners, and Chicago Ridge Garden Group. She has taught in Hedges School in Chicago, AG School Garden Fair and various other programs.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests. For further information, call (708) 424-4846.

Bird Walk Set

A Migratory Bird Walk, a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Saturday, March 13, 8 a.m. at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, in Plainfield.

Adult Weekend Courses

Registrations are now being accepted for adult weekend courses at Trees For Tomorrow, a natural resource specialty school located in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The march line-up includes snowshoe rocking chair building. Quilting and fly tying.

The snowshoe rocking chair class provides instruction and materials so participants can weave the back and seat of an heirloom-quality rocking chair using traditional snowshoe weaving patterns. After weaving is completed, the chair frame, which is made of white ash, is assembled and ready for varnishing. The class is scheduled for March 26-28.

Intermediate Fly Tying will be offered March 26-28. Participants will learn to tie flies that go beyond the basics working with man-made and unusual natural materials. Basic fly tying experience is necessary for this class.

Each course begins at 7 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes by lunch on Sunday. Food, Lodging, instruction and all materials except fabric for the quilting course are provided in each weekend package. Commuter rates are also available for those not needing to stay on campus. For a full list of adult classes, or to register, contact Trees For Tomorrow at (800) 838-9472 or visit the website at www.treesfortomorrow.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Children, they are God's most precious gifts to us. They are the crowning glory that keeps abloom the character of the family tree. There is nothing more perplexing and pleasing as raising a happy, healthy, secure child.

Unfortunately, not all children have the luxury to be born into welcoming arms of loving parents.

John Noonan Farrell knows this better than anyone. He has seen, firsthand, what abuse and neglect can do to a child. He has been a tireless advocate for the fair treatment of disadvantaged minors, and has dedicated his life to bringing them the dignity and justice they deserve.

John has a private law practice in Oak Lawn. He is also a prosecutor for the Village of Oak Lawn, as well as a Bar attorney in Juvenile Court.

The office of the Public Guardian is where John previously worked as an attorney representing abused and neglected children. Volunteering his time to the worthy causes of children is something that comes natural to him. He has put his skills as an attorney to good use as in helping the troubled kids at Valley View Correctional Center. He has selflessly given his time to work with the Youth Service Team for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Single young, pregnant women continue to benefit from his counsel as an attorney for the Courage program. John and his wife, the love of his life, are the proud parents of Tommy and Anne.

Being blessed with a solid-family background filled with love, support and opportunity, John has chosen to give back to the community through his endless involvement with the young and disenfranchised.

John is currently seeking the position of Circuit Court Judge in the Democratic primary on March 16th, 2004.

Children need an advocate. They need a hand to help them up when life pushes them down. They need a voice to speak up for them when their own voice can't be heard over the noise of bureaucratic babble.

When children are lost to the wayside, they need to know someone will be there to show them a way out. John is the man who can truly make a difference.

Children, they are our future. Let's ensure a brighter tomorrow for all of us by voting for John Noonan Farrell.

As Circuit Court Judge, John will go that extra mile to bring hope and opportunity to the young people who need it most.

s/s Kathy Whirity
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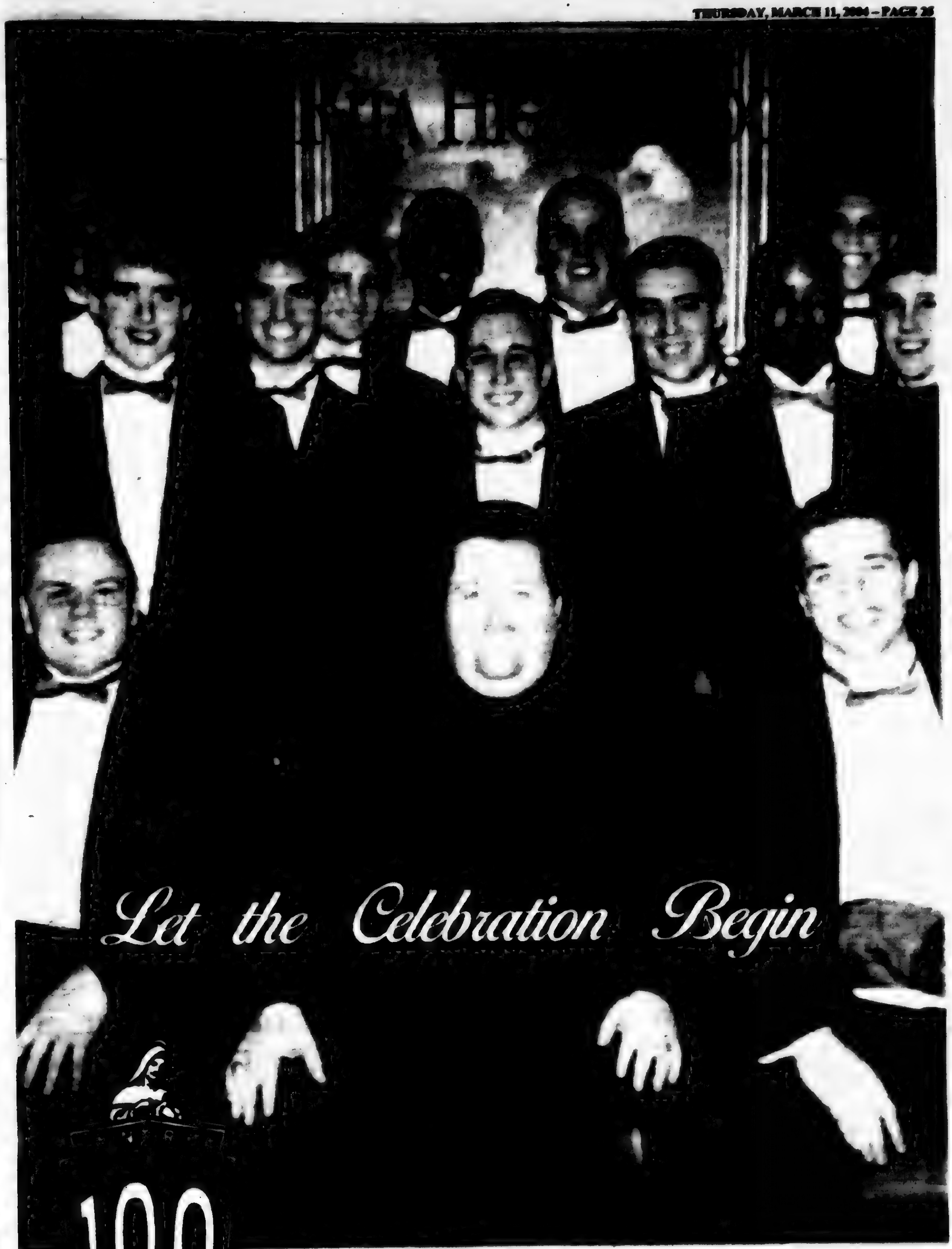

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Panozzo Seeks Votes

Kathleen Ann Panozzo, an Assistant State's Attorney for the past 15 years, is a candidate for Cook County Circuit Court Judge countywide in the March 16th Democratic primary.

Kathleen Ann Panozzo has the professional experience and demeanor to make the tough, everyday calls that a circuit court judge must render. Kathy is a First Chair Felony Prosecutor where each and everyday she prosecutes our community's most violent criminals. Her background proves that she "is both respectful and knowledgeable of the law. He reputation for fairness, her years of experience and her strong work ethic make her a terrific choice for Judge of the Circuit Court," stated State Representative Kevin Joyce, 35th District.

State Rep. Jim Brosnahan, 36th District echoed his colleagues thoughts: "I worked with Kathy in the State's Attorneys office and I know her to be hard working, conscientious and fair. Kathy is experienced and knowledgeable and would be a great asset to the bench."

Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert V. Smith and Chicago Ridge Police Chief Timothy Baldermann echo similar sentiments. Chief Smith notes "I highly recommend Kathy Panozzo for Judge in Cook County. Kathy has the knowledge, experience and integrity for this honorable position. She has earned the respect of the law enforcement community and will do a good job." Chief Baldermann echo's his fellow chief's viewpoint. "Over the years, Kathy's dedication to her work in the State's Attorneys Office and her commitment to the people of Cook County has earned her the utmost respect in the law enforcement community.

Her boss, Richard A. Devine, State's Attorney of Cook County, offers his opinion of Kathleen Ann Panozzo. "Kathy has been an outstanding prosecutor throughout her fifteen year career. She has dedicated herself to making a better community for us all."

Kathleen is also a devoted wife and mother whose commitment to her family and community is vigorous and sincere. She is pictured above with her husband Larry and their three children.

Kathleen Ann Panozzo is an associate member of the Emerald Society of Illinois and the Justinian Society of Lawyers. She has received favorable ratings from: Illinois State Bar Assn., Chicago Council of Lawyers, Women's Bar Assn. of Illinois, The Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Lesbian and Gay Bar Assn., Puerto Rican Bar Assn., Asian-American Bar Assn., Hispanic Lawyers Assn., and the Southwest Bar Association. She is also recommended by the Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7 and the Italian-American PAC.

Kathleen Ann Panozzo seeks your Democratic vote on March 16th. Look for her at the bottom of the ballot.

Hold St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The men of the Hometown Christian Church are going to try their hand at cooking a St. Patrick's Day Dinner for the very first time under the capable leadership of Oak Lawn resident Vern Sommer. Vern has always enjoyed cooking and is looking forward to this opportunity to showcase his talents. The dinner will consist of the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert, etc., and will be followed by a video for entertainment.

The church is located at 4340 W. 87th St., and the event will be held on Wednesday, March 17 beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults, $3.50 for children ages 6-12, and under 6 are free. The public is invited to participate. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 15 from the church office between 9 a.m. and noon on weekdays.

For further information call the church office at (773) 582-7744.

Dog Show Event

The Irish distaste for drinking in the quiet of the home used to make the annual St. Patrick's Day dog show in Dublin one of the year's most popular sporting events. Until the law was changed a few years ago, pubs were closed on St. Patrick's Day, a holy day in Ireland, but one bar at the dog show was allowed to stay open during that event. Consequently, the show was stormed by crowds of non-dog lovers, from all over Dublin. One year Brendan Behan, fighting the crush around the bar, stepped on the paw of a terrier on its way to the judging circle. The burly dramatist glared at the contestant's owner and said, "Now isn't this a silly place to bring a dog?" (from *Ireland* by Joe McCarthy and the editors of "Life.")

Legal In Ohio

Briarwood Beach, Ohio, is the only U.S. community which observes St. Patrick's Day as a legal holiday and San Juan, Puerto Rico, is one of more that 125 communities that celebrates St. Patrick's Day with an annual parade.

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PENETRATING THOUGHTS

By Don Gaughran

AND AWAAAY WE GO!

Nobody could tell an Irish joke like the late Jackie Gleason. On one of his St. Patrick's Day television shows years ago, the audience roared with laughter when he told the heart rendering saga of a lifelong friendship about to end. It went something like this.

When Patty Doyle got word in the pub that his best friend Mike O'Reilly was on his death bed, he ordered another pint of ale from the barkeep, then announced to the others, "Lads, this one's fer Mike O'Reilly, a finer man never lived!" He blessed himself and guzzled down the booze. He was about to down another pint in O'Reilly's honor when the idea struck him. Why not take all the lads down to Mike's attic flat and try to cheer him up before the poor man died?

Everyone agreed and after one more round of drinks in memory of Mike O'Reilly, they hustled down to their friends apartment, where they found the dying man fast asleep in his bed. A nurse sat on a chair at the foot of the bed praying the Rosary. Patty shooed her away and punched Mike in the leg. Mike opened his eyes, blinked and moaned, "Is that you, Patty?"

"It is," Patty answered. "Why aren't ya' down at the Pub, Man?" What in God's name are ya' doin' in bed this time a day?"

"I'm dyin', Patty." Mike wiped a tear from his eye.

"Whoever told ya' such a foolish thing?"

Mike wheezed and said, "Doctor O'Malley says me heart n' liver's gone. Father Houlihan just gave me the Last Rites. He says it'll be no time at all before I'll be lowered into the cold ground n' dirt tossed in me face. I'm gonna be meetin' me Maker soon, Patty me boy."

Patty angrily shook his head. "Doctor O'Malley is a quack if there ever was one! And I don't mean to spread rumors about the clergy, but the talk is Father Houlihan's feebleminded 'cause he drinks too much wine at Sunday morning Masses!"

"Is that a fact?" Mike asked.

"It is," Patty replied. "Believe me when I tell ya', Mike, you'll be down at the Pub before ya' know it, hoistin' a few with us n' shootin' darts like before. Right, Lads?"

"Right!" Donovan and Riley quipped.

Mike sat up in his bed, "Ya' really think so?"

"In no time at all, Mike" Sullivan exclaimed. "Ya'll be sneakin' out at night with us and raisin' Cain against the bloody British, like always!"

Mike clapped his hands. "Ya know, I feel better already!" He opened his night stand drawer, felt around inside then shut it and frowned. Patty eyed him warily

"What's yer problem, Mike?"

"The nurse took me cigarettes."

"That witch!" Patty replied. He reached into his shirt pocket and tossed his pack of cigarettes onto the bed. Mike put one into his mouth. Patty lit it for him and watched Mike suck in a batch of smoke and exhale the grayish fumes toward the ceiling. "If ya've got a brain cell workin', Man, you'll fire that woman. She'll have ya' dyin' a boredom before yer time."

Mike inhaled and exhaled another batch of smoke. "Yer right, Patty, me boy; yer so right!" Patty pulled out a pint of whiskey from his back pocket and handed it to his friend. Mike pulled off the cap and drank a healthy snort, then wiped his mouth with the back of his hand. "No greater friend a man has than Patty Doyle!" He held up the pint as a toast to Patty and drank another swig.

"and don't ya' be forgettin' it, Mike."

Mike finished the pint and danced an Irish Jig on the bed in his stockinged feet. "Patty me boy," he hollered, "it's like a miracle from Heaven. I never felt better!"

"And ya' never looked better, Man! Isn't that so, Lads?"

"Right!" quipped Donovan, Reilly and Sullivan.

"Now Mike, sit down and listen to what I'm tellin' ya," Patty said. Mike stopped dancing the jig and sat down on the bed. "Yer gonna live forever, Michael. Yer as healthy as a horse! I don't want to hear no more talk a dyin'. Is that clear, Man?"

Mike pursed his finger to his lips and whispered, "not a word, Patty."

"Alright then. Let's be getting' back to the pub, fellers," Patty said to the others. They all shook hands and said goodbye to their newly resurrected friend, Mike O'Reilly.

Patty was an exceptionally tall man. He grabbed his head and jumped up and down, cursing out loud. When the pain had finally subsided, he pointed at the low hanging door jamb as they were leaving and said, "Ya' know, Lads, with this small doorway, we're gonna have a helluva time carrying' out the coffin, with Mike in it!"

(Comments, criticisms, etc. at mugsyprod@msn.com)

Historical Map Of Ireland

This historical map of Ireland dates to the times of the High Kings and the Norse presence, long before the Norman invasion in 1169. Note that there are six kingdoms; Connacht, Leinster, Munster, Ulster, Meath and Dublin. Today, there are four provinces, Connacht, Leinster, Munster in the Republic and Ulster which is a part of the United Kingdom, with the exception of three of its nine counties, Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan. The Kingdom of Meath, now a county, was the seat of the High Kings at Tara.

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SALUTES THE SOUTH SIDE IRISH

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Classic Irish Novels Are Available

Two classic novels written by natives of Dublin, Ireland, in the 1890s are still in print and are available for checkout at most public libraries and for sale at book stores. The first, by Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, is *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, a finely etched portrait of good and evil. This is a well-crafted novel, produced as a timeless motion picture starring Hurd Harfield in the title role, George Sanders and Angela Lansbury.

The second, Bram Stoker's immortal *Dracula*, first published in 1897, has never been out of print. *Dracula* is the standard by which all horror stories are gauged and virtually all others fall short. To attempt to match Stoker's brilliant work is akin to aiming an arrow at the sun. *Dracula* has been the focus of many motion pictures, TV and radio dramas.

Shamrock Is Irish Symbol

The shamrock, without a doubt, is the most recognized symbol of Ireland. For hundreds of years Irishmen and Irish "wannabies" have worn shamrocks in the bands of hats or in their lapels to honor the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. The three-leaf clover-like plant is, according to legend, closely associated with the saint in his efforts to convert Ireland.

The legend is that St. Patrick was experiencing difficulty in explaining the Trinity, when he noticed a shamrock growing. He held the plant up for onlookers to see and pointed out that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were like the leaves of the shamrock, bound in a single unit, the stem, which St. Patrick told them was symbolic of the godhead.

While the shamrock is more widely-recognized as a symbol of Ireland, the oldest official symbol is the harp; a portable Celtic instrument played by the bards. The harp had been used for centuries in the coat of arms used by the Kingdom of Leinster, one of Ireland's four provinces.

Irish Toast Selections

Following are selections from *Irish Toasts* published in the U.S. in 1987 by Chronicle Books. The Irish "way with words" is reflected in the pithy, succinct toasts, most of which are attributed to that most quoted of individuals... Anon.

Sláinte!

'In my young days, when two or three men went in for a drink together, it was the custom for them to go into a back room—a snug. They never stood at the counter. Each of them would strike three hefty blows on the table and, in a flash, the barmaid would be in to see what they wanted. She would be ordered to bring them a half-pint of whiskey and, in due course, she would return with a jug and a glass. Should there be ten men in the company, they would still only have the one glass. The man who had ordered and paid for the drink would then stand up and hand a glass of whiskey to the man nearest to him, who would then say 'Here's health' (*Seo do shláinte*) to which the first man might answer, 'God grant you health' (*Sláinte ó Dhia duit*). That's the kind of toast they used to drink and it was always with a blow of the ash plant that they summoned the barman or barmaid.'

Niall Ó Dubhthaigh

A few legendary Irish toasts

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always
at your back
The sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow
of His hand.

•••

May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
Slow to make enemies,
Quick to make friends.
But rich or poor, quick or slow,
May you know nothing
but happiness
From this day forward.

•••

May the roof above us never fall in,
And may we friends gathered below
Never fall out.

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May you have food and rainment,
A soft pillow for your head.
May you be forty years in heaven
Before the devil knows you're dead!

•••

May the face of every good news
And the back of every bad news
Be towards us.

•••

May you live to be
a hundred years,
With one extra year to repent.

On March 16th Vote for DAN HYNES

Democrat for U.S. Senate

They Came from Ireland to America in search of hope and opportunity. In the U.S. Senate, Dan Hynes will fight to restore America's Promise.

This picture (left) was taken in 1928 in front of the Hynes family home and farm in rural County Galway just prior to Bill Hynes leaving for America. Members of the Hynes Family still reside on the family farm pictured.

At right: Bill & Kathleen Hynes' Certificates of Citizenship from the Early 1930's.

3133 S. Parnell was the first address of Bill Hynes, Dan's Grandfather, in Chicago when he arrived from Ireland in 1928. It was an old Irish neighborhood on the South Side in the Bridgeport area where Bill's Aunt Julia Burke ran a rooming house.

Bill's uncle got him a job at the Illinois Central Railroad freight house for 50¢ an hour. He was later hired at the B&O Yards and soon promoted to Caller at 52¢ an hour.

A friend got Bill a job at Dearborn Chemical Company at 35th and Morgan. The pay was $32.50 for a 50 hour week. Part of every paycheck went back to family in Ireland.

Aunt Julia's rooming house moved to Visitation parish, an almost entirely Irish neighborhood and the hub of Irish social life in Chicago.

Bill met Kathleen Dowd (his brothers were friends of her brothers) and their courtship began in 1932.

Kathleen had immigrated to America a few years ahead of Bill. She worked as a telephone operator. Like Bill, she sent money back home to Ireland regularly.

After years living and working in the United States, Bill Hynes became a U.S. Citizen on January 2nd, 1934.

Bill and Kathleen raised five sons: Thomas, born 1938, William, 1940, Robert, 1944, Timothy, 1946, and John, 1954. All of them attended college.

One of Thomas Hynes' four children with his wife, Judy, is Dan Hynes, born in 1968 in the Chicago neighborhood of Beverly. Dan's dad is an attorney and was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1970. Dan's Mom was a school teacher.

In 1974, grandfather Bill Hynes, 65, retired from Dearborn Chemical Company after 45 years.

Dan attended St. John Fisher Elementary School, St. Ignatius College Prep, University of Notre Dame and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

1998, Dan Hynes was elected Illinois State Comptroller.

In June 1999 Dan married Christina Kerger, M.D.

2002, Dan Hynes was Re-Elected Illinois State Comptroller, receiving more than 2 million votes statewide.

In the U.S. Senate, Dan Hynes will bring with him the values his heritage has given him to fight to restore America's Promise of hope and opportunity to its people.

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The Story Of Irish Coffee

Irish Coffee was invented either in the Shannon Airport bar in Western Ireland, or at the Buena Vista Café, San Francisco. The weight of evidence lies with Shannon.

The story is that on St. Patrick's Day 1946 a bartender, coming to work at the airport after observing the hallowed eve, poured a shot of whiskey into his coffee to ease his post-operative condition. He liked it. He tried it on some of his customers. They liked it...And so on.

Seven years later, Stanley Delaplane, travel writer and columnist with the San Francisco Chronicle, became one of those customers. When he got home he gave the recipe to an accommodating barkeep at the Buena Vista. The Buena Vista started promoting the drink, so successfully that pride and the mists of time wiped out the memory of Delaplane's gift. At any rate, the 'B.V.' now claims sole authorship and at last report was selling an Irish Coffee set, stemmed glasses, a recipe and San Francisco's version of the Irish Coffee Story, as well as a rather inferior Irish Coffee.

The ingredients for Irish Coffee: boiling water; 5 ounces of hot, strong coffee made from fresh ground beans with a drip filter, preferably with untreated spring water; 1 teaspoon brown sugar; 1½ ounces Irish whiskey; softly whipped cream. Absolutely nothing else. The proper vessel is a clear stemmed glass of eight-ounce capacity. One with a handle is preferable; it makes holding the hot glass easier and eliminates unsightly smudges.

Put a spoon in the glass to keep it from cracking and carefully fill it halfway with boiling water. Remove the spoon and pour out the water. Quickly pour in the coffee, the fresher and hotter the better. Next the brown sugar. While white sugar was in the earliest Irish Coffees, it has been found that brown sugar better augments the burnished, boggy flavor of good Irish barleycorn. And now the whiskey, which brings up another argument, however. The question is moot, as all Irish whiskies are now made by Irish Distillers Ltd

Lastly comes the cream The Shannon recipe calls for plain, unwhipped cream. This would be all right if we could still find real cream in our markets, the kind that used to pop the cap off the bottle in winter, thick enough to eat with a fork. We can't and so we whip what we have, but lightly. We are looking for a consistency thick enough to float neatly on the coffee, soft enough to let the coffee be quaffed through the cream, thus cooling and enriching the hot brew. This can require experimenting; cream so thick that it floats like a wee iceberg away from the lips when a sip is taken, or rides up into your nose, is one of the commonest flaws in Irish Coffee You have it just right when the first taste leaves you with a thin, evenly distributed, white mustache

Remembering Now

The Wee Folks have mem'ries that span the years;
Fond mem'ries they share with their young South Side peers.

But standing along the parade route with them
Are thousands of Old Folks remembering when
The site wasn't Western, but 79th;
The time was the '50s and life was so blithe.
'Twas so different then, as I seem to recall;
I'm sure it was louder and brighter and all.
For hours beforehand we'd fuss and we'd preen
And plaster our bodies with baubles in green.
(Green hair spray created a gaudy display,
But the rules of good taste were suspended that day.)
The day was imbued with a magical power
For folks from St. Leo, Sabina, Li'l Flower.
We'd gather our friends and our families – our clans –
To witness the marchers, the floats and the bands.
When the cops were not looking, we'd climb the news shack
To sneak a quick glimpse o'er the heads of the pack.
Our parade was important, that everyone knew,
'Cuz Mayor Dick Daley would march in it, too.
And when Pat O'Brien stepped off the Big Screen
And marched down our street, sure 'twas almost a dream!

And now I zoom back from that time way back when,
And watch the Wee Folks and their friends march again.
I look through the crowds and see hundreds of clans
All happily watching the floats and the bands.
In any direction I look, all that's seen
Are people bedecked in the fine shades of green.
When no one is looking, young kids strong and loud,
Shinny up to a rooftop to see 'oer the crowd.
A sudden explosion: the crowd's cheering gaily; Well,
Whad'ya know; it's a mayor named Daley!

It seems I was wrong in assessing the past.
Has anything changed...or are roles just recast?
A silent thought creeps through the throng's noisy din:
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Campaign Finance Information Available

More than $32 million was contributed to Illinois politicians and political parties in 2003 with much of it going to people who aren't even candidates in 2004.

Campaign finance information for 2003 is now available at ilcampaign.org – the web site of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR). The updated web site is the most complete source of information about major contributors to officeholders and candidates, and the searchable Illinois Sunshine Database permits easy access to complete information about candidates' and political parties' receipts and expenditures.

The analysis from ICPR and the Sunshine Project also profiles the top 20 contributors in calendar year 2003. The list is led by the Illinois State Medical Society ($431,510) with the Illinois Hospital Assn. in second place ($323,693). Both groups also led the list in 2001, the previous annual report from a non-election year. The complete list is available at ilcampaign.org.

"Candidate committees and organizations from Cairo to Waukegan collected more than $32 million in 2003, with more than $20 million of it collected in just the last six months of the year," said Cindi Canary, Director of ICPR. "The $32 million eclipsed the 1999 record of $29 million for the first year of a four-year gubernatorial campaign cycle."

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's campaign fund reported more than $5.4 million in contributions in 2003, far exceeding every other political committee in the state. All but $300,000 of those funds were obtained during the last half of the year, according to the analysis released recently by ICPR and the Sunshine Project.

Canary said Blagojevich set a record for contributions collected by a newly elected governor in the first year of his term. The Blagojevich campaign's $5.4 million in receipts easily surpassed the previous record of $2.7 million given in 1991 to former Gov. Jim Edgar's campaign.

Kent Redfield, Director of the Sunshine Project, said Blagojevich also was the top recipient of large contributions from private interests, those of $10,000 or more from corporations, unions, trade associations, professional associations and individuals.

During 2003, 291 private contributors made 421 contributions of $10,000 or more to 30 state level candidates, parties and officeholders," Redfield said. "Those five-figure checks totaled $6.6 million, and Gov. Blagojevich claimed $3 million of it. More than 45 percent of the big money from special interests went straight into the governor's campaign war chest."

"The record fundraising by Blagojevich may be the result of more aggressive solicitation in comparison to other new governors," Canary said. "Perhaps less obvious are the reasons that contributors were so willing to give money to the campaign organization of a first-year governor who won't be running a re-election campaign until 2006."

"But most obvious now is the need for strict limits on contributions to political candidates and parties in Illinois," she said. "Illinois has long had a reputation for having the best government that money can buy. The latest reports of political activity have done nothing to improve that image."

Unlike the federal government and 48 other states, Illinois does not impose any limitation on the amount of money that can be contributed. Illinois also does not prohibit contributions by labor unions and corporations. Even those regulated by Illinois state government or doing business with the state government can make unlimited political contributions.

The political organization of Senate President Emil Jones (D-Chicago) was a distant second to Blagojevich in 2003. Jones collected $1.157 million for his own committee, and the Senate Democratic campaign fund received $893,000.

Total contributions in 2003 to other leaders included $1.132 million to House Minority Leader Tom Cross (R-Oswego) and $536,000 to the House Republican Organization. Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson (R-Greenville) received $816,000 for his committee, and the Republican State Senate Campaign Committee received $1.053 million.

The campaign fund of House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago) received $1.111 million. The state Democratic Party, which Madigan chairs, received $907,000. The state Republican Party reported receipts of $623,000 in the same time period.

The fundraising reports also indicate that Illinois will see a spirited race for the Fifth District Supreme Court seat in southern Illinois. The two candidates, Republican Lloyd Karmeier and Democrat Gordon Maag, reported raising $80,375 and $117,760 respectively during 2003, even though neither have primary opponents.

Both the Sunshine Project (located at the University of Illinois at Springfield) and the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform are non-profit, non-partisan projects that work to increase public awareness of how political campaigns are funded in Illinois.

On Track Singles

On Track Singles of St. Mary Star of the Sea will meet at BevArt, Brewer and Winemaker Supply, 10033 Western Ave., at 12 noon on Sunday, March 14th to watch the Southside Irish Parade as a group. For more information call Mark Mazanec at (773) 284-1062.

On Saturday, March 20th there will be dinner and a movie. Meet in St. Mary's south parking lot at 3 p.m. or at the Marcus Theaters, 163rd and LaGrange Road about 3:30 p.m. Dinner will be at the Olive Garden, 152nd and LaGrange Rd., following the movie. For more information, or to register, call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m. or call Steve Doyle at (708) 268-9482 or e-mail sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

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- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1½ cup raisins
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups buttermilk

Sift dry ingredients three times. Cut in shortening. Add raisins and mix well through flour mixture. Stir in buttermilk. Knead gently on floured bread board for about one minute.
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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

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ALCOHOL: PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH?

There might be good reason to belly up to the bar this St. Patrick's Day (with your doctor's blessing)! Studies continue to find that regular moderate consumption of beer, wine and even hard liquor might actually be good for you. A 12-year study conducted by researchers at Harvard, followed almost 40,000 men and found that those who drank a glass or two, three to seven times a week, cut their risk of a heart attack by a third.

There are other studies like this with which you may also be familiar. Even back in the seventies, Arthur Klatsky, a senior cardiology consultant at Kaiser Permanente, stumbled across evidence that drinkers were less likely to have heart attacks. That was before we even had a biological explanation. Since then dozens of studies have been performed; many have shown the benefits of drinking wine – both red and white – partially because it is high in antioxidants called polyphenols which cut down on a naturally produced substance that causes the arteries to harden and clog. In 1997 researchers broadened the field to include other alcoholic beverages, demonstrating that moderate drinkers had a 20 percent lower chance of death in a given year than those who did not drink at all. That's probably because all kinds of alcohol, including those low in polyphenols, raise levels of HDL, or good cholesterol, and lower levels of a blood-clotting protein. The most recent study, in which frequent drinkers fared better than those who rarely indulged, may owe its results to these anticoagulant effects, which are similar to the benefits of a daily dose of aspirin. The anti-clotting factors in alcohol work only for a few hours, so those who imbibe more frequently may keep their blood thinner for longer.

None of this means that if you don't drink at all you should suddenly pick up a glass. The explanations for alcohol's health benefits are not conclusively proven, whereas its toxic effects are well known. Drinking, unlike other healthy habits related to diet and exercise, carries serious risks like cirrhosis, high blood pressure and stroke.

Women should also be wary. Drinking brings a different set of risks for them. The same 1997 study that highlighted the benefits of drinking carried a sour warning; the risk of dying of breast cancer was 30 percent higher among women who drank at lease once a day. The results of the latest study do not apply to women whose bodies react to alcohol differently than men's. Women generally have a lower body weight, more fat tissue, and less of a alcohol-metabolizing stomach enzyme.

Still, heart disease is the number one killer in both men and women. So if you think you are at risk for a heart attack and you have a nice bottle of red wine (or green bear – light version of course) sitting in front of you, drink to your health! And have a happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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School Health Centers

Illinois School Health Centers address critical health issues and serve kids in need while supporting parents and schools. Access to healthcare is convenient, keeping students in the classroom and parents at work. "It's easier for us as young adults and students to get things done without having to be absent," stated a student from Roberto Clemente Health Center in Chicago. Evanston Township High School Superintendent, Allan Alson, adds that the staff at his school's Health Center "provide my students with quality, comprehensive healthcare that would not otherwise be available to them. This care better enables them to be focused on and successful in their academic work."

Last year, at school health centers across Illinois, 64,577 visits were made by students for medical, dental and mental health services and 29,731 students and adults were provided with health education. Information about the services given and received can be obtained from an exciting new report, just released by the Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers.

Nationally, the average annual cost to operate a school health center is approximately $150,000. In Illinois, many centers' budgets are above the national average. As healthcare costs rise, an increased investment from community, state and federal governments is needed to maintain this successful healthcare model.

March 2004 is the second annual School Health Center Awareness Month. Each School Health Center has dozens of stories about individual patients that highlight the need for, and importance of, the services they provide. For information about a school health center in your area, contact the Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers at (312) 491-8161.

Demand Health Care For All

Labor, community and health care advocates stood together on March 4th as part of an unprecedented coalition that highlights the health care crisis and calls for health care coverage for all Americans. This national "Health Care Action Day" is sponsored by Jobs with Justice in conjunction with several major national unions and community groups.

In Illinois, more than 40,000 people participated in Health Care Action Day. Thousands of unionized workers will wear stickers demanding "Health Care for All," bringing attention to the increased cost-shifting of health care expenses onto the average American worker.

Unions like the UFCW feel that employers should be mandated to offer an affordable, adequate health care plan. Others like the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) stand behind a nationalized health care system. "We will stand together until health care is no longer a privilege, but a right," stated Tom Balanoff, president of SEIU Local One. "Our union is committed to working for universal health care coverage. This year, SEIU launched a $12 million nationwide campaign – Americans for Health Care – aimed at putting health care at the top of the list of the nation's political priorities. Together, we can make sure that the idea of universal health care is not just a dream, but a reality."

In Illinois, 1.7 million people, or more than 15 percent of population, do not have health insurance. The uninsured consistently pay higher prices for their health care services and face aggressive collection techniques when they are unable to pay. Nurse Zida Perez's health care nightmare began after her husband was sent to Advocate Lutheran Hospital and received a $12,000 bill they could not afford to pay. "As a nurse working at Columbus Hospital for more than 20 years, I knew hospitals provided free care for uninsured people who needed and qualified for it. I helped people apply for it," said Perez. "I was shocked when we were told Advocate hospitals did not have a charity care program. On top of that, if we had insurance, our bill would have been half of what it was."

Jim Duffett, Director of the Campaign for Better Health Care, knows there is a solution for the health care problems Illinois residents face. The Health Care Justice Act, a bill that would mandate health care coverage for all Illinois residents by 2007, passed the IL House last year and is gaining ground in both the House and Senate for a potential win in 2004. "We have the AFL-CIO, hospital associations, physician organizations, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, small businesses, United Health Care (insurance company) and a hundred other organizations supporting this Act," stated Duffett. "We have no more excuses."

Hold Blood Drive

Do you know how you can help save the lives of up to three of your neighbors? By giving blood. LifeSource Blood Center will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6th in the Boikan Conference Center (second floor) at St. Joseph Hospital, 2900 N. Lake Shore Drive. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Life Source at 1(800) 486-0680.

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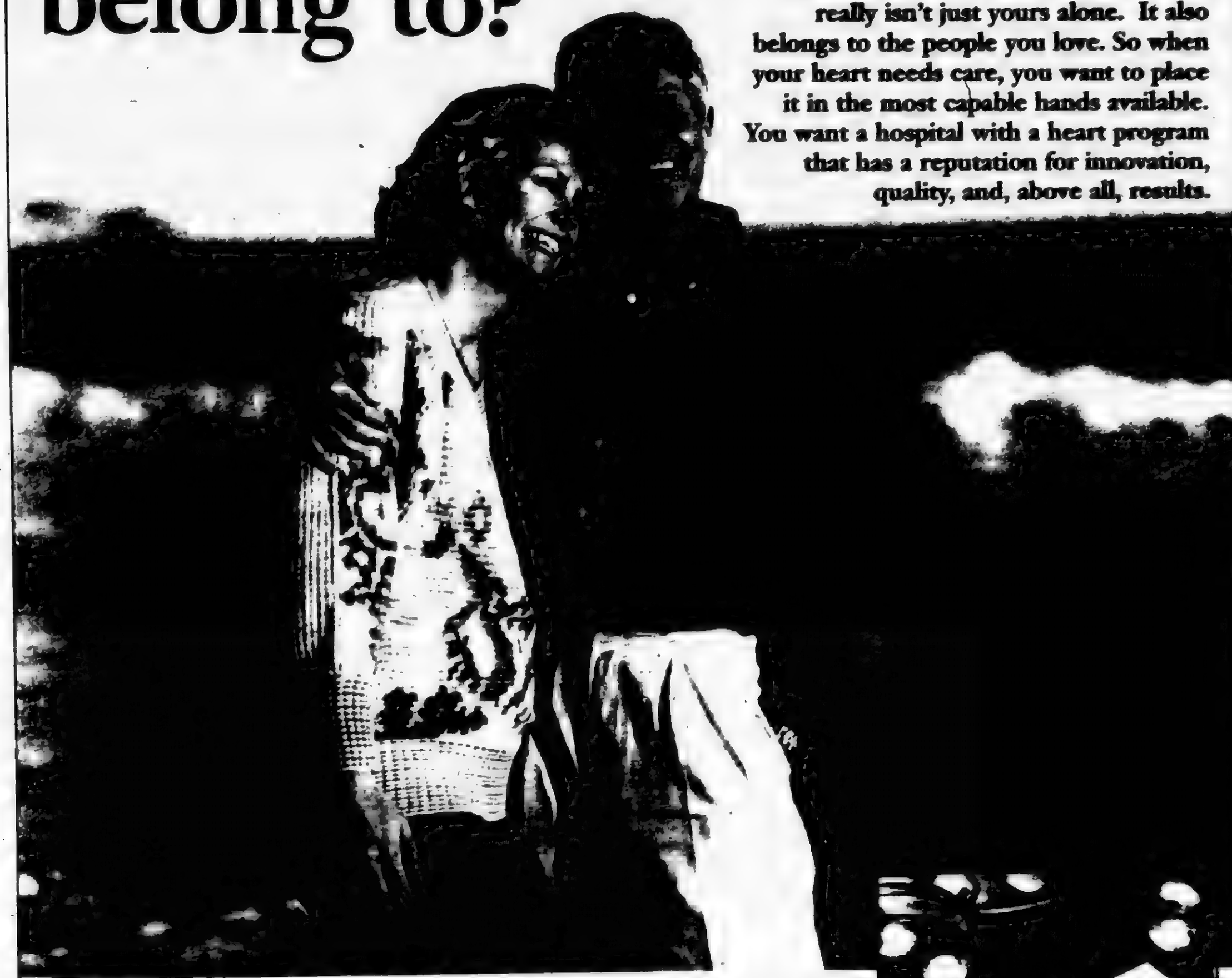

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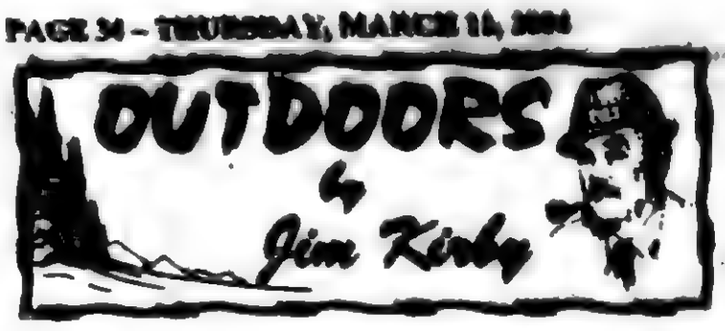

■**LET'S TALK TURKEY:** The Cook County Turkey Baggers will hold its 3rd Annual Super Fund Banquet on March 26 at the Rosewood West Banquet Hall, 131st and Cicero. Festivities begin with an open bar and silent auction preview at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m.

The Turkey Baggers are a chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Single tickets are $50 and couples tickets are $75. For tickets, call Ron at (708) 636-3083.

■**EASTERHAM SHOOT:** Try your luck, and test your shooting skills at the Palos Sportsman's Club on March 28. The club will be opened to the public for this ham shoot. It's a great opportunity to do some clay pigeon shooting, and at the same time have an opportunity to bag your Easter Ham.

Bring your favorite shotgun, shells and family to this fun shoot. The games run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The club is located at 240th and Harlem Ave., Frankfort. Phone: (815) 469-4446.

■**WILL LAKE MICHIGAN YIELD THE NEXT RECORD ILLINOIS SMALLMOUTH BASS:** At last-at last, the IDNR has opened the door to the possibility of someone catching and able to keep a record smallmouth bass. Up to now, all smallies caught in Illinois waters had to be released. Anglers who fish the lake exclusively for smallies have told me they have caught, weighed, and measured and had to release bass that would have broken the state record of 6 lbs., 7 oz. I believe them because I served as an on-board observer with three of the top tournament fishermen during the B.A.S.S. Tournament in Chicago four years ago. Those guys who know what their talking about predicted the National Record of 11 lbs., 15 oz. could fall to a fish from the Illinois waters of Lake Michigan.

■**THE BEST $10 YOU WILL EVER SPEND:** For the latest news about Illinois' natural resources, pick up the March issue of *Outdoor Illinois*, the Department of Natural Resources' monthly magazine. Accompanying the cover photo of geese rising over a central Illinois corn field is a story about the unique hunting strategies employed for hunting conservation-season geese. The expanded March issue also contains stories on Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area, attracting wildlife by constructing nest boxes, the use of seasonally flooded woodland pools by breeding amphibians, and spring salmon and trout fishing on Lake Michigan. Sportsmen will appreciate the annual feature highlighting entries in Illinois' Big Bucks Recognition Program.

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■**ONLINE HUNTER ED COURSE - IS ILLINOIS NEXT?:** For those who would like to get their hunting licenses, but whose busy schedules just can't accommodate the typical 16 classroom hours, there's now another option.

Through a three-year, $1 million challenge grant provided by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) has developed an online hunter education course that can be completed at one's own pace over the Internet or by using a CD and requires just one day afield.

"IHEA has made huge strides in implementing the online delivery system for hunter education," said Jodi Valenta, NSSF's director of recruitment and retention. "It understands the importance of offering this option for those who cannot afford the time it takes to attend a traditional course. This opens a new and convenient avenue to serve new customers who were previously overlooked.

Currently, 21 states are using the new Internet self-study program in some form. State agencies using the new program are seeing an increase in hunting licenses. As of last fall, more than 6,000 hunter education students were certified using the new online program.

As I understand it, the course certification in one state is recognized in other states. To buy a hunting license in most states, one under a certain age, has to show proof of passing a hunter safety course. To learn more visit www.ihea.com.

■**LET'S TALK FISHING:** TV, radio and outdoor personality **Chauncy** will be the guest speaker at the EDGE LOUNGE, 147th and Cicero, Midlothian, this Saturday, March 13, 1 to 5 p.m. Program will include question and answer period, raffles and free shore lunch.

Field Performer Of Week

Lawrence University track and field standout Kolade Agbaje-Williams picked up his first award of the indoor season when he was named the Midwest Conference Field Performer of the Week.

Agbaje-Williams, a sophomore from Evergreen Park, placed in two events at Carthage College Invitational. The former star at Evergreen Park High School took second in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 7.75 inches. He also placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 42-9.5.

Agbaje-Williams, who was an All-American both indoors and outdoors last year in the long jump, currently owns the top marks in the league to date in both events. He also has the fifth-longest long jump in the nation and is a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Division III Championships.

Ryan Ahern Signs

St. Laurence senior Ryan Ahern (left) of Palos Heights has signed a Letter of Intent with Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania for an athletic scholarship. Ahern had been offered scholarships from the Air Force Academy and Drake University but settled on Bucknell because of its high academic standards and athletic program. Bucknell is a Division 1A school in the Patriot League. Ahern will be playing quarterback for Bucknell, another reason why he chose the school. Ahern is a graduate of St. Alexander Grammar School. While at St. Laurence, he played football and basketball along with being a member of the track team. Ahern's father, brothers and an uncle are all alumni of St. Laurence. Pictured with Ahern is James Grannan, Athletic Director and Varsity Football Coach at St. Laurence.

Grannan commented that "we at St. Laurence are extremely proud of Ryan and are enthusiastic with his choice of schools in continuing his education and athletic career. Ryan was a huge asset to our football program and I know he will continue to give his utmost as he plays for Bucknell. We wish him the best of luck in all he does in the future. He has been a true leader here at St. Laurence."

Boost Wildlife Fund

Enhancing wildlife habitat and protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species are among the goals of projects receiving a boost from Illinois citizens donating to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund, a program of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources.

"More than 60 projects that can make a difference in wildlife conservation efforts in Illinois are being made possible, thanks to the generous contributions of citizens to the Wildlife Preservation Fund," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. "Whether they donate through the check-off on state income tax forms or simply by sending a check to the program, every dollar received is put to work to benefit wildlife in Illinois."

The Wildlife Preservation Fund is a voluntary contribution check-off option on the Illinois state income tax form. More than 500,000 individual donations have been made to the fund during the past 20 years, totaling more than $4 million. The funds have supported more than 800 projects focusing on habitat improvements and species restoration.

Donations to the Wildlife Preservation Fund are tax deductible and may be made on line 28a of the IL-1040 form. Donations to the fund may also be addressed to the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Resource Protection & Stewardship, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

ThunderBolts Camps

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced it will provide three baseball instructional camps for youths ages 7-16 hosted at Hawkinson Ford Field this summer.

The dates of the camps are slated for June 10th and 11th, July 20th and 21st, and Aug. 4th and 5th. Each two-day session will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of the camp is $75 per person, which will include a T-shirt and lunch.

ThunderBolts field manager Steve Maddock said campers will experience first-class instruction from qualified instructors while having fun playing the game they love.

"We have coaches who have had successful careers in both the major and minor leagues," Maddock said. "I believe that with the quality of coaches and players, they can pass down several ideas and tips that have served them well in their careers."

The other coaches that will be in attendance are ThunderBolts pitching coach Greg Beck and hitting coach Joe Charboneau. Charboneau won the 1980 American League Rookie of the Year with the Cleveland Indians.

Basketball Finals Party

The Mt. Carmel H.S. Alumni Assn. is sponsoring an NCAA Basketball Final Four Party in the Mt. Carmel Gym, 6410 S. Dante in Chicago, on Saturday, April 3rd for the school's building fund. The cost of the evening will be $35 and include both games, food, beverages, door prizes and a gift. The games will be shown on an 11 ft. by 14 ft. video screen. There will be a raffle, the cost of the tickets is $50, and split-the-pot and pull tabs. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the first game starting at 5 p.m. For information and tickets, contact Frank Kiszka at (773) 324-2834.

SXU Women's Basketball Champs

Senior guard Mary Cain put an exclamation point on her final home game at the Shannon Center tallying 19 points, 10 steals, seven assists and six rebounds to help lead the St. Xavier University women's basketball team to their second CCAC Tournament championship in as many seasons with a 91-76 victory over University of St. Francis (Ill.) on Saturday in Chicago. SXU earns an automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament in Jackson, Tenn., held from March 17th to 23rd.

Sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio paced the Cougars with a game-high 26 points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Senior center Jayme Brown contributed 14 points and seven rebounds, while freshman guard Dani Engleman and senior forward Rachel Merkell chipped in 11 and 10 points respectively. St. Francis (Ill.) was led by senior guard Latoya Campbell with 18 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

The victory marked the 100th win for head coach Bob Hallberg and the SXU women's basketball program, which began in 2000. The senior class, led by Cain, has averaged an impressive 25 wins per session in their four-year careers as Cougars.

SXU (26-9 overall) heads to Jackson, Tenn. for the NAIA National Tournament on Wednesday, March 17th. Last season, the Cougars advanced to the 2003 NAIA National Tournament with a CCAC Tournament championship win over St. Francis (Ill.), 82-69, but fell in their first game at nationals to University of Montana-Western, 75-51.

Special Olympics Tournament Set

Special Olympics athletes will hold court on March 13th and 14th in Bloomington-Normal for the 2004 Special Olympics Illinois Basketball Tournament. More than 1,350 athletes and 410 coaches will compete in the two-day tournament.

The tournament will take place at Illinois State University's Horton Field House in Normal and Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center in Bloomington. Team play will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13th at both facilities and is expected to conclude by 5 p.m. Individual Skills Competition will be held at the Shirk Center on Saturday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday's Team Competition runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at both facilities.

All players will be recognized during opening ceremonies at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Horton Field House. Athletes will recite the Special Olympics oath, and the Flame of Hope will be lit.

Athletes will participate in four categories of play and are divisioned within each category based on their skill level:

- Senior/Male: 74 teams including at least one male player 16 years or older.
- Female: 17 all-female teams with players 16 years or older.
- Junior: 10 teams including male and female players under the age of 16.
- Individual Skills: 200 athletes will test their abilities in dribbling, passing and shooting.

To compete in the state tournament, athletes must have completed eight weeks of training and played three games. All teams will play at least two games, and the games will be played according to IHSA rules. Senior/Male teams advanced to the state tournament after first competing in one of the nine district tournaments around the state. Gold medal winners at the district tournament qualified to advance to state.

Boating Safety Course

An Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Boating Safety Course, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, March 13th and Sunday, March 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days at the Forest Preserve's Sugar Creek Administration Center in Beecher. Participants must attend both sessions to earn their boating competency certification. The course, for persons at least 11 years old, is free of charge but requires registration.

Would you like to drive a motorboat? If so, you need to complete the Illinois Boating Education Course. This course is designed to cover the basics of boating safety. A state-certified boating safety instructor will cover topics such as equipment and requirements, navigation, motorboat registration and titling, emergency measures, and Illinois boating laws.

After completing the final examination, participants will receive course materials, State of Illinois Certification of Boating Competency, and graduate patch.

Space is limited, so register early. To register, call (815) 727-8700 weekdays.

The Sugar Creek Administration Center is located at 17540 W. Laraway Rd. between Route 52 and Route 53 in Joliet.

Mary Cain Is Named Player Of The Year

Senior guard Mary Cain showed why she was named the CCAC Player of the Year recently when she dropped a game-high 22 points on Indiana-University-South Bend on Thursday night to lead the No. 2 seed St. Xavier University women's basketball team over the Lady Titans, 85-73, at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, 3-1-04
Class AA Regionals
Reavis
St. Laurence 58, Oak Lawn 44
Mount Carmel
Englewood 84, Tilden 64
Evergreen Park
Evergreen Park 68, Calumet 67
Shepard
Richards 52, Stagg 47
Lockport
Lockport 46, Joliet Catholic 25
Homewood-Flossmoor
Oak Forest 77, Tinley Park 69
Julian
Curtiss 68, Fenger 55
Morton
Kennedy 66, Kelly 52
Riverside-Brookfield
Argo 58, Nazareth 40
Tuesday, 3-2-04
Evergreen Park
Brother Rice 60, Evergreen Park 39
Reavis
St. Laurence 72, Robeson 58
Mount Carmel
Simeon 88, Englwood 38
Morton
Curie 110, Kennedy 41
Julian
Julian 81, Curtiss 44
Riverside-Brookfield
Fenwick 78, Argo 56
Bolingbrook
Bolingbrook 79, Lemont 55
Lincoln-Way Central
Oak Forest 78, Providence 39
Lockport
Joliet 58, Lockport 49
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor 51, Oak Forest 48
Shepard
Marist 52, Richards 40
Thornridge
Thornwood 49, T.F. South 30
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Illiana Christian
Lowell 70, Hope 57
North Lawndale 70, Chicago Christian 63, OT
Byron
Rockford Christian Life 61, Burlington Central 46
Lisle
Northridge Prep 38, Timothy Christian 32
Plano
St. Anne 52, Reed-Custer 47

Wednesday, 3-3-04
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Lisle
Driscoll 55, Latin 35
Byron
Winnebago 91, Aurora Central 53
Plano
Momence 58, Dwight 41
Class AA Regionals
Evergreen Park
Julian 90, St. Rita 51
Mount Carmel
Carmel 93, Mount Carmel 58
Reavis
Leonard 59, Reavis 46
Riverside-Brookfield
Lyons 49, Riverside-Brookfield 46
St. Ignatius
Ignatius 64, Dunbar 52
Marshall 55, De La Salle 54
Julian
Washington 78, Harlan 70
Thornridge
Carver 60, Thornridge 59
Thornton
Thornton North 49, Bremen 26

Shepard
Evergreen Park 67, Shepard 32
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor 55, Marian Catholic 47
Lockport
Lockport 63, Sandburg 52
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way East 67, Lincoln-Way Central 65, OT
Friday, 3-5-04
Class A Sectional Finals
Illiana Christian
Lowell 55, North Lawndale 54, OT
Lisle
Northridge Prep 55, Driscoll 52
Byron
Winnebago 89, Rockford Christian Life 76
Plano
St. Anne 52, Momence 46
Class AA Regional Finals
Evergreen Park
Brother Rice 64, Bogan 62
Reavis
Leonard 55, St. Laurence 51
Mount Carmel
Simeon 87, Harper 44
Vocational
Evergreen Park 65, Vocational 50
Riverside-Brookfield
Fenwick 57, Lyons 47
Morton
Morton 61, Curie 58
St. Ignatius
Marshall 47, St. Ignatius 33
Julian
Julian 78, Washington 62
Thornridge
Thornwood 59, Carver 46
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor 65, Bloom 55

Lockport
Joliet 62, Andrew 44
Lincoln-Way Central
Hillcrest 83, Lincoln-Way East 49
Shepard
Marist 50, Morgan Park 39

BOYS BASKETBALL
ALL CONFERENCE
Catholic League
Bishop McNamara: Bryan Beckner; **Brother Rice:** Bob Frasor, Tim Harrigan, Dave Telander, Matt Seaquist; **De La Salle:** Gerald Harris; **Fenwick:** Vincent Humphrey (Lawless Award), Peter Flowers; **Gordon Tech:** Chris Lee, Mike Davis; **Holy Trinity:** Nate Minnoy, Jerod Haynes, Mike Robinson; **Holy Cross:** David Medina; **Leo:** Tracy Robinson, Al Downing, Frank Clair; **Loyola:** Eb NooNoo, Doug Kadison; **Mount Carmel:** Casanova Brown; **Providence:** Chris Buchanan; **St. Ignatius:** Max Kaplan, Alex Brzozowicz; **St. Laurence:** Mike Smith; **St. Rita:** Matt Godwin
Private League
Aurora Christian: Keith Suttle; **Chicago Christian:** Kyle Burkema; **Rockford Christian Life:** Jeremiah Box, Chris Harris; **Illiana Christian:** Jon Ooms; **Luther North:** Alvin Bibbs; **Luther South:** Chris Shepard; **Timothy Christian:** Ryan Klein, Benj Petroelje; **Walther Lutheran:** John Beard; **Westminster Christian:** Mark Beebe; **Wheaton Academy:** Jordan Euler

BOYS TRACK
Saturday, 3-6-04
Lincoln-Way Invitational
Winners: 400 DASH – Matt Dakin, Neuqua Valley, 52.90. 1,600 – Mike White, Lincoln-Way Central, 4:30.00. 200 DASH – Matt Oskielunas, Lincoln-Way East, 23.70. 1,600 RELAY – Mahomet-Seymour, 3:38.10. 55 HURDLES – Wade Rippy, Mahomet-Seymour, 8.70. 55 DASH – Oskielunas, Lincoln-Way East, 6.40. LONG JUMP – Blair Majcina, Lincoln-Way East, 20-08. SHOT PUT – Brandon Williams, Bradley, 53-01. HIGH JUMP – Majcina, Lincoln-Way East, 6-06. TRIPLE JUMP – Michael Thompson, Bradley, 41-01. POLE VAULT – JJ Bengston, Lincoln-Way East, 14-01. 3,200 – Nick Dunn, Neuqua Valley, 10:03.60. 3,200 RELAY – Neuqua Valley (A), 8:32.50. 800 – Geoff Houtman, Neuqua Valley, 1:58. 800 RELAY – Neuqua Valley, 1:39.70
Thornwood Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Thornwood 146. 2. Lockport 56. 3. East St. Louis 55. 4. Homewood-Flossmoor 50. 5. Rich Central 41. 6. Leo 35. 7. Rich East 34. 8. Thornton 32. 9. West Aurora [illegible]. 10. Bloomington 11. 11. Springfield Lanphier 10. 12. St. Rita 2. 13. Richards and Danville
Winners: 3,200 RELAY – Thornwood, 8:29. HIGH JUMP – Keith Hopkins, Thornwood, 6-2. LONG JUMP – Stephan Benjamin, Leo 22-4. POLE VAULT – Christopher Koenter, Thornwood, 12-0. SHOT PUT – Roy Magana, West Aurora, 53-7. 3,200 – Kyle Sagmis, Lockport, 9:59.60. 60 HIGH HURDLES – Kartos Kemp, Thornwood, 7.36. 60 DASH – Jeremy Johnson, Thornwood, 6.40. 600 DASH – Mike Skinner, Lockport, 1:19. 800 – David Brooks, Thornwood, 2:08.30. 800 RELAY – Thornwood, 1:36.50. 400 DASH – Chris Wright, Rich Central, 52.80. 600 – Jeremy Wheeler, Springfield Lanphier, 4:38.40. 300 DASH – Mychal Davis, Homewood-Flossmoor, 34.0. 1,600 RELAY – Thornwood, 3:39.30

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, 3-1-04
Class AA Supersectionals
St. Xavier
Marian Catholic 67, Stagg 52
UIC
Naperville Central 59, Benet 46
Loyola University (2)
New Trier 50, Young 26
DeKalb
Jacobs 62, Homegan 56
SIU-Edwardsville
Edwardsville 47, Mascoutah 44
Illinois Wesleyan
Peoria Richwoods 62, Centennial 43
Loyola University (1)
Grayslake 60, Glenbrook South 51
UIC (1)
Fenwick 72, Harlan 43
Friday, 3-5-04
State Quarter Finals
Marian Catholic 74, Grayslake 67
Naperville Central 61, Peoria Richwoods 53
Fenwick 77, Jacobs 26
New Trier 56, Edwardsville 32
Saturday, 3-6-04
Class AA Semifinals
Naperville Central 56, Marian Catholic 44
New Trier 38, Fenwick 35
Third Place Game
Fenwick 69, Marian Catholic 50
State Championship
Naperville Central 48, New Trier 37

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PUBLIC LEAGUE ALL SECTION
Windy City
Lane Tech: Jamie Majerowicz; **Young:** Danielle Campbell, Amanda Thompson, Erin Dickerson; **Westinghouse:** Detrisha Page, Konya Doss; **Marshall:** Charese Reed, Janesha Washington, Britney Jones; **Hyde Park:** Jessica Edwards; **Harlan:** Lashonda Johnson, Ollie Gillard, Andrea Downs; **Washington:** Jasmine Reed; **Morgan Park:** Zandranicka Williams; **Simeon:** Jasmine Robinson; **Lane Tech:** Danielle Tucker; **Hope:** Brandy Weeks, Latoar Eason; **Washington:** Nicole Hardin.
Central
Bronzeville: Lauren Coleman, Shequita Washington; **Curie:** Candance Evans, Avery Jackson, Courtney Jones, Johnise Terrel; **Dunbar:** Anquinneice McDaniels; **Kennedy:** Anna Kowlaska, Crystal Brown, Elizabeth Tokarz, Sadie O'Neal.
Metro South
Ag Science: Elizabeth Asque, Jalayne Brewton, Angelica Gonzalez; Anca McCullum; **Brooks:** Ashanti Brooks, Domonique Hayden, Jordaya Herron, Heather Roberts; **CICS-Longwood:** Erica Davis; **Du Sable:** Syria Coleman; **Dyett:** Andraya Hall; **Englewood:** Ciji Godfrey, Kierra Horton; **Hirsch:** Altha Richardson; **Kelly:** Meir Gacgacao; **King:** Brittany Anderson, Taylor Pikes, Brittany Robinson, Taylor Turner; **Chicago Richards:** Jasmine Marshall, Ciera Preston
ALL CONFERENCE
Suburban Prairie East
Elmwood Park: Rachel Bormann; **Evergreen Park:** Lisa Nassin, Jessica Starr; **Fenton:** Ashley Eder, Rachel Hernandez, Kristi Siemers; **Ridgewood:** Monika Krozel, Anne McCormack; **Riverside-Brookfield:** Meghan Hutchens, Maggie McCloskey, Sandy Vojik; **Westmont:** Maureen Cannon.
Suburban Prairie South
Lemont: Renee Skorun, Denise Spielman; **Minooka:** Jessica Kirincich, Amy Zaffino; **Morris:** Breanna Croce, Brittanie Croce, Karleen Kingman; **Oswego:** Teah Gant, Emily Grant, Liz Ziemnik; **Plainfield Central:** Taryn Lenich, Maggie Sillar.

GIRLS TRACK
Argo Invite
Final Team Results: 1. Downers Grove South 138. 2. Evanston 134. 3. Lockport 124. 4. Fenwick 44. 5. Argo 42. 6. Nazareth 36. 7. Rich Central 22. 8. St. Ignatius 16. 9. Vernon Hills 14
Winners: 55 DASH – Demeca Hill, Evanston, 7.07. 200 DASH – Demeca Hill, Evanston, 26.44. 400 DASH – Morgan Pointer, Evanston, 1:01.97. 600 RUN – Courtney Barrett, Evanston, 1:48.29. 800 – RUN Stephanie Som, Argo, 2:26.23. 1600 RUN Sarah Iucianek, Downers Grove South, 5:43.76. 3200 RUN – Cailley Chakeen, Fenwick, 12:41.77. 55 HURDLES – Caitlin Finnegan, Lockport, 8.91. HIGH JUMP Staci Prodehl, Lockport, 5-4. POLE VAULT Katie Hoffman, Argo, 8-6. LONG JUMP Stephanie Kurrab, Downers Grove South, 16-9¾. TRIPLE JUMP – Egle Stassunaite, Downers Grove South, 35-6½. 4x160 RELAY – Evanston, 1:23.85. 4x400 RELAY – Lockport, 4:18.31. 4x800 RELAY – Nazareth, 10:34.28. SHOT PUT – Josey Dyer, Evanston, 35-10¾

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For all show and hotel details on the 2004 Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo and Shooting Sports Show, call 1(800) 324-3337

Hallberg Is Named Head Coach

Athletic Director Bob Hallberg and the St. Xavier University athletic department recently named Ed McAllister as the head coach for the department's new men's cross country program set to begin competition during the fall season of 2004. McAllister has plenty of experience initiating new cross country and track and field programs at both the high school and collegiate level.

"This is a phenomenal opportunity for me," said McAllister. "We are going to compete against the best competition right from the start in order to raise us to the highest level of performance. I am an active and vigorous coach and recruiter and this is a great place to be. We are going to build an amazing program."

SXU Guard Phillip Watson Scores 14 Points

Junior guard Phillip Watson led the St. Xavier University men's basketball team with 14 points and nine rebounds. However, the Cougars could not stop Robert 'Morris' junior center Brandon Bender who finished with game-highs of 30 points and 19 points, to lead the Eagles to the CCAC championship, 72-68, at the Loyola Alumni Gym in Chicago. Robert Morris advances to the NAIA National Tournament with the win, while SXU will wait to see if it receives an at-large bid.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate

Commonly known as: 8500 S. 77th Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $114,509.08

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs Lisa D. Cole, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15233 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $112,435.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8259.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Martin Alonso, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-14193.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5140 W. State Road, Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $88,641.32.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-1157D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Lois F. Bonaguro a/k/a Lois Bonaguro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10384.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 5, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 16831 Forest Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,336.76.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9194D.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, NA, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas Edward Leppis Jr., et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-15767.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8151 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $138,326.08.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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File No. PA0207233.

200904C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank United, Plaintiff, vs. Mark S. Horstra, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-12277.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 25, 2000, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 5649 Lancaster Ln., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a split level, single family residence with a detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $117,434.86.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. 996380.

200868C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-FF2 By: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its Attorney-in-Fact, Plaintiff, vs. Joe Williams, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12604.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 12253 S. McDaniel Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $224,305.26.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

200941C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Salvatore F. Tenuta a/k/a Salvatore Tenuta, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12628.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 11801 S. Kedvale Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $122,268.12.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st. Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, NA, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Amos Clay, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4301.

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on 01/14/04, a Foreclosure Sale will be held on April 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at southwest corner of Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602, the person appointed to conduct the sale will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described premises and real estate:

7744 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements of the property are as follows: one story, brick constructed, single family with separate garage.

The property is NOT open for inspection.

For information regarding this property contact the Special Commissioner, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 644-1620.

The Law Office of: Karen R. Anderson & Associates, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 644-1620, Fax (312) 644-6420, 06193869-ARDC. File No. MCO-3763.

202096C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Rafael Lozano, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13117.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit B-1/507, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a condo within 40 unit building an brick and no garage.

The judgment amount was $85,984.42.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306352.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Willie Massey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6152.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56855
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 17, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the door at the Northeast Corner of the Lobby, of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 7801 S. Sawyer, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick constructed dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $141,073.93.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Premier Mortgage Services, Plaintiff, vs. Vernon G. Neeley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13768.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14505 Harrison Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,687.08.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-7871.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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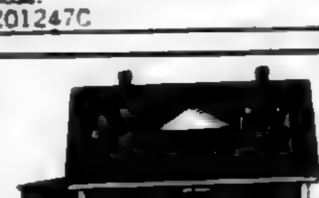

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Wieczorek a/k/a Richard B. Wieczorek, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4826.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56043
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2004.

I, Frank Cohen, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 20, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the front door of the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8545 S. Latrobe, Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $169,435.28.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alonzo Logwood, III, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-17244.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8638 S. Kolin Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $152,054.83.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 02-4760D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-4899.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor Southwest corner (nearest corner to Clark and Washington Sts.), Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company-West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Castaneda, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9134.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14713 S. Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,419.90.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8408.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Marie K. Swanson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14305.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15050 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,910.61.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 32527.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Tarlisa K. Hunt a/k/a Tarlisa Harvey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-4044.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9237 S. Karlov Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family home 1 story red brick w/attached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $250,201.76.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0301729.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Rudy Huber, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4185.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4112 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $61,109.70.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 30292.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judical Sales Corporation will on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Jackie Smith of Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please call between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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BP America College Scholarship Forms

BP America Inc. invites graduating high school seniors who reside in the greater Chicago metropolitan area to apply through March 1st for $2,000 college scholarships.

The applications are available through the month of February at all participating BP and Amoco convenience stores throughout Chicago, Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana. The postmark deadline is March 1st. A panel of judges will select scholarship winners from eligible applicants based on information provided in personal essays.

The BP scholarships are granted to a diverse group of students with demonstrated financial need, according to BP senior vice-president Polly Flinn. "Education is an issue that we know is important to BP customers and our neighbors in the community. We believe investment in education can help build sustainable communities.

"The BP program is designed to identify students who show through community activities, work experience, academic performance and an essay that they are committed to the focus and hard work necessary to succeed in college and in life," Flinn explained.

The BP Community Scholarship Program has provided more than $1.5 million in scholarships to about 750 deserving young students in the Chicago area during the past 15 years. In 2003 alone, the BP Community Scholarship Program provided 70 scholarships of $2,000 each in Chicagoland.

More information on BP Community Scholarships is available at www.bpscholarships.org, or from Charitable Management Systems, (630) 428-2412.

Hynes' Plan To Crack Down On Tax Havens

State Comptroller Dan Hynes' aggressive plan to crack down on corporations that use offshore tax havens to avoid paying their fair share of state and federal taxes was passed by the House State Government Committee Feb. 19 and sent to the full House.

Hynes' plan, HB 4194, sponsored by Rep. Gary Hanning (D-Litchfield) and Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock), will prohibit corporate "expatriates" from doing business with the state, and close a loophole in the Illinois tax code that allows corporations to shift profits to overseas tax havens to avoid paying taxes in Illinois. The bill received the backing of the Illinois AFL-CIO and The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

"The concept of this bill is a simple one," Hynes told the committee. "Every corporation should pay what it fairly owes in taxes, just as every individual taxpayer is expected to do. When a small number of corporations take advantage of the system, they are simply shifting a higher tax burden onto individuals, small businesses and the majority of corporations that don't abuse the law. Their actions should not be rewarded with state contracts."

Hynes said five corporate expatriates have benefited from state business in recent years: Accenture, Foster Wheeler Ltd., Tyco International, Ingersoll Rand, and APW, Limited. Payments to those companies have totaled close to $2.5 million. In addition, the Illinois State Board of Investment has invested in at least three expatriate corporations, including Ingersoll-Rand, Tyco International and Transocean.

Hynes said that at the federal level, legislation has been proposed to make corporate expatriates intelligible for federal contracts and to close down these offshore tax scheme altogether, but to date, Congress has failed to act. "That's is why it is imperative that Illinois join the growing list f states that are taking steps to deter corporations from expatriating and close down the tax loopholes that allow them to use offshore havens to avoid paying their fair share of income taxes," he said.

SXU Women's Basketball Record

Historically speaking, four years may not seem like a long amount of time. However, the Saint Xavier University women's basketball program has made the most of its short four-year history winning two regular-season conference championships, two conference tournament championships, and just recently qualifying for its second straight trip to the 24th Annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Women's Basketball Championship from March 17-23 at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn.

As if receiving another automatic bid to the national tournament was not exciting enough, the seven seniors on the 2003-04 SXU women's basketball roster also have another accomplishment to be proud of. With Saturday's Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Tournament championship victory over University of St. Francis (Ill.), the Cougars' senior class and the women's basketball program earned its 100th victory.

"What a fantastic four years for both our seniors and the program," said SXU women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg. "Our seniors have twice been conference regular-season champions, conference tournament champions, and received two bids to the NAIA National Tournament. That is pretty amazing considering our senior class took a chance on building a program from scratch."

The Saint Xavier University women's basketball team (26-9 overall) leaves for Jackson, Tenn., on Monday, March 15. Game times and seedings for the national tournament have yet to be determined.

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Devine Is Nifty Fifties Speaker

Richard A. Devine (pictured), Cook County State's Attorney, will speak before the Nifty Fifties, Monday, March 15 at 1 p.m. in the Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner.

Marcella Petyrak, coordinator, announced that Devine will discuss matters of importance and interest to the group. An expert on many topics of interest to citizens of all ages, Devine will concentrate on subjects of interest to the group and allow time for questions and answers.

Richard Devine received his B.A., cum laude, at John Carroll University/Loyola University of Chicago. He received his legal education, receiving his J.D., cum laude, at Northwestern University School of Law.

Release Tax Records Of 92nd General Assembly Members

National Taxpayers United of Illinois (NTU), the largest taxpayer group in the state, released its 10th non-partisan Tax Survey of the Illinois General Assembly, revealing the tax spending records of every member of the 92nd General Assembly from January 2001 to January 2003.

While the 92nd General Assembly was in session, from Fiscal Year 2001 to FY 2002, the state budget increased 8% or nearly $4 billion from $48.7 billion to $52.6 billion. Total state spending in FY2003 leapt $4 billion or 6% from total spending in FY2002. To feed the massive spending increases, our legislators in Springfield approved $610 million worth of state tax hikes.

Forty-three House politicians and 34 politicians in the Senate voted for all three state tax increases, a statewide increase in local phone taxes and both statewide property tax-hike bills. One of the property tax-hike bills, SB1171, would have raised property taxes statewide up to $1.2 billion without referenda. SB1171 was defeated by NTU in the state Senate.

Rep. Jonathan Wright (R-90, Lincoln), a candidate for U.S. Senate in the March 16 Republican Primary, was among the Taxpayers' Friends in the House. Meanwhile, state Senators Barack Obama (D-13, Chicago) and Steve Rauschenberger (R-33, Elgin), who are running in the Democratic and Republican Primaries for U.S. Senate, respectively, earned spots on the Taxpayers' Enemies list. Rauschenberger voted for two of the three tax hikes, increasing the burden on taxpayers by $480 million annually. He was also the sole Senate sponsor of SB88, the Local Telecom Tax Shell Game bill, that costs Illinois taxpayers an extra $240 million per year in local utility taxes.

Other Taxpayers' Friends in the House include Keith Sommer (R-89, Morton), Randall Hultgren (R-40, Wheaton), Renee Kosel (R-38, Mokena), Terry Parke (R-53, Schaumburg), Dale Righter (R-106, Mattoon) and Tim Schmitz (R-42, Batavia). There were no Taxpayers' Friends in the Illinois Senate.

The scoring methodology of this survey has remained unchanged since NTU published its first non-partisan Tax Survey of the 83rd General Assembly in 1983. All significant tax-increase, tax-cut and spending bills are included in the Survey.

Legislators voting for each of the tax-increase and spending bills receive a score of 0%, while legislators voting against all tax hikes and new spending earn a score of 100%.

Night With The Stars

On Friday, April 2nd, the Kiwi Club of Chicago will host *A Night with the Stars*, their 45th annual Cocktail Party and Silent Auction. This year's silent auction will include a variety of memorabilia of movie stars, sports stars, music, overnight vacation packages, Disney and much more.

The event will be held at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres served from 7 to 9 p.m. while guests enjoy the entertainment of the Johnny Frigo Jazz Combo and bid on their favorite auction items.

Tickets for the event are $35 in advance and $40 at the door.

A spectacular Raffle includes a $2,000 cash prize, trip for two to the Caribbean, trip for two anywhere in the USA and two $1,000 gift certificates from S. Garber Furs. Raffle tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10.

Proceeds from *A Night with the Stars* will benefit Park Lawn and the Wings Foundation. Park Lawn is a non-profit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs that provides vocational service, supported employment, adult developmental training, and residential services for adults with developmental disabilities.

For more information about the event or to make reservations, contact Park Lawn at (708) 425-6867.

Plan Trade Mission In Europe

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce announced plans recently to hold its first-ever trade mission to Europe.

The trade mission is in partnership with the Illinois Trade Office (ITO). It is planned for June 11th to 20th and will include visits to England, Germany and Poland. Through the efforts of the ITO offices in Europe, participating companies will have preset appointments.

According to Jim Bush, chairman of the board and president of American Eagle Steel, this is the first time that the Southland Chamber has organized such a trip. "The goal of this mission is to find customers for participating companies and also to connect European exporters with area distributors and third-party logistic firms," said Bush.

Joseph Christofanelli, Jr., Village of Glenwood and vice-chair of economic development for the Chamber, indicated that the Southland is positioned well to "reap the benefits" from the logistics aspect of international trade. "The true strength of the Southland is that we are the gateway to intermodal and interstate egress from metro Chicago," stated Christofanelli.

He continued saying, "The extensive network of intermodal, warehousing, interstates and freight systems already in place here provides shippers with turnkey logistics services away from congested central city arteries. We are ready to do business."

Chairman Bush stressed that the mission will create an opportunity for area manufacturers. "Whether a company currently sells to the European market or has never done so, this trip and the help we will receive from the ITO and U.S. Customs will help companies sell to these markets. We think that many more of our member companies will sell overseas after learning how it is done."

According to Kevin McNulty, president and chief executive officer of the Southland Chamber, the trip will include visits with three European chambers of commerce. The Chamber will be signing a "sister chamber" agreement with the Conventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce. They are located in the suburbs of Birmingham, England, a sister city to Chicago.

"Since their economic base is very similar to ours, it made a lot of sense to sign our first agreement with this group," stated McNulty. The group's second stop will be in Berlin to sign a similar agreement with the East German Chamber. Then members will travel on to Warsaw to sign with the newly formed Polish-American Chamber.

Companies that make the trip will have prescheduled appointments with potential customers in all three locations. This is being done through the assistance of the Illinois Trade Office and under the Gold Key program of the U.S. Customs office. "Our goal is to do some business on this trip," stated McNulty.

Manufacturers, logistic firms and other companies interested in making the trip can gain information by calling the Chamber office, (708) 957-6950. Participation is limited.

Ms. Wheelchair Pageant

The third annual Ms. Wheelchair Illinois Pageant will be held on March 20th at the Dr. Julian Rogus School, 20027 S. 88th Ave in Frankfort. The pageant begins at 2:30 p.m.

This pageant is to select the most accomplished and articulate spokesperson for the millions of disabled Americans. It is also to celebrate women who use wheelchairs and have goals, dreams and accomplishments to share with others.

Check out the National Ms. Wheelchair American web site at www.mswheelchairamerica.org. Call Michelle McKeever, the Illinois State Coordinator, at (708) 687-0444 if you have questions or would like to be a contestant for next year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to call attention to the forgotten Republican U.S. Senate candidate, Jonathan Wright.

He's one of the few candidates with legislative experience and a proven track record that shows he's 100% committed to the sanctity of life and protecting children from internet pornography. And 100% committed to protecting the sanctity of marriage as ordained by God.

This is a man of character and integrity. He honors his wife and five children by avoiding the glitzy parties available to elected officials because of the temptations associated with them and goes home to his family at night.

This candidate not only talks the talk but walks the walk. He's a breath of fresh air, a statesman not a politician. We need him in the US Senate.

Karen Hiad
Midlothian, IL.

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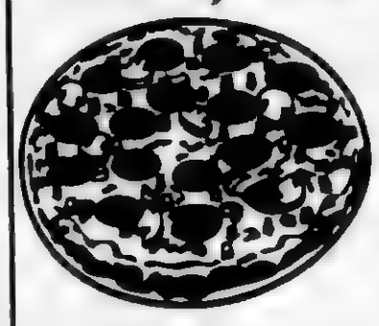

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Judith Clohessy

Mass was said Monday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Judith Clohessy.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; her children, Jeffrey (Kathryn) and Sharon A. (Albert) Dalto; four grandchildren; her brothers, Richard (Theresa) White and William White and her sister, Patricia (Bruce) Halper.

Rita J. Collins

Mass was said Tuesday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rita J. Collins, 90, of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Michael "Mickey".

She is survived by her children, Michael J. (Mary) and Rita J. McDonough; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Curtis L. Creech, Sr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Louis deMontfort Church for Curtis L. Creech, Sr., retired employee of Central Steel & Wire Co. with 42 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; his children, Curtis Jr. (Mary), Dennis, Robert (Karen), Kenneth, Pamela (Gary) Regalado and Gerry (Wendy); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his sisters, Barbara Murphy and Charlene Kanamowicz.

Mary Danner

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at All Saints Cemetery, for Mary Danner, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her daughter, Marguerite (William) Baumann; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mary A. Maloney

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary A. Maloney.

She is survived by her sister, Marcella "Marcy" (Robert) Ross and her brother, John Carey.

Robert Stanley Dudek

A memorial visit will take place Saturday, March 13th from 6 p.m. until the service at 7 p.m. at the McKenzie Funeral Home, 15618 Cicero Ave., for Robert Stanley Dudek, 54, who died suddenly in Los Angeles, CA.

He is survived by his brother, Richard (Betty) and his sister, Darlene Wenzler.

Lottie Riccardo

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Lottie Riccardo.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Rosemarie (Myles) Feltenberger, Diane (Vito) LaMonto and Martin (Denise); nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

George Prancik, Sr.

Mass was said Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for George Prancik, Sr., 77, Navy veteran of World War II. He had many years of service with American Can Company.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his children, Linda (Gene) Holmes, George (Stacey) and Eileen (Richard) Lofgren and six grandchildren.

Mary T. Quinn

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary T. Quinn.

She is survived by her husband, William, retired Captain CPD; her children, John (Susan), Patrick (Joanne), Michael (Jennifer) and Matthew (Debbie); 12 grandchildren; her sisters, Jane (Ray) Thomsen and Margaret (Norman) Kalish and her brother, William (Mary) Moran.

Stephanie Hajduk

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Stephanie Hajduk, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her brother, Frank and her sisters, Helen and Bernice.

Dawn M. Hurst

A memorial service was held Sunday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Dawn M. Hurst.

She is survived by her children, Jena (Scott) Clark and Adam (Rhiannon); six grandchildren; her mother, Sally Orris and her sister, Pam Corrello.

Barbara J. Johnson

Services were held Tuesday at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Barbara J. Johnson, 64, a veteran.

She is survived by her sister, Beverly (Richard) Kahn.

Mary R. St. Amour

Mass was said Monday at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Mary R. St. Amour, wife of the late Phillip "Ray". She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a retired employee of School District 132 with 15 years of service.

She is survived by her children, Maribeth (Marty Young) St. Amour and Debbie Dowling; one grandchild and her sister, Margaret (Raymond) Sowell.

Florence H. Cheshier

Mass was said Friday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Florence H. Cheshier of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Charles. She was a hospital secretary and member of the Blue Army, St. Bernadette Altar & Rosary, the Evergreen Park Grandmothers Club and many other organizations.

She is survived by her children, Elizabeth (Jack) Truax and Charlet Pinto; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and her brother, Edwin (Mary) Reigel.

Raymond J. Kosiek

Mass was said Monday at St. Gall Church, Chicago, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Raymond J. Kosiek, 61, of Evergreen Park. He was a controller in manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his children, Maryl (John) Ramage, Raegan, Raymond II (Nancy), Kenton, Nicholas and Jon Kosiek and four grandchildren.

Robert P. Johnson

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert P. Johnson, 69, retired Chicago Police Dept. and employee of the Dept. of Aviation Midway Airport. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 854 in Evergreen Park and I.P.A. & F.O.P.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; his children, Robert, Donna, Christopher (Patricia) and Claranne Johnson and seven grandchildren.

James P. Bushell

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for James P. Bushell.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; his children, James R. (Agnes) and Kathleen (Roger) Buckingham; seven grandchildren; his brothers, Andrew, Joseph and Charles and his sister, Eileen Gimier.

Eileen Carroll

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eileen Carroll, 70, wife of the late Daniel.

She is survived by her children, Dolores, Daniel, Mary, Therese, Carmel (William) Fiedler and Patricia (Paul) Ludwig; three grandchildren and her brothers, Leo and Vincent Carty.

Lawrence Milen

Mass was said Monday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Lawrence Milen.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children, Debbie (Eric) Jensen, Margaret (John) Mikolajczak, Linda (Gary) Jones and Keny Lufkin; nine grandchildren; his brothers, Henry (Ellen), Edward (Essie) and Ronald (Susan) and his sisters, Eleanor Heitmann, Dorothy (Robert) Rundin and Jeanne Mercier.

Lois J. Mulhall

Services were held Wednesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Lois J. Mulhall, 79.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Caralee (Bob) Miller, Robert G., Dale (John) McNamara and Lauren (Steve) Kesling; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Joseph Michael Mullen

Mass was said Tuesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph Michael Mullen, 70, Chicago Police Dept. He was a dedicated Chicago police officer and retired at the rank of Captain after 42 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; his children, Mary Jo (Tom) Strenk, Joseph (Mary Kay) and Madonna (Marco) Majka; seven grandchildren and his sisters, Kaye, Patricia and Maureen.

Alfred J. Knieling

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Alfred J. Knieling, 82, World War II veteran. He was a graduate of DePaul University and a retired accountant and business manager.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his son, Richard (Lori); one grandchild and his sister, Irene Adomaitis.

Helen Mary Grieve

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Helen Mary Grieve, 83, wife of the late Harold "Dutch".

She is survived by her children, Richard (Margaret), Patricia (Ronald) Fisher, Arlene (William) Beavan and Tim, CPD (Kristine); six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph D. Balletto

Services were held Monday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Joseph D. Balletto, 69, Korean War veteran. He was a member of the Korean War Veterans Assn. South Suburban Chapter of Tinley Park and Tesmond VFW Post 2604. He is a retired employee of the City of Chicago Dept. of Water with 31 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Janet M. and his children, Glenn, Scott and Mark.

Edward J. Peppler

Services were held Tuesday at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Edward J. Peppler.

He is survived by his wife, Janice M.; his children, Edward (Lynn), Joseph and David; two grandchildren; his father, Edward and his sister, Barbara (Ed) Kelleher Stevens.

Virginia K. Levitt

Services were held Wednesday at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Glen Oak Cemetery, for Virginia K. Levitt, 84.

She is survived by her husband, Leo L.; her children, Lynne P. (Ronald) Huntley and Nancy L. (Paul) Bailey; three grandchildren and her brother, Richard (Dena) Lathrop.

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Amy Hyerczyk led Stagg with 15 points. Soad Halim and Eileen Walsh scored 10 points each, and Heather King chipped in nine points.

Marian Catholic (26-6) was led by senior center Lauren Lacey, who recorded 21 points. Brea Banks had 14 points and nine rebounds, and Kiesha Collins and Casey Taylor scored 14 points each.

Stagg stayed close until the three minute mark of the second quarter. With the score 21-20, Marion Catholic went on a 10 point run to close out the half at 31-20.

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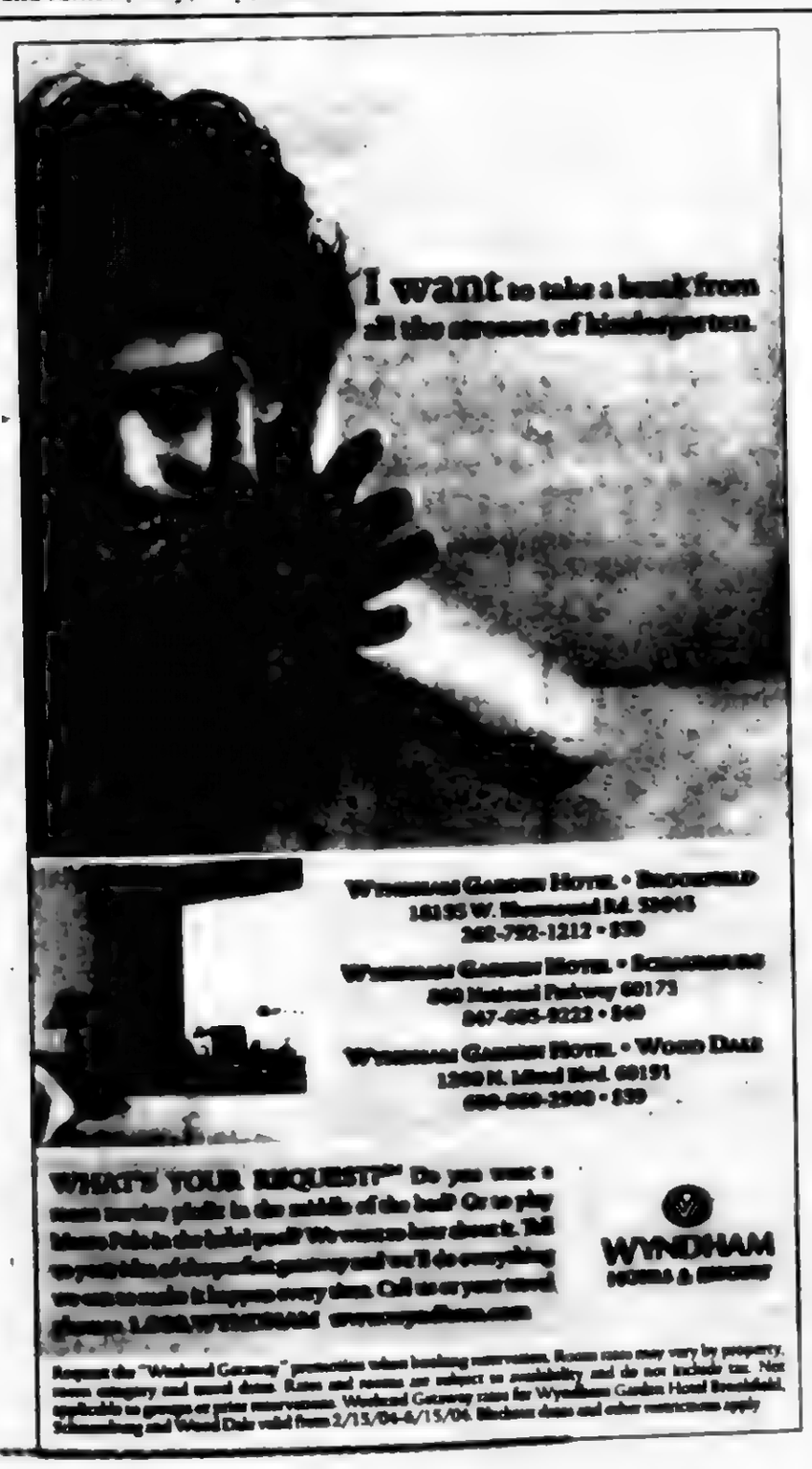

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Mass was said Tuesday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rita J. Collins, 90, of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Michael "Mickey".

She is survived by her children, Michael J. (Mary) and Rita J. McDonough; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Curtis L. Creech, Sr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Louis deMontfort Church for Curtis L. Creech, Sr., retired employee of Central Steel & Wire Co. with 42 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; his children, Curtis Jr. (Mary), Dennis, Robert (Karen), Kenneth, Pamela (Gary) Regalado and Gerry (Wendy); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his sisters, Barbara Murphy and Charlene Kanamowicz.

Mary Danner

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at All Saints Cemetery, for Mary Danner, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her daughter, Marguerite (William) Baumann; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mary A. Maloney

Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary A. Maloney.

She is survived by her sister, Marcella "Marcy" (Robert) Ross and her brother, John Carey.

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A memorial visit will take place Saturday, March 13th from 6 p.m. until the service at 7 p.m. at the McKenzie Funeral Home, 15618 Cicero Ave., for Robert Stanley Dudek, 54, who died suddenly in Los Angeles, CA.

He is survived by his brother, Richard (Betty) and his sister, Darlene Wenzler.

Lottie Riccardo

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Lottie Riccardo.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Rosemarie (Myles) Feltenberger, Diane (Vito) LaMonto and Martin (Denise); nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

George Prancik, Sr.

Mass was said Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for George Prancik, Sr., 77, Navy veteran of World War II. He had many years of service with American Can Company.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his children, Linda (Gene) Holmes, George (Stacey) and Eileen (Richard) Lofgren and six grandchildren.

Mary T. Quinn

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary T. Quinn.

She is survived by her husband, William, retired Captain CPD; her children, John (Susan), Patrick (Joanne), Michael (Jennifer) and Matthew (Debbie); 12 grandchildren; her sisters, Jane (Ray) Thomsen and Margaret (Norman) Kalish and her brother, William (Mary) Moran.

Stephanie Hajduk

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Stephanie Hajduk, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her brother, Frank and her sisters, Helen and Bernice.

Dawn M. Hurst

A memorial service was held Sunday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Dawn M. Hurst.

She is survived by her children, Jena (Scott) Clark and Adam (Rhiannon); six grandchildren; her mother, Sally Orris and her sister, Pam Corrello.

Barbara J. Johnson

Services were held Tuesday at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Barbara J. Johnson, 64, a veteran.

She is survived by her sister, Beverly (Richard) Kahn.

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Mary R. St. Amour

Mass was said Monday at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Mary R. St. Amour, wife of the late Phillip "Ray". She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a retired employee of School District 132 with 15 years of service.

She is survived by her children, Maribeth (Marty Young) St. Amour and Debbie Dowling; one grandchild and her sister, Margaret (Raymond) Sowell.

Florence H. Cheshier

Mass was said Friday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Florence H. Cheshier of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Charles. She was a hospital secretary and member of the Blue Army, St. Bernadette Altar & Rosary, the Evergreen Park Grandmothers Club and many other organizations.

She is survived by her children, Elizabeth (Jack) Truax and Charlet Pinto; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and her brother, Edwin (Mary) Reigel.

Raymond J. Kosiek

Mass was said Monday at St. Gall Church, Chicago, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Raymond J. Kosiek, 61, of Evergreen Park. He was a controller in manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his children, Maryl (John) Ramage, Raegan, Raymond II (Nancy), Kenton, Nicholas and Jon Kosiek and four grandchildren.

Robert P. Johnson

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He is survived by his wife, Clara; his children, Robert, Donna, Christopher (Patricia) and Claranne Johnson and seven grandchildren.

James P. Bushell

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Eileen Carroll

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eileen Carroll, 70, wife of the late Daniel.

She is survived by her children, Dolores, Daniel, Mary, Therese, Carmel (William) Fiedler and Patricia (Paul) Ludwig; three grandchildren and her brothers, Leo and Vincent Carty.

Lawrence Milen

Mass was said Monday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Lawrence Milen.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children, Debbie (Eric) Jensen, Margaret (John) Mikolajczak, Linda (Gary) Jones and Keny Lufkin; nine grandchildren; his brothers, Henry (Ellen), Edward (Essie) and Ronald (Susan) and his sisters, Eleanor Heitmann, Dorothy (Robert) Rundin and Jeanne Mercier.

Lois J. Mulhall

Services were held Wednesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Lois J. Mulhall, 79.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Caralee (Bob) Miller, Robert G., Dale (John) McNamara and Lauren (Steve) Kesling; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Joseph Michael Mullen

Mass was said Tuesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph Michael Mullen, 70, Chicago Police Dept. He was a dedicated Chicago police officer and retired at the rank of Captain after 42 years of service.

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Alfred J. Knieling

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Alfred J. Knieling, 82, World War II veteran. He was a graduate of DePaul University and a retired accountant and business manager.

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Helen Mary Grieve

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Helen Mary Grieve, 83, wife of the late Harold "Dutch".

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Joseph D. Balletto

Services were held Monday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Joseph D. Balletto, 69, Korean War veteran. He was a member of the Korean War Veterans Assn. South Suburban Chapter of Tinley Park and Tesmond VFW Post 2604. He is a retired employee of the City of Chicago Dept. of Water with 31 years of service.

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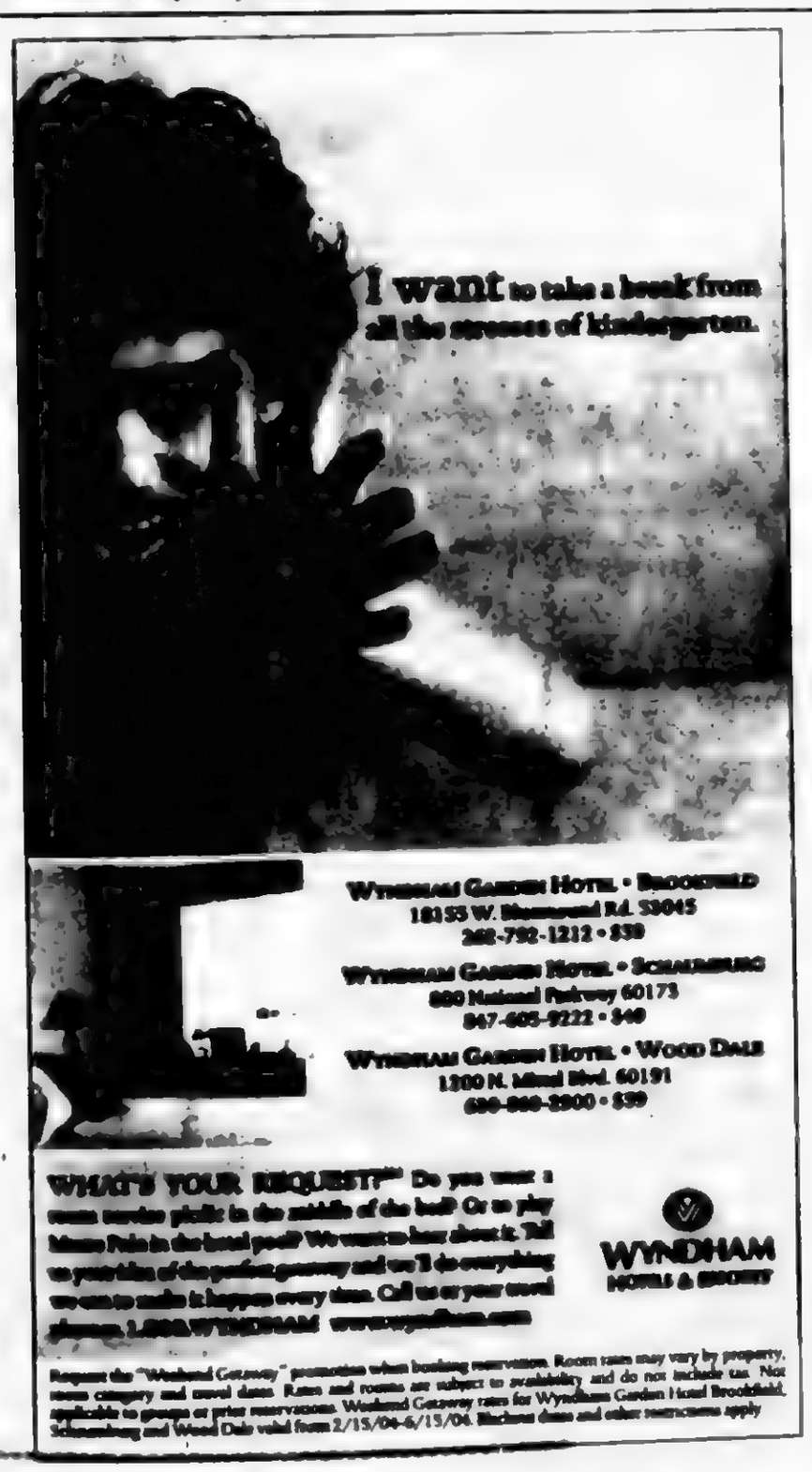

Roundballers Defeat Stagg

The lady roundballers of Marian Catholic defeated Stagg 67-52 Monday night (3/1) in the St. Xavier Supersectional. It was the second consecutive year in which the Chargers were defeated by Marian Catholic in the supersectionals. Stagg finished with a 22-9 record this season.

Amy Hyerczyk led Stagg with 15 points. Soad Halim and Eileen Walsh scored 10 points each, and Heather King chipped in nine points.

Marian Catholic (26-6) was led by senior center Lauren Lacey, who recorded 21 points. Brea Banks had 14 points and nine rebounds, and Kiesha Collins and Casey Taylor scored 14 points each.

Stagg stayed close until the three minute mark of the second quarter. With the score 21-20, Marion Catholic went on a 10 point run to close out the half at 31-20.

The Lady Chargers were never closer than nine points in the second half. Marian Catholic's balanced attack and strong defensive efforts rebuffed Stagg's hopes of a Class AA state quarterfinal bid.

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Fermilab Art Series Showcase

The Fermilab Arts Series presents one of its most beloved traditions, The Choreographer's Showcase, on Saturday, March 13th at 8 p.m. in Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium. Created as an opportunity to highlight some of the most exciting dance in the Chicago area, this year's showcase is no exception. The evening will present a wide array of dance, from the longstanding Chicago-based Gus Giordano Jazz Dance, to the U.S. and World Championship ballroom dancing of Tommye Giacchino and Gregory Day, to the eclectic mix of live music and dance put forth by the Cerqua Rivera Art Experience.

Tickets for the Choreographer's Showcase ($18/$9 for ages 18 and under) are available now. For further information or telephone reservations, call (630) 840-2787 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ramsey Auditorium is located in Wilson Hall, the central building of Fermilab. Wilson Hall, a high-rise, is visible from the lab entrance from the west on Kirk Rd. at Pine St. At this time, only the Pine St. entrance is open. The address is simply Kirk Road at Pine Street, Batavia, IL 60510.

Seek Hosts

Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE) is currently recruiting host families and local representatives in your area. WISE has international high school students from many different countries coming to the USA for the 2004-05 school year. The agency is excited to give you the opportunity to host and/or represent one of these special students. If you are interested in learning more, call the toll-free number at 1(800) 264-0948.

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Wilderness Recovery

The Chicago region's largest coalition of conservation groups has approved two model policies on the management and improvement of local natural areas. The Executive Council of the Chicago Wilderness coalition, a consortium of more than 170 organizations dedicated to local natural resource conservation, endorsed the model policies in its Nov. 19th meeting held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's offices in downtown Chicago.

The two model policies offer recommendations on conserving wooded communities, and using controlled burns for natural area management. Chicago Wilderness members developed these recommendations through a collaborative process over the course of more than two years. Scientists, land managers, local government officials, and other professional and volunteer conservation experts contributed to the process and the resulting recommendations represent a general consensus among the region's experts on these two important conservation issues.

The model policies provide information that decision-makers can use in developing and implementing policies that can strengthen the presence of nature in the Chicago region and enrich the lives of local residents. The papers build on the recommendations in the Chicago Wilderness *Biodiversity Recovery Plan*, the coalition's award-winning plan for restoring and maintaining healthy natural habitats capable of sustaining a diversity of living things. John Rogner is field office supervisor with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and chair of the Chicago Wilderness coalition.

"These model policies demonstrate a general consensus among the region's scientists and land managers about important techniques for restoring and maintaining the health of our region's natural communities," Rogner said.

For copies of the complete documents, or for more information, contact Stephanie Folk at (708) 485-0263, ext. 560.

Br. Michael Segvich, Principal of St. Laurence High School, announced the recipients of the "Student of the Month" awards for the month of February. They are (left to right) Ulises Campos, Student Council President Patrick Biernacki, Student Council Vice President Kevin Field, and Fernando Marquez. These students were cited for their efforts in the remodeling of the space of the new Student Activities Center and the coordinating of the activities, promotional pieces and materials for the annual Spirit Week. In announcing the awards, Br. Segvich commended these students for their extra efforts in addition to their already extensive duties as officers in the Student Council and members of the Student Media Staff.

Candace Parker Scores 29 Points

Senior Candace Parker scored 29 points in leading Naperville Central's Redhawks to its second consecutive girls Class AA state basketball championship by beating New Trier 48-37. Parker, considered by many experts as the best female player ever to play in the state of Illinois, had to overcome a serious knee surgery to retain her second state crown. A four-year starter, Parker finished her magnificent career with 2,758 points.

According to Coach Andy Nussbaum, "Candace is the finest student athlete I've ever had the privilege of coaching. With her ability and work ethic, the sky's the limit in her future."

Naperville Central bested Marian Catholic 56-44 in the semifinals to reach the title game.

Shepard Music Concert

The concert band and wind symphony from Alan B. Shepard High School added to the music program's trophy cabinet with their performances recently at the Midwest Music Festival at Lemont High School.

The concert band received a Division I (Superior) rating, the highest possible grade, and the wind symphony received a Division II (Excellent) rating. Led by director Christopher Pitlik, the groups' performance at the Midwest Music Festival continued what has been an award-filled school year for the band program.

The marching band completed its competitive season in November 2003 with a stellar performance at the University of Illinois Marching Band Festival, which annually attracts many of the state's elite marching band programs, for the second straight year.

Attends Scholars Program

Jharmaine Boyd, a student at Evergreen Park High School, will attend the Presidential Classroom (PC) Scholars Program from July 3rd to 10th in Washington, D.C. Presidential Classroom, the leader in civic education, provides the best and brightest high school juniors and seniors unprecedented access to the leaders who shape America's public policy.

During the weeklong program, PC Scholars interact with Washington insiders, including Members of Congress, presidential appointees, senior military officials, top business leaders and journalists. Students observe the U.S. Congress in action, visit their congressional offices and debate current issues with peers from the United States and abroad. They also visit the renowned sites of our nation's capital such as the White House (by special invitation), the U.S. Dept. of State and Arlington National Cemetery. Additional program highlights include a Central Intelligence Agency briefing, a mock presidential election and foreign embassy visits.

Former Congressman Jack Buechner, CEO and President of PC, said, "Our students meet and question the people who make and shape our nation's policies.

Support

Do you feel squeezed trying to care for your aging parents, children, and your job? Are there organizations or other resources that may be able to help? Transitions: The Caregiver's Support Network will meet on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at The Link, Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, 7059 W. 127th St. Call Marian K. at (708) 448-4813 or Beth D. at (708) 389-3959 for information.

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In schools, hospitals, nursing homes, public buildings, go to small interior rooms or halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from windows. Avoid large rooms such as gymnasiums or auditoriums. In high-rise buildings, go to small interior rooms or halls. Stay away from windows.

In mobile homes and vehicles, make plans to go to a nearby substantial structure when the tornado watch is issued, before the storm hits. If a tornado is approaching and there is not time to get to a place of safety, get out and lie flat on the ground in a low spot or ditch. Nationwide, 33% of tornado deaths occur in mobile homes.

Lightning Safety Rules

Plan ahead and avoid dangerous lightning situations. Check the latest forecast before going outdoors for extended periods. Watch for storms and seek shelter indoors when storms approach.

In a home or building, avoid using the telephone or electrical appliances. Do not take a shower. Metal pipes can conduct electricity.

You are safe from lightning in an enclosed vehicle.

Lightning is attracted to tall objects. If caught outdoors and no shelter is available, find a low spot away from trees, poles and fences. Standing out in the open is dangerous. If you are in the woods, seek shelter in a low area in a clump of smaller trees or brush rather than near long tall trees.

If you are swimming or boating, get out of the water immediately.

Flash Flood Safety Rules

If you live or work near a stream, creek, drainage ditch or low lying flood prone area, get to higher ground if water rises rapidly or if a flash flood warning is issued for your area.

Do not let children play in or near flooded areas or storm drains.

Do not drive through flooded roads, especially if water is moving rapidly. You may not know the depth of the water and the road bed may be washed out under the water.

Severe Weather Watches, Warnings & Advisories

Tornado Watch – Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Remain alert and be ready to move to a place of safety.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch – Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area. Remain alert and be ready to move to a place of safety.

Flash Flood Watch – Conditions are favorable for flash flooding. Remain alert and be ready to move to higher ground.

Tornado Warning – A tornado has been indicated by Doppler radar or sighted by Skywarn spotters. Seek shelter in a basement or in a small interior room in a reinforced building!

Severe Thunderstorm Warning – A thunderstorm with strong damaging winds and/or large damaging hail has been indicated by Doppler radar or sighted by Skywarn spotters. Go indoors and stay away from windows!

Flash Flood Warning – A flash flood is occurring or imminent. Go to higher ground! Stay away from small streams, creeks and storm drains!

Urban/Small Stream Flood Advisory – Flooding of streets, low-lying areas, urban storm drains, creeks is occurring or imminent. Flooding will cause significant inconvenience, but is generally not an immediate threat to life or property.

Severe thunderstorm watches and tornado watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center in Kansas City, Missouri. A watch may cover a large portion of Illinois and will usually be in effect for a time period of about 6 hours.

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Seniors Meeting

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Oak Lawn Seniors on Monday, March 15th at 10 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St.

Rochelle Hatton, coordinator, announced that Ripper will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves.

Deborah has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and Spanish.

Brunch

The Jr. High youth of Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., will be hosting a benefit brunch on Sunday, March 14th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $5 per person for all-you-can-eat French toast, scrambled eggs, waffles, sausage and more. All proceeds will go to the South Suburban P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) program. Call (708) 422-4200 if you would like more information.

POLICE CALLS

On March 1st Thomas Kramer, 37, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with aggravated assault after being involved in a traffic altercation. Kramer and the victim were observed exiting their cars, Kramer brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. After words and pushing were exchanged, Kramer hit the victim with the butt of the gun and reentered his car. The victim, who had called police attempted to prevent Kramer from driving away by standing in front of Kramer's car. While driving away, Kramer drove over the victim's foot. Kramer later appeared at the police station, claiming that he thought the police might be looking for him. During a search of his car, police discovered a bb gun and a CO2 cartridge in the car.

On March 3rd Robert Henderson, 20, of Burbank was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after a traffic stop in the 5500 block of 110th. Police observed a film canister on the front seat and when questioned about the contents of the canister Henderson stated it contained "weed." The contents of the canister field tested positive for marijuana.

On March 4th Jeffery Kolb, 22, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Kmart security concealing merchandise valued at $55.17 down the front of his pants, then exiting the store without paying.

On March 5th Welborn Williams, 30, Anthony Shaffer, 42, and Willie Jackson, 47, all of Evergreen Park were arrested after being observed by an Evergreen Park police officer entering and exiting the Jewel at 95th and Pulaski numerous times. The officer contacted the Oak Lawn police. As the officer approached the men, one of them, Jackson, dropped a bag, inside the bag was a bottle of vodka. Schaffer and Williams had bottles of brandy inside their coats.

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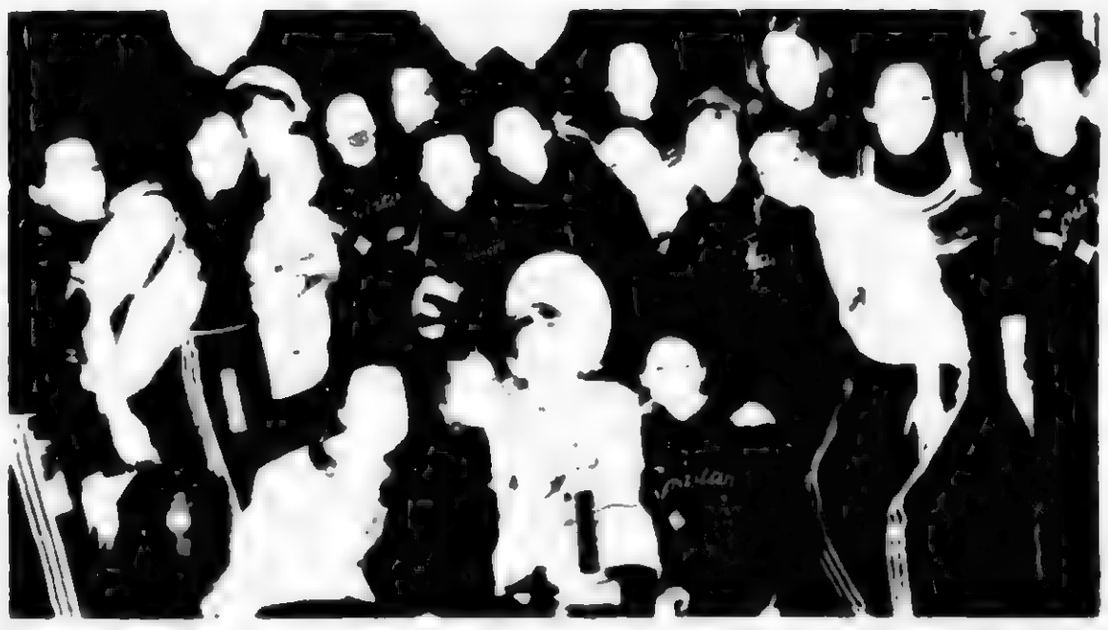
Business Showcase

Residents of the Oak Lawn area are invited to stop by and get acquainted with local business people at the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's fifth annual Business Showcase on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th St. and Southwest Highway

More than 50 area businesses and service companies will offer exhibition booths in the main gym of the high school. The showcase will also feature free activities, gifts, promotional items and free pictures with the Easter Bunny for children.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher School Association's Spring Arts & Crafts Fair.

For more information, contact the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce at (708) 424-8300.



OLCHS Spartan Varsity Dance Team

The Oak Lawn Community High School Spartan Varsity Dance Team qualified for State Competition after they were given a "Superior" rating for their performance at the Halftime Illinois Event which was held on Feb. 22 at Lyons Township High School. Being coached by Margaret Bohn they competed at the State Competition on Saturday, March 13 at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

Pictured are (top row, from left) Lauren Wagner, Melanie Mannerino, Sarah Zero, Tina Mondelli, Bridget Skelly, Ashley Greenfield, Lillian Benson, Sam Garrett, Sam Rusher, Kaitlyn Kross, Erin Wesselhoff, Cassie Jurgensen, Channing Seay, Jessica Switek, Katie Brown, and Rachel Ribich; (bottom row) Katie Murphy, Ryan Brandt, Brandie Engel, and Alex Federico.

Cook County Commissioners Board

Increase Funding For Access To Care Program

The Cook County Board of Commissioners has increased funding for Access to Care to $3 million for 2004. The Board has generously responded to the increasing need for affordable health care services. In 2003 the program had an extensive waiting list. The waiting list is now over. Openings are immediately available.

Access to Care is a charitable program that provides a delivery system for primary health care to the medically indigent of suburban Cook County. This vital health program is designed for low income, uninsured residents of suburban Cook County. Increased funding will allow the program to serve many more individuals in need. The program partners with local doctors to provide primary care services to patients in their local neighborhoods.

In order to be eligible for Access to Care, an individual must provide proof of address and proof of income. Eligibility guidelines are 1) live in suburban Cook County; and 2) family income below 200% of the federal poverty level (an example is $37,700 or less for a family of four). The individual must have no health insurance (or a per person deductible of $500 or more) and be ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare. There is an annual enrollment fee of $20 for one person, $40 for two people in the same family and $50 for three or more individuals in the same family.

Access to Care provides the opportunity for low-income suburbanites to see a local primary care doctor in their private office for a $5 fee. Other services include: prescription medication for $10 (generic), $20 (preferred-brand name) or $30 (non-preferred brand name) and basic lab and X-ray services for $5. Patients develop a relationship with their Access to Care doctor and report increased peace of mind.

This program serves the people of suburban Cook County who fall in the ever widening gap between eligibility for public insurance programs and those individuals who are privately insured. Many part-time employees, students, unemployed, low wage earners and those not offered health insurance by their employer are eligible for Access to Care.

Funded by both public and private sources, the program receives its primary source of funding from the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the State of Illinois. Townships and municipalities as well as private foundations, corporations, service organizations and individual donors also fund Access to Care. The Access to Care physicians annually donate services worth an estimated $2 million annually.

For more information about the Access to Care program, call (708) 531-0680.

Library Foundation Accepts Donations

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now accepting contributions to "The Community Library Book," a fund raiser celebrating the completion of the library's new addition and offering individuals and local businesses an opportunity to both create a lasting legacy and show their support in a highly visible way.

For a $25 minimum tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, you may dedicate one or more square feet of the Oak Lawn Public Library for yourself, your business, in honor of a friend, in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. At your request, a dedication card will be sent to the honoree or, in the case of a memorial, to the family of the deceased. Your contribution will go toward the purchase of new patron seating and tables for the library's addition.

To recognize this gift, the honoree's name will be engraved on a "Community Library Book" plaque that will be displayed in the library after their grand opening event in Summer 2004. In order to allot time to engrave the first series of book plaques, donations must be received by April 15. Contributions made after that date will be subject to new donation guidelines. A sample plaque is now on display in the library's lobby

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to ensure that the Oak Lawn Public Library will continue to meet the current needs of our community and grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

For additional information, call the library, (708) 422-4990, or visit the Library Foundation web site www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/lib-fnd.htm.

District 218 Has Openings For Computer Courses

Openings remain for all of District 218's computer courses available to community members this spring.

Courses are open to anyone age 18 or older. All courses are 10 classroom hours in length. Tuition is $30 per class for senior citizens who live in District 218 (age 62 and older); $40 per class for other residents of District 218; $60 for senior citizens (62 and older) who live outside District 218; and $80 for other non-District 218 residents.

Course schedules and registration forms are available at the main offices of District 218 schools, the district Administrative Center, and at all public libraries in District 218. District 218 schools include Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento in Blue Island; Richards High School, 10601 S. Central in Oak Lawn; and Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland in Palos Heights. The Administrative Center is at 10701 S. Kilpatrick in Oak Lawn.

Residents may register in person in the school main offices and Administrative Center or by mail. To register by mail, residents need to obtain a registration form and mail it to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Payment by check or money order payable to District 218 must accompany registration forms.

Library Ceremony

The Oak Lawn Public Library ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 30,000 square foot addition on the north end of the facility will take place on Monday, March 22nd in the first floor lobby, 9427 Raymond Ave. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 9:15.

Library Board of Trustees, staff and patrons, local dignitaries, including Acting Mayor Ron Stancik, Village Trustees and representatives from other municipal entities and agencies will be present at the ceremony.

Light refreshments will be served in the lobby.

A grand opening for the entire building project will take place when additional renovations are completed to older portions of the building.

Information For Filing Your Income Tax

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Spectacular South Side Irish Parade

St. Patrick's Day Queen Jennifer Callahan, 23, of Oak Lawn (on the right) walks with court members, left to right, Megan Murphy Hickey and Mary Kay Downs, during the South Side Irish Parade held on Western Ave. on Sunday, March 14th.

The Sheahan Family salutes the South Side Irish in one of the longest and oldest parades on the South Side.

The Emerald Society of Chicago performs for over 200,000 people who lined the parade route.

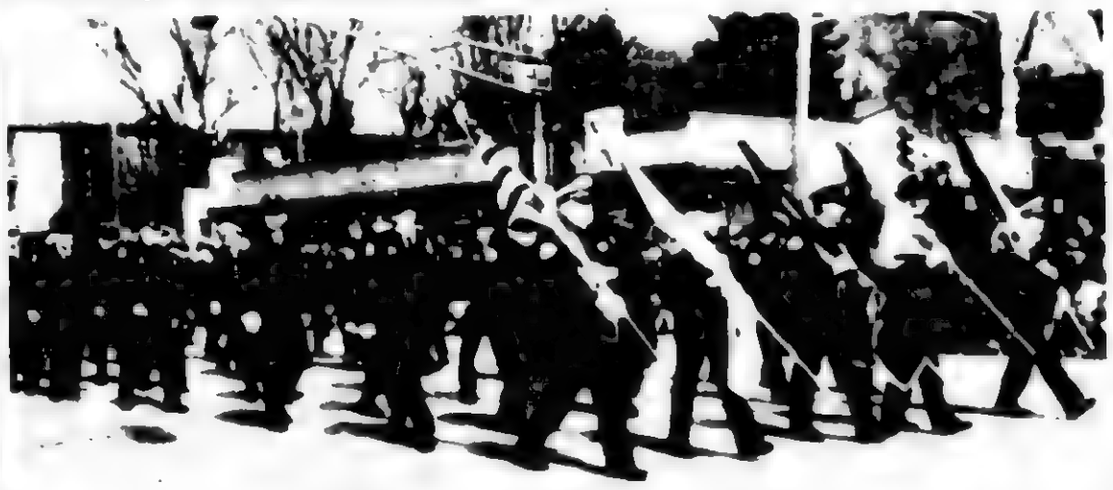
Executives from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation were the grand marshals of the parade. They walk alongside their float with families and friends.

The St. Rita High School float carried a large number of enthusiastic families as they featured their 100 years.

Folks on the Little Company of Mary Float cheer the crowds as they pass in review.

Children and adults representing the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls shiver in the cold as they wave to the crowds assembled.

The Marist High School Marching Band is a regular in the South Side Irish Parade lineup.



The Chicago Fire Department proudly marched with their colors in the parade.

The Misericordia float was a beautiful sight decorated in white and green and the riders were all dressed in green.

The St. Bernadette Parish float was a white and green crepe covered with shamrocks and a cluster of white, green, blue and gold balloons.

Dr. Rey Rosales Named API Recipient

Dr. Rey Rosales (pictured), assistant professor of communications at Lewis University, was recently named the recipient of the American Press Institute's (API) 2004 Minority Journalism Educator Fellowship Award. Given annually, the Minority Journalism Educator Fellowship highlights the dedication and personal achievements of one collegiate or secondary education journalism teacher. As an API award winner, Dr. Rosales will attend a one-week multimedia journalism seminar in Nashville, Tenn., this summer. The API will pay for his tuition, room and board.

"It was great to win," said Dr. Rosales. "I had very little experience dealing with the API before, but I am looking forward to taking the summer seminar. I like to bring new teaching techniques back to my classroom and to the student newspaper every year."

A resident of Bolingbrook, Dr. Rosales has instructed journalism and communication classes at Lewis for three years. He has taught courses in copy editing, news writing, information search strategy, and Web design, multimedia production and publication design. Dr. Rosales also serves as manager and moderator of *The Flyer*, Lewis' student newspaper.

The 2004 Minority Journalism Educator Fellowship Award is the fourth academic award that Dr. Rosales has earned over the last 10 years. He was named Fulbright Scholar in 1994 by the U.S. government; earned the Southern Illinois University Graduate Student Award in 1998; received a Dissertation Research Fellowship Award in 1999 for his doctoral thesis; and was awarded a fellowship in 2002 by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Born in the Philippine, Dr. Rosales received his undergraduate degree in mass communication from Divine Word University in 1992. He then immigrated to the United States in 1994, and completed his graduate degree in mass communication/radio television broadcasting at Arkansas State University in 1996. While instructing at Lewis, he earned his doctorate at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Founded more than 50 years ago by a group of newspaper editors and publishers, the API is the oldest and largest media and journalism center in the United States. The institute, located in Reston, Va., conducts many seminars and discussion sessions for media and journalism professionals both at its home office and around the country. More than 1,000 journalists and administrators attend its functions.

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Illinois Authors Book Fair

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is inviting citizens from throughout Illinois to join him at the eighth Illinois Authors Book Fair Saturday, March 27th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

"The state of Illinois is blessed with a wealth of literary talent, and it is a pleasure to showcase our gifted authors each year at the Illinois Authors Book Fair," White said. "This free event is the only one of its kind that exclusively showcases Illinois authors or works about the state of Illinois. More than 30 talented authors representing a variety of genres will take part this year. The Book Fair has grown in popularity each year because there is something for everyone at this unique event. Though the focus is on our talented authors, there is also a variety of programming for adults and children. I hope parents, grandparents, children, families and book lovers from throughout the state will join me for five hours of free fun as we shine a spotlight on the incredible talents of our Illinois authors."

This year's featured authors include several nationally known authors:

- Erick Larson, whose recent book *The Devil in the White City* is currently one of the top ten non-fiction paperback books on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was a finalist for the 2003 National Book Awards
- Elizabeth Berg, a popular author of books about women's lives in transition, including *Open House*, which was selected by television personality Oprah Winfrey for her popular Book Club.
- Catherine Gourley, award-winning author and editor of books for both young adults and adults, who wrote three books that are part of the *American Girl* nonfiction series that is popular among young girls
- Robert E. Hartley, a well-known former Illinois newspaper reporter whose most recent book is *Lewis & Clark in the Illinois Country: The Little-Told Story*

Additionally, Tom Joyce of Home and Garden Television's "The Appraisal Fair" will return to appraise rare and old books from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Joyce was a popular attraction at the 2002 Book Fair

All of the participating authors will autograph their books and personally meet with book lovers. The authors will present numerous workshops and panel discussions on subjects including mystery writing, fiction writing, writing children's books, self-help books, history, and biographies.

On Friday evening March 26th, a fundraising dinner honoring participating Book Fair authors will be held in the atrium of the Library. Proceeds are used to expand the Library's collection of first edition works by Illinois authors and to support the work of the Illinois Center for the Book, which promotes reading and celebrates Illinois' rich literary heritage. Tickets for the dinner are $100, half of which is tax deductible. Contact Carolyn Bodewes at cbodewes@ilsos.net or (217) 782-0974 for information on both the Friday night dinner and Saturday's events. The Illinois State Library, Gwendolyn Brooks Building is located at 300 S. 2nd St. in downtown Springfield.

Tragic Fatal Accident

On March 14th there was a tragic accident that occurred at 115th St. and Central Ave. in Oak Lawn, which resulted in the deaths of Orland Park residents Robert, 77, and Norma, 71, Murphy. Thomas P. Nason, 49, of Lansing has been charged with two counts of reckless homicide. A bond hearing was scheduled for March 16th.

At about 5 p.m. Sunday the Murphy's were driving east on 115th St., and attempted to turn north on to Central Ave. when they were struck, said police. Nason was reportedly traveling west in his pick-up truck at about 60 miles per hour when he smashed into the Murphy's Buick sedan which spun and hit a third car, said police.

The people in the third car were not seriously injured.

Nason had a blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit of .08, said police. He was taken to Christ Hospital.

A funeral mass for Robert and Norma Murphy will be said Thursday, March 18th, at 10 a.m. at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park. They are survived by daughters, Carleen Jolls, Rita Ellen Murphy and Mary Quintero; sons, Robert Jr. and James; and nine grandchildren.

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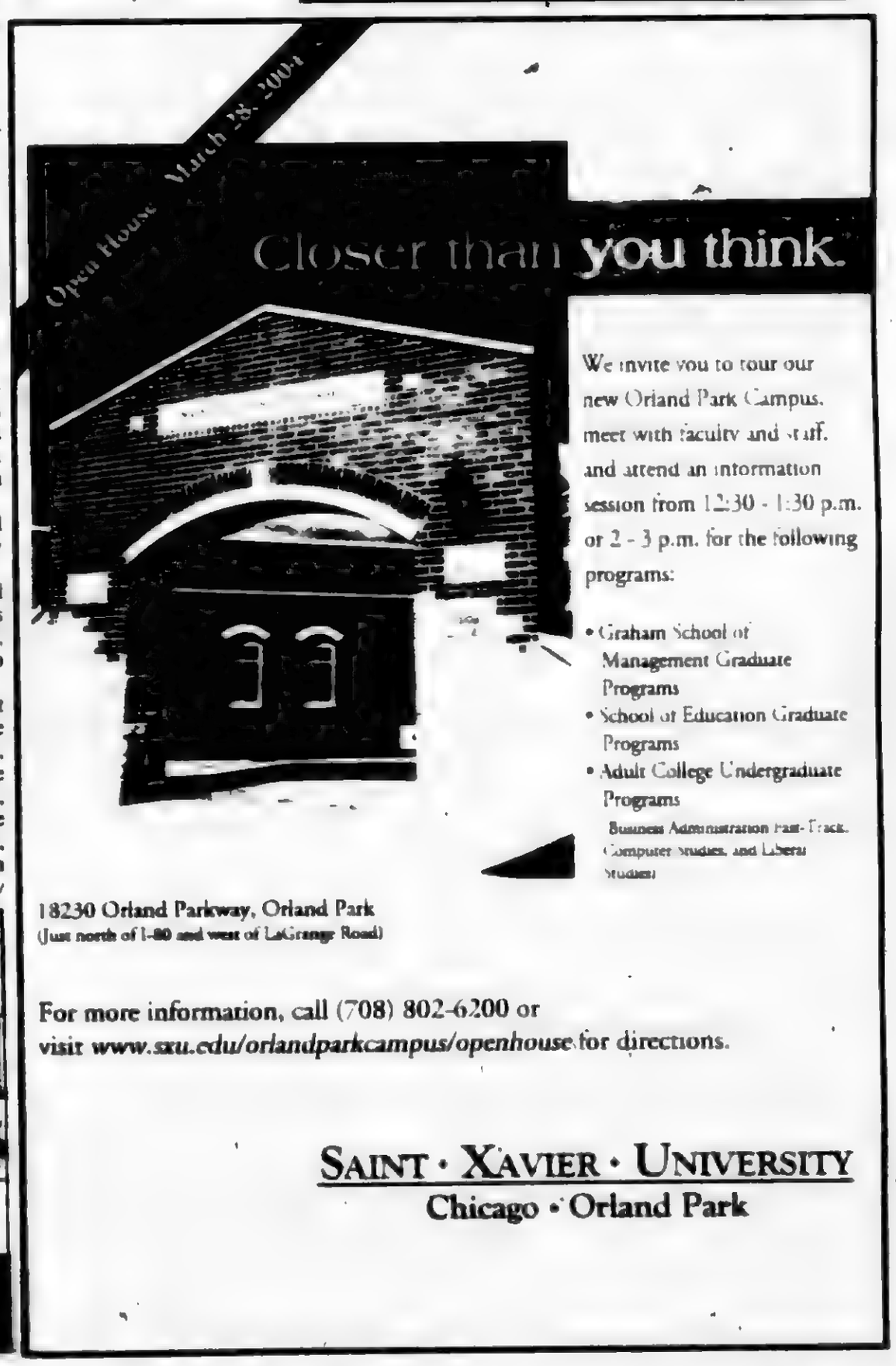

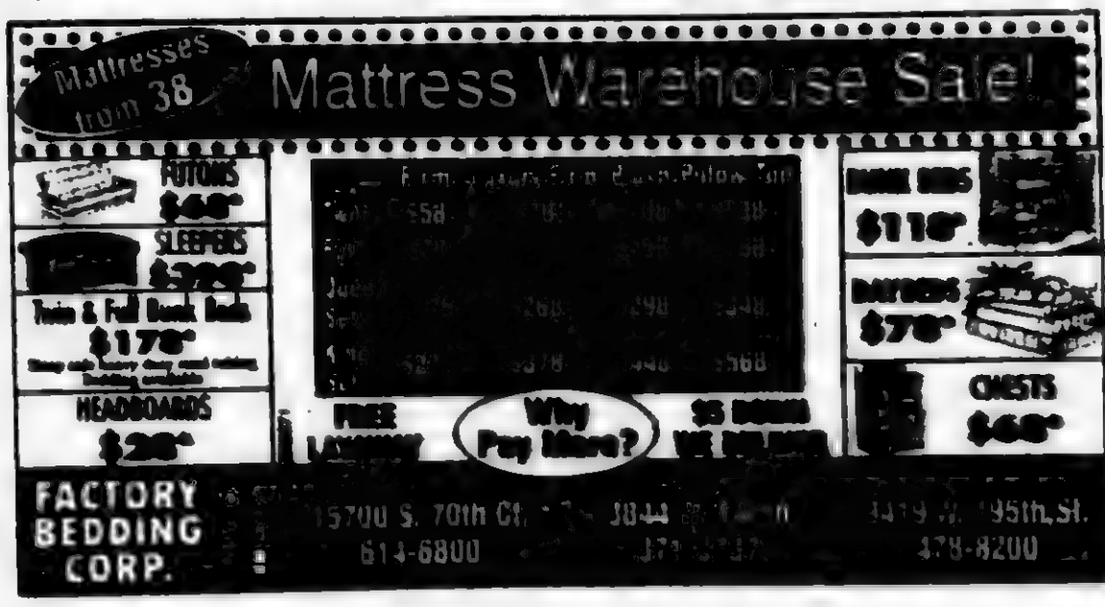

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Children's Mental Health Partnership Committee

Gov. Blagojevich recently named 25 members to the Children's Mental Health Partnership, a planning committee established by the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, signed by the governor last August.

Citing a children's mental health system he characterized as "fragmented, limited in scope and under-resourced" he charged the panel with creating the state's blueprint for a comprehensive approach to address the social and emotional needs of Illinois' children.

"Research shows that one in ten children in this state suffers from a mental illness severe enough to cause some impairment, yet only one out of five of those children receives mental health services," said the governor. "We can do better. Considering the long-term social costs if we don't address this issue, we must do better."

There is a demonstrated connection between a child's healthy social and emotional development and school readiness, academic success and overall well-being. An approach that focuses on prevention and early assistance for at-risk and troubled children can reduce the incidence of more costly outcomes – treatment, grade retention, special education services and welfare dependency.

The Children's Mental Health Partnership, a 35-member interdisciplinary committee, will craft a plan for a statewide system of services including prevention, early intervention and treatment for children 0-18. The plan will focus upon maximizing current resources and identifying new funding sources and strategies to expand the range and availability of services, while integrating existing services into a comprehensive continuum of care.

Barbara Shaw, Director of the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, has been appointed Partnership Chairwoman. Referring to the challenging task before her committee, she commented, "I look forward to working with the Partnership and the Blagojevich Administration to build our children's social and emotional strength so they can become happy, achieving students and productive, caring citizens. We expect that Illinois will be a national leader in this effort."

The Children's Mental Health Act of 2003 provides that:

- Illinois create a substantive and strategic plan for building an effective children's mental health system to address prevention, early intervention and treatment for children 0-18 years;
- Funds contracted by the Office of Mental Health may be used for services to children 0-18;
- Illinois develop a plan for adding social/emotional learning standards into the curriculum and that local school districts develop policies to address the role of social/emotional learning in their education programs;
- Medicaid-eligible children will receive a comprehensive assessment prior to a psychiatric hospitalization to determine if more appropriate, community-based services are available, and
- Currently untapped Medicaid funding for Individual Care Grants for individuals under 21 hospitalized for psychiatric care will be claimed.

The Partnership will also engage in a public awareness campaign to promote understanding of children's social/emotional issues, and de-stigmatize mental illness.

The Partnership will seek funding for its work and pilot from federal sources and private foundations. A number of state agencies are contributing staff time and in-kind support.

Crack Down On Offshore Tax Havens

State Comptroller Dan Hynes' bill cracking down on corporations that use offshore tax havens to avoid paying their fair share of state and federal taxes was passed 113-0 by the House last Thursday (2-26) and sent to the Senate.

Hynes' plan, sponsored by Rep. Gary Hannig (D-Litchfield) and Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock), will prohibit corporate "expatriates" from doing business with the state, and close a loophole in the Illinois tax code that allows corporations to shift profits to overseas tax havens to avoid paying taxes in Illinois.

"I am heartened that the Illinois House understands the urgency and importance of this bill," said Hynes. "There's something fundamentally wrong when a large corporation can earn millions in profits from its operations in this country, then turn around and pay no taxes on those profits because it's technically incorporated in some sun-drenched island that – big surprise – has no income tax.

"The bottom line is that every corporation should pay what it fairly owes in taxes, just as every individual taxpayer is expected to do. When a small number of corporations take advantage of the system, they are simply shifting a higher tax burden onto individuals, small businesses and the majority of corporations that don't abuse the law. Today's vote indicates that the House agrees with me that corporate tax evaders should not be rewarded with state contracts."

"This measure simply and fairly levels the playing field for businesses that apply for state contracts," added Hannig. "As we try to maintain a budget that allows us to provide state services we need to take steps to discourage corporations from avoiding their fair share of taxes."

Career Fair

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Prairie State College, is hosting the annual Career Fair on Tuesday, June 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Prairie State College Atrium in Chicago Heights and is free of charge to all participants.

According to Dina Henchel, Account Executive for the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, the event is designed as a way to unite hiring employers with job seekers and to promote and enhance individual career awareness.

"The event is currently in the planning and organizing stages," stated Henchel. "We are currently organizing businesses who are interested in exhibiting and participating in the event." Employers interested in exhibiting can contact Dina Henchel at (708) 957-6950, ext. 114, or via e-mail at dhenchel@chicagosouthland.com.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The Primary voters in Illinois have spoken and a new day has dawned upon the landscapes of our great state. As we have reminded readers over the past few months, young energetic talent has made its presence known in races across the county. The race for the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Rep. Peter Fitzgerald promises to be a barnburner this coming November.

The overwhelming victory of **Barack Obama** (54%) over Comptroller Dan Hynes (23%) and former securities trader Blair Hull (10%) on the Democratic ticket demonstrates conclusively that voters across the state are ready to support a candidate, regardless of ethnicity, whose message resonates with them.

The Republican victor **Jack Ryan** (36%) and Senator Steve Rauschenberger (20%) as his conservative, yet conscientious image played well in his first attempt at elective office. Jack Ryan will undoubtedly continue to address civil rights and social justice issues, as well as better educational opportunities for all children in this state. He will also need to convince independent voters, as well as Democratic voters, that he can best represent their respective concerns.

Barack Obama will also be expected to remind voters of his record on issues such as the earned income tax credit, welfare reform and expanded health insurance coverage for children and poor families.

Obama (42) and Ryan (44) are both young, well-educated and gifted. They should give voters a golden opportunity to explore their distinct differences over economic recovery and national security issues. This should be a great race.

In Cook County races, **States Attorney Richard Devine (D)** and **Dorothy Brown (D)** were big winners.

The **Board of Review District 3** race is still up in the air with challenger **Larry Rogers, Jr. (D)** leading incumbent Robert Shaw by approximately 900 votes with 98% of the votes counted.

The **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District** Commissioners race found incumbents **Patricia Young (D), Barbara McGowan (D)** and **Gloria Majewski (D)** all recording large winning numbers.

In the contested **House District** races victories were recorded by incumbents **Monique Davis** (D-27th), **James Brosnahan** (D-35th), **Robin Kelly** (D-38th) and **Robert Rita** (D-28th).

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This past Monday (3-15) the Illinois Gaming Board chose to disregard its own staff's advice and awarded the only available casino license to Isle of Capri Casinos Inc., who will build their facility in Rosemont.

Rosemont Mayor Donald E. Stephens was elated over the Boards 4-1 vote to secure the newest casino, since the Gaming Board had squashed a previous casino deal in 2001 because of allegations of organized crime links by Emerald Casino Inc. Both Mayor Stephens and Emerald Casino Inc. vehemently denied any improprieties.

The Isle of Capri Casinos Inc. seemed to secure the deal by guaranteeing that in addition to the $518 million bid for the license, they will be opened within eight months of being licensed or pay a $500,000-a-day fine to the state.

Waukegan leaders were distraught as their choice, Harrah's Entertainment, had submitted the highest bid of $520 million. Midwest Gaming and Entertainment, who were hoping to open their casino in Des Plaines, was the low bidder at $476 million. The Des Plaines location was the favored choice by Illinois Gaming Board staffers!

According to Gaming Board Chairman Elzie Higginbottom, Rosemont's strengths included the Village of Rosemont's willingness to drop pending litigation, its spacious convention center, and its strategic location relative to O'Hare Airport. The prompt time frame in which the casino would be built was also a strong consideration.

While the proposed Isle of Capri Casino in Rosemont is projected to produce an estimated $1.1 billion in gaming taxes over a five year period, Attorney General Lisa Madigan is calling on the Gaming Board to explain in a public forum, how it got from Point A to Point B in relation to the allegations about previous concerns the board had about Rosemont according to Madigan's spokesman Melissa Merz. Stay tuned!

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This Saturday, March 20th, the new St. Francis Centre for Health will celebrate its grand opening. Located at 11600 Kedzie Ave. in Merrionette Park (inside the former Meyer Medical Group building) the St. Francis Centre celebration will feature tours of the clinic, refreshments, children's activities, giveaways and raffles from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The St. Francis Centre for Health will provide treatment for all family members. Medical specialties will include primary care, family practice, cardiology, podiatry, geriatrics, internal medicine and gastroenterology. There will also be a variety of specialty services. For more information call (708) 389-2300.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce hopes to remind its neighbors that local businesses will be showcased to the public on Saturday, March 27th at Oak Lawn Community High School from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Appropriately christened the "Oak Lawn Business Showcase" this venue will feature several of the businesses and services that we patronize all year long. This event is worth the trip. For more information call George Cachares at (708) 499-4497.

Additionally, mark your calendars for the next Business After Hours events: Tuesday, April 6th, Founders Bank, 10515 S. Cicero Ave., will host from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, April 20th finds the Oak Lawn Lions Club hosting at the Hilton Oak Lawn from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Recognizing the difficulties many families are encountering these days regarding affordable health care services the Cook County Board of Commissioners has doubled the funding for Access to Care to $3 million for 2004. Access to Care is a charitable program that provides a delivery system for primary health care to the medically indigent of suburban Cook County. Many part-time employees, students, unemployed, low wage earners and those not offered health insurance by their employer are eligible for Access to Care. For more information about this program call (708) 531-0680.

Results Of Primary Election Held Tuesday, March 16, 2004

U.S. Senate

BARACK OBAMA (D)

JACK RYAN (R)
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Congressional District 2

JESSE JACKSON JR. (D)

JUDY BIGGERT (R)

Illinois House Of Representatives

28th District

ROBERT RITA (D)

36th District

JAMES BROSNAHAN (D)

35th District

KEVIN JOYCE (D)

37th District

KEVIN McCARTHY (D)

27th District
Monique Davis (D)
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38th District
Robin Kelly (D)
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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

PATRICIA YOUNG (D)

BARBARA McGOWAN (D)

GLORIA MAJEWSKI (D)

State's Attorney

RICHARD DEVINE (D)

Circuit Court Clerk

DOROTHY BROWN (D)

Board Of Review 3rd District Democrat

ROBERT SHAW (D)

LARRY ROGERS JR. (D)

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Democrat:
John Kerry
Republican:
George W. Bush

U.S. SENATE
Democrat:
Barack Obama
Republican:
Jack Ryan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
Jesse Jackson Jr. (D)
DISTRICT 13
Judy Biggert (R)

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
27th House District:
Monique Davis (D)
28th District:
Robert Rita (D)
35th District
Kevin Joyce (D)
36th District
James Brosnahan (D)
37th District
Kevin McCarthy
38th District
Robin Kelly (D)

COOK COUNTY

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
Patricia Young (D)
Barbara McGowan (D)
Gloria Majewski (D)

STATE'S ATTORNEY
Richard Devine (D)

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Dorothy Brown (D)

BOARD OF REVIEW
3rd District
Democrat
Robert Shaw 139,815
Larry Rogers Jr. 140,790

REFERENDUM RESULTS

The following are the unofficial, and in some cases incomplete, results of the Tuesday, March 16, referendums in our local area. Tax rates are based on $100 of equalized assessed valuations.

REFERENDUM RESULTS
COOK COUNTY

Countywide – seeking to raise the income tax of those who make more than $250,000 to pay for schools.
Yes: 217,199 No: 83,761

Crestwood – seeking to prohibit the expansion of gambling unless approved by the voters.
Yes: 658 **No: 1,056**

Palos Heights –
Seeking a new swimming pool.
Yes: 1,688 No: 1,401
Seeking a new recreation center.
Yes: 1,827 No: 1,249

Posen – seeking home rule government.
Yes: 310 No: 277

Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District – seeking tax rate increase to 29 cents from 15 cents.
Yes: 1,451 No: 1,158

Evergreen Park School District 124 – seeking education tax increase to $3.50 from $2.07.
Yes: 2,331 No: 1,856

Atwood Heights School District 125 – seeking education tax increase to 55 cents from 37 cents.
Yes: 357 **No: 587**

Alsip School District 126 – seeking education tax increase to $2.05 from $1.55.
Yes: 862 **No: 1,353**

Kirby School District 140 – seeking education tax increase to $3.35 from $2.65.
Yes: 2,273 **No: 2,983**

Arbor Park School District 145 – seeking to issue $13 million in building bonds.
Yes: 1,339 No: 658

Oak Lawn School District 229 – seeking to issue $66 million in building bonds.
Yes: 2,201 **No: 5,097**

Governor Outlines Major State Initiatives

In a meeting with members of Illinois' Congressional delegation in the nation's capital, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich outlined major Illinois initiatives he wants to see included in the federal budget for fiscal year 2005.

"When we put together our priority list for projects for Illinois that we would like to see in the federal budget and legislation we would like to see passed, we thought about it very carefully," the governor said. "We chose projects, programs and legislation that reflect the priorities of the people of Illinois. We chose projects, programs and legislation that would create jobs, reduce congestion, and help keep the people of our state safe."

The governor focused on five key areas to help spur job growth and economic development in Illinois.

Transportation: Blagojevich pushed for passage of the federal transportation re-authorization bill that recently passed the U.S. Senate and includes more than $1 billion per year over the next six years for Illinois road projects. The funding could translate into 10,000 new jobs.

Scott Air Force Base and Rock Island Arsenal: The governor is working with Congressmen Jerry Costello and Lane Evans, and is hiring military affairs specialists to work with the Dept. of Defense, to keep Scott Air Force Base and the Rock Island Arsenal off the list of base closings. Scott is one of the largest employers in Southern Illinois and contributes more than $1.5 billion to the local economy. The Rock Island Arsenal pumps almost $800 million into the Quad Cities region each year.

FutureGen: Blagojevich is working aggressively with the Delegation to attract the FutureGen project to Southern Illinois. FutureGen is a 10-year, $1 billion federal project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions power plant. When completed, it will be the cleanest fossil fuel-fired power plant in the world.

Rare Isotope Accelerator: Blagojevich wants to make sure that Argonne National Labs is chosen as the home of the new Rare Isotope Accelerator. The project could bring 400 new jobs and $50 million each year to the local economy.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum: The governor is seeking federal help to transform the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum into a fitting tribute to one of the greatest leaders in our nation's history. The new presidential library will bring millions of dollars into the economy of central Illinois and enhance the reputation of Illinois around the world.

Other needs for more federal help that the governor highlighted were in the area of public safety. He cited a need for Illinois to receive a larger share of homeland security funds; funding for the StarCom 21, a statewide police radio system; and funding for the I-CLEAR system, a new database that will allow all 1,200 police agencies across Illinois to share crime-fighting information quickly and accurately.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Host March Telescope Viewing Of Five Planets

Sky watching in late March provides an exciting opportunity to view five planets visible to the unaided eye. Between March 24th and 27th, the planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn can all be seen across the evening sky at the same time. In response, the Adler Planetarium will be hosting telescope viewing events.

"This rare occurrence is especially valuable. As we observe these planets, it's exciting to know that our crafts are exploring two of them up close," said Adler astronomer Mark Hammergren, PhD. "The rovers are on Mars and the *Cassini* craft is approaching Saturn. It's an unparalleled exploration of our Solar System."

This is the last time all five planets will be easily seen together until 2016, and they will not be so close together again until 2040.

To celebrate the wonder of these viewing opportunities, the Adler is hosting *Planet Party* from 6 to 10 p.m. each night from Wednesday, March 24th through Saturday, March 27th. Highlights include:

Wednesday, March 24th the thin crescent Moon will appear very near the brilliant planet Venus – a gorgeous sight

Thursday, March 25th: the Moon will appear even closer to the planet Mars, only as far away in the sky as the width of the Moon. Although Mars is a pale ghost compared to its appearance last August, it is still visible as a middling bright "star," and the pairing should be obvious.

For the evening observation events Adler astronomers, educators and volunteers will conduct outdoor telescope viewings. Live *Planet Party* shows in Adler's Sky Theater, and viewing of Jupiter and Saturn through the 20-inch Doane Observatory telescope will be available. All telescope viewing will be dependent on weather conditions, but the live sky show will take place rain or shine.

Prior to the evening events, guests are encouraged to visit the museum during the day to receive additional information on each of the visible planets. The special *Mars Rocks!* admission package features a live *Mars Now* sky show (updated weekly) and a presentation of *Future Frontiers*, which explores the scientific and human aspects of the current mission to Mars. The upper level of the Planetarium also features a Solar System exhibit that provides an informative introduction to each of the planets.

While Mars has been the major focus of study and exploration since the landings of the *Spirit* and *Opportunity* rovers in January, Saturn will soon be in the spotlight when the spacecraft *Cassini* arrives in July. After the *Planet Party*, would-be astronomers should stay tuned to the Adler Planetarium for full details of this next big space mission.

Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Far Out Fridays* take place on the first Friday of each month and feature special programs during extended hours from 5 to 10 p.m.

Regular admission fees are adults $7, seniors $6 and children 4-17 $4. Sky shows are an additional charge.

Visit www.adlerplanetarium.org or call (312) 922-STAR.

More than 500 square dancers filled the gym floor at Alan Shepard High School in Palos Heights, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, celebrating the Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers Sweetheart Dance.

Thirty square dance clubs from the Chicago area were represented, each by a Sweetheart couple in the grand march. Pictured: Melva and Marv Smith of Evergreen Park Sweetheart Couple for Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club.

The dancers, many dressed in beautiful red outfits for the Valentine holiday, danced and twirled to the calls of three outstanding square dance callers: Ozzie Pearl of Mansfield and Jerry Hills of Streamwood; Dave Sutton of Willowbrook called for many new dancers in an adjoining room. Ron Ashenden of Joliet was the cuer for the round dances, danced between square dance tips.

What a celebration! Some of the calls reminded dancers of Opryland country music, like "Back Behind the Barn." Some were fast-paced songs.

MCASD President Jim and Vi Bailey of Oak Lawn and MCASD Vice Presidents John and Barb O'Connell of Plainfield, along with their staff and the help of many clubs, hosted the winter dance. In the autumn, MCASD hosts the Pumpkin Ball in Roselle.

Square dancing is the official Illinois State folk dance and all of the clubs welcome new members. For more information, call Vi and Jim Bailey at (708) 636-7546.

Sysopalooza, A Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra Benefit

Sysopalooza, a benefit for The Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra, will be held on Friday, March 26 at the Flossmoor Community Church, 2218 Hutchinson Road, Flossmoor. Tchaikovsky's *Trio in A Minor* for violin, cello and piano and Dvorak's *Piano Quintet in A Major* will be performed.

Performers include:

- Emily Lewis Mantell, who plays with the Chicago Sinfonietta and is principal cellist with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Sheila Hanford, a violinist who performs with the Minnesota Orchestra and Minnesota Opera. Ms. Hanford has performed with the Chicago Sinfonietta, Lyric Opera Orchestra, and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.
- Ann Palen, violinist; member of the Lyric Opera Orchestra and Grant Park Symphony. Ms. Palen holds degrees in violin performance from the Eastman School and the Peabody Institute.
- Matthew Mantell, principal violist with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, assistant principal violist with the Chicago Sinfonietta. Mr. Mantell has performed with the Joffrey Ballet and Lyric Opera Orchestra.
- Dr. Lisa Kristina, who began piano studies at age 4 and holds music degrees from DePaul University, Manhattan School of Music, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Kristina is Artistic Director of the Grande Prairie Singers and a faculty member at DePaul University and Prairie State College.

Pre-concert chamber music will be performed by members of the SYSO at 6:15 p.m.; the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the event. For more information, contact Leslie Bolin, General Manager at (708) 744-0462 or email asksyso@hotmail.com.

St. Rita Presents Drama

The St. Rita Drama Club will present *Monday Always Leads to Murder*, a comedy in two acts by Pat Cook, from March 26th to 28th in the St. Rita Auditorium, 7740 S. Western Ave. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m.; Sunday performance begins at 2 p.m. The murder mystery/comedy features St. Rita students Keith Hellman, Neal Burnett and Joe Kosman, Mother McAuley student Stephanie Ladd, and Maria students Ashley Warren, Meghan Ladd and Samantha LaPorta. General admission is $5 per person. Grade school students are free. To order tickets, call Drama Club Director Connie Johnston at (773) 925-6600, ext. 6649.

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Preparing Your Income Tax Returns

As April 15th approaches, taxpayers must decide whether they need help preparing their returns and, if so, who is best able to provide the help they need.

Many tax changes are passed into law each year. If in doubt about how to prepare their returns, taxpayers may decide to utilize a tax preparation service. If confronted with complex tax issues, the services of a tax attorney or accountant may be needed.

For the income tax "do-it-yourselfer," obtaining the right forms and carefully reading instructions is the best place to start. Here are additional tips: Review your checkbook and paid receipts for all possible deductions. Don't forget to include the amount you paid on last year's Illinois income tax and other deductible taxes.

If you paid maintenance (alimony), it is deductible, and if you received such payments, it must be reported as income. Child support payments, however, are not deductible for the person making them, nor are they reportable as income for the spouse receiving them on behalf of minor children.

When April 15th passes, most of us sigh with relief that our tax concerns are over for another year. However, some people may find themselves looking at taxes later in the year if they become the subject of an Internal Revenue Service audit.

If you are notified that you are the subject of an audit, here are ways you can prepare for dealing with the IRS:

- Determine whether it is a civil or criminal inquiry.
- Clarify whether it's you or your business that is being audited.
- Know which year or years are in question and the particular deduction or income of concern to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Gather together all relevant W-2 forms, receipts and other personal documents.

In all dealings with the IRS, remember to be as factual and complete in your answers as possible. An experienced tax attorney can help you prepare for your audit.

It is important for you to recognize that you have certain responsibilities as a taxpayer. Make sure you enter all information in a true and accurate way. Remember that you are ultimately responsible for information contained in your tax return, even if someone else prepares your return. If you return is successfully challenged by the IRS, you will have to pay the additional taxes due, plus interest and possibly penalties, regardless of how your return is prepared and filed. And if you knowingly provide false information, you could be subject as well to criminal penalties, including jail.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Assn. member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Chicago's Ultimate Date Night

The 25 eligible bachelors and 25 eligible bachelorettes featured in the February issue of *Today's Chicago Woman* will be showcased at "Chicago's Ultimate Date Night," a benefit for the Today's Chicago Woman Foundation, on Friday, March 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Park West, 322 W. Armitage, in Chicago.

More than 1,000 men and women are expected at the event. Terry Armour, Inc. columnist at the *Chicago Tribune*, and Laura Baron of Selective Search and TCW relationship columnist, will emcee the evening. Stacia Dubin and Michael Ayala of CBS2 Early Morning News will be the celeb emcees. The evening, the Perfect Date Night for both singles and couples, will also include a full buffet, open bar, 3 Minute Dating event and an after party at Le Passage.

The highlight of the evening is a silent auction that includes date packages created by the 2004 featured singles. The date packages include exciting items such as great getaways, pampering spa packages, and tickets to Chicago sports events. Although the date packages do not include accompaniment by participating bachelors and bachelorettes, the high bidders of the date packages will have the opportunity to meet the singles at an exclusive, VIP reception.

The 2004 featured singles include media personalities Ryan Baker of NBC5 Chicago; Ben Bradley of ABC7 Chicago; Eileen Byrne, co-host on WLS-AM; Susan Carlson of CBS2 Chicago; and David Kupcinet, columnist at Red Streak.

Tickets are $48 in advance and $60 at the door, if available. For more information, call (312) 951-8976, or visit www.tcwfoundation.com.

Proceeds benefit the Today's Chicago Woman Foundation, a not-for-profit organization which is dedicated to supporting and providing funds to Chicago-area organizations and projects that help women and children in crisis situations, particularly those responding to situations resulting from domestic violence.

Offer Free White Flowering Dogwoods

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1st and May 31st with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the Foundation's monthly publication, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31st.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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HERBAL MEDICINES: BEWARE OF PROBLEMS

Humans have used plants and their derivatives for medicinal purposes for more than 60,000 years. Today they are a very popular alternative to traditional medicine. As evidence, we, as Americans, spent over $5 billion in 1999 on herbals to treat such conditions as depression, lagging energy, and memory problems. It has been written in some of our own US media publications that one in five adults taking prescription medications also use herbal medications, megavitamins, or both.

The American public is of the feeling that "if it's natural, it's safe." This is not so true. Especially, if you look in to it, in the case of patients who are going to surgery, where common herbal supplements can cause serious side effects.

Possible complications from the use of herbal supplements in general, include heart attack, stroke, bleeding, problems with anesthesia, organ transplant rejection, and interference with other medications.

Just recently I read in one of my medical journals of a patient undergoing cardiac bypass surgery, who continued to bleed afterwards and whose chest had to be re-opened. No specific blood vessels could be identified causing this problem. A pharmacist reviewed his history and talked to the family, to find that the patient was a Chinese cook who ate a lot of garlic, which contributed to the cause of the bleeding. In another instance, of which I read, a patient having a facelift began diffuse bleeding during the surgery, without an identifiable cause of it. After surgery she developed a hematoma – a collection of blood in the area which could potentially create grave post-surgery complications. It turned out that the patient was continuing to take vitamin E up to the time of the surgery, although the surgeon had told her to stop it two weeks beforehand because of its blood-thinning properties. At least these were cases that were not fatal; many do not have such outcomes.

The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 exempts herbal supplements from the safety and efficacy requirements of prescription and over the counter drugs. An exception to what's going on is the herbal supplement ephedra, which the FDA recently banned. Ephedra has been promoted to help people lose weight, enhance sport performance, and increase alertness. Ephedrine – its active ingredient – raises blood pressure and stresses circulation, raising the risks of irregular heart beat, heart attacks, seizures and strokes. When combined with caffeine, its effects can be even more severe. We know the fates too well of Baltimore Orioles pitcher, Steve Bechler, and Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle, Korey Stringer, who used ephedra and died.

Tell your doctor what supplements you are taking when you see him or her.. When you are having surgery, do not forget to tell your surgeon and the anesthesiologist. And tell your nurses. Cover all bases. And heed what is advised when your doctor tells you to stop a supplement. This is not to say that supplement intake is always dangerous. Some supplements can help you. Just make sure you are getting the advice you need. Being too proud to speak up is not worth the cost of your life!

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Governor Rod R. Blagojevich looks on as Gaylee Andrews, along with husband Ray announced that they are taking legal action that could force the FDA to promulgate rules allowing states and individuals to import drugs from Canada where they cost up to 80 percent less. The couple became the first plaintiffs in a major federal class action lawsuit filed in the Washington D.C. federal district court against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration.

Colorectal Cancer Second Cause Of Death

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, claiming more lives than either breast or prostate cancer. This year, more than 7,500 new colorectal cancer cases will be diagnosed in Illinois, and nearly 3,000 will die.

What many Americans don't know is that colon cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancer. Studies show colon cancer early detection and treatment of colon cancer can reduce deaths from this disease, yet only 38 percent of colon cancers are detected in the earliest and most treatable stage. People whose colon cancers are found at an early stage have five-year survival rates of 90 percent. For colon cancers found at a later, more advanced stage, the five-year survival rate drops to less than 10 percent.

While men and women are equally affected, African Americans – a population group experiencing the highest death rates from colon cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the United States – are at increased risk and are more likely to be diagnosed when the disease is at an advanced stage.

"Colon cancer doesn't have to be as deadly," says Clement Rose, MD, president of the American Cancer Society's Chicago Regional Community Board.

"While many Americans resist the idea of getting screened for the disease, reliable testing options currently exist to find and remove pre-cancerous colon polyps before they develop into a serious health problem – if only people would use them."

A new state law went into effect on Jan. 1st requiring health insurance companies to cover all colon cancer screenings in accordance with the American Cancer Society guidelines, including colonoscopies.

The guidelines recommend that after age 50, all men and women begin regular colon testing, including undergoing a colonoscopy every 10 years. Other screening options recommended by the Society are a yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT) and flexible sigmoidoscopy or double contrast barium enema every five years. Since personal risk varies, it is important to consult with one's doctor to make an informed decision about when to begin testing and the most appropriate testing method.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

The Society's Illinois Division has more than 120,000 volunteers and 280 staff members fighting cancer in the state. For the most up-to-date cancer-related information, visit www.cancer.org, or call 1(800) ACS-2345 where you'll always find a warm voice on the other end of the line – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Implant Taxus Drug-Eluting Coronary Stent

Continuing its tradition of providing the most superior healthcare services through cutting-edge technology, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center March 9th became the first hospital in the state of Illinois to implant the Taxus drug-eluting coronary stent manufactured by Boston Scientific Corp.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Taxus drug-eluting stent on March 4. The stent was successfully implanted in a patient at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center just days later by Kurt Erickson, M.D., cardiologist on staff at St. Francis and a member of Heart Care Centers of Illinois.

"This is the second drug-eluting stent on the market, and it's always nice to have more options since not all stents behave in the same way," said Dr. Erickson. "Receiving the Taxus drug-eluting stent from Boston Scientific only days after FDA approval, validates their recognition of our heart program's leadership in providing the most cutting edge, highest quality heart care services."

Boston Scientific selected St. Francis Hospital & Health Center as the site to deliver the first shipment of the Taxus drug-eluting stent based on its proven performance as a top 100 cardiac hospital in the nation.

"St. Francis is one of the finest heart centers in the state of Illinois and one of the top programs in the country," said Tim Barrett, representative from Boston Scientific "As such, this hospital was given very high priority to receive the stent."

Stents are small mesh tubes used to clear obstructions and prop open arteries after angioplasty. Unlike bare-metal stents, the Taxus stent releases drugs derived from those used in cancer treatments, which suppress the re-growth of tissue around the stent.

"It really raises the bar in terms of clinical outcome for patients," Barrett said. "Bare-metal stents have an 85 to 90 percent success rate. The Taxus drug-eluting stent has a 95 to 98 percent success rate."

A year ago, St. Francis offered the first drug-eluting stent to receive approval from the FDA for the treatment of blocked coronary arteries. St. Francis was selected by Johnson & Johnson, which manufactures the CYPHER Sirolimus-eluting stent, because of its national recognition in quality care and exceptional outcomes.

For more information about St. Francis' heart programs as well as other services available, visit www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Prevent Skin Diseases

Your skin is the largest and most visible organ of your body. And there's a lot to consider when it comes to caring for your skin and making sure it stays healthy. From acne to little known autoimmune diseases, skin conditions affect people of all ages.

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Find out about the most common skin disease with **Questions & Answers About Acne.** Learn about different types of acne, how they develop, the treatments that will and won't work, and how to care for your skin. **Questions & Answers About Psoriasis** explains how this chronic skin disease causes scaling and inflammation primarily in adults. Learn about the available treatment options, including topical, light therapy, and systemic medications.

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Advocate Christ Hospital Demonstration

Holding picket signs and chanting "Hey Advocate you're killing us, stop over-billing us," more than 100 patients, community members and religious leaders demonstrated in front of Advocate Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn, to highlight the hospital's poor treatment of the uninsured and underinsured. Nearly half the demonstrators are currently being sued by Christ Hospital to collect unpaid hospital bills.

The demonstrators urged the hospital to stop charging high prices and filing lawsuits against patients struggling to pay their medical bills. They also demanded that the hospital provide charity care to low-income patients. According to research by the Hospital Accountability Project examining 2001 data, uninsured patients were expected to pay 27% more on average at Christ Hospital than at other hospitals. In addition, Christ Hospital sued patients to collect unpaid bills at a rate of 246% higher than other hospitals in Cook County.

Hospital management refused to meet with a patient delegation led by Rev. Rayford Grady, pastor of Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Joseph Bocko, pastor of Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church; and Rev. Don Coleman, pastor of University United Church of Christ. Advocate Health Care, which includes 10 hospitals in the Chicago area, is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ. The delegation was seeking to hand-deliver applications for charity care and financial assistance for the patients currently being sued by the hospital.

"Advocate needs to address these issues. They are treating south side patients in an inequitable, unjust way and we want to know why," said Rev. Grady. "We also came to ask why they are keeping the policy on charity care a secret."

As a tax-exempt, non-profit hospital, Advocate receives generous tax breaks in exchange for providing free care and financial assistance to low-income patients. The demonstrators said that the protest highlighted that Advocate victimizes patients by subjecting them to aggressive collections tactics, such as lawsuits, ruined credit ratings, and wage garnishments, instead of offering them charity care.

"Christ Hospital served me with a summons at my job. They sued me for $13,000," said Vincent Petrozza, a restaurant worker and one of several patients who turned in a charity care application. "I was never told about charity care to even see if I qualify and now they are ruining my credit."

The demonstration was sponsored by the Metropolitan Alliance of Congregations, Illinois ACORN, Jobs With Justice, and the Hospital Accountability Project, SEIU.

2004 MS Walk Set

Serono and Pfizer reach out a helping hand to support those who will spend Sunday, May 2nd walking 1.5 to 6 miles to fight multiple sclerosis (MS). Serono and Pfizer officially announce their support of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater Illinois Chapter's 2004 MS Walk as the presenting sponsor for the event. The companies look forward to supporting 18,000 walkers – one for each person living with MS in Illinois – as they aid the National MS Society in its mission to end the devastating effects of MS.

"The people at Serono and Pfizer were very positive when we approached them about being part of the 2004 MS Walk," said Pam Swenk, president of the Greater Illinois Chapter. "They have done much to enhance the success of the walk and help improve the lives of the 18,000 Illinois residents living with MS."

For more information about MS or the MS Walk, or to walk, volunteer or sponsor someone in the MS Walk, call 1(888) 343-1179 or visit www.msillinois.org.

Tim Nolan Benefit

The family and friends of Tim Nolan, 34, of Alsip are holding a benefit fundraiser for Tim and his family on Saturday, March 20th from 1 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon St., 3359 W. 115th St. A $25 donation will include beer/wine/soda, food, live music, auction, and free valet parking.

Tim and his wife Krista grew up on the south side. They have three sons, Jake, 5; Josh, 3; and Luke, 1. Tim is an engineer with Local 399.

In October 2003, doctors discovered a cancerous tumor in Tim's brain and performed surgery to remove it. The type of tumor removed was considered "aggressive" and left deposits of cancerous cells behind, cells that cannot be removed through surgery. Therefore, Tim is being treated with a heavy regimen of radiation and chemotherapy and he, his family and friends are all optimistic for a full recovery. However, Tim could use help paying for medial bills and may need additional help if off work for longer than expected.

For admission tickets or raffle tickets call Pat Nolan at (708) 388-2596. If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, call Jean Kelly at (815) 588-3631. To make a donation to Tim and his family, please make check payable to: "Tim Nolan Benefit Fund," in care of Founders Bank, 10515 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

NAMI Hold Meeting

Patrick Rodgers, field representative for the Social Security Administration, will be the speaker at the Membership/Educational meeting of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago at 7 p.m. on March 25th in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St. (at Crawford Pulaski) in Matteson. For more information about the meeting, or NAMI, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consolidated Community Development Plan
Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program
Emergency Shelter Grants Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program

DATE Thursday, April 1, 2004
Thursday, May 13, 2004

TIME 6:00 P.M.

PLACE Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building Room 567
Chicago, Illinois 60602

The Cook County Consolidated Community Development Plan includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The area covered by these programs are primarily suburban municipalities under 50,000 in population. **These programs do not include the City of Chicago.**

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold two (2) Public Hearings for the 2004 Consolidated Community Development Program Year which begin October 1, 2004.

The approximate amount of funds available for the 2004 Program Year are $13,375,000 for CDBG, $478,000 for ESG and $6,900,000 for HOME.

The purpose of the first hearing, April 1, 2004, is to hear proposals from the non-municipal and emergency shelter grant applicants regarding their 2004 Program Year applications submitted to Cook County and to hear testimony from interested persons or groups.

The purpose of the second hearing, May 13, 2004 is for the Advisory Council to approve the recommended projects for the 2004 Program Year Annual Action Plan – Year 5 of the Consolidated Community Development Plan.

All interested persons, groups and municipalities are invited to attend and participate.

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Sentimental Journey II, a senior citizen prom sponsored by 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai, will be held in the main gym at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th St., on Sunday, March 28th from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $5 payable at the door. Individual and group reservations are necessary.

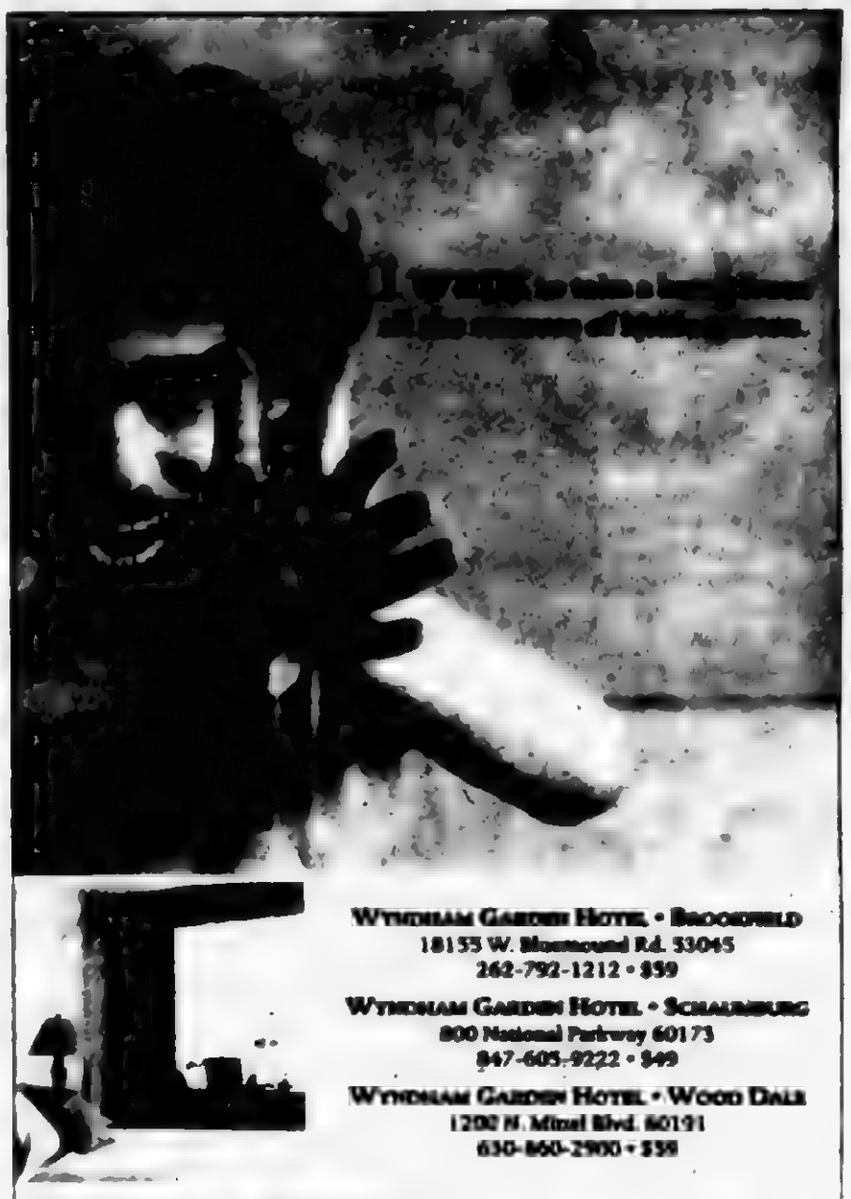
Dinner will be provided and dancing to the music of the bygone era will be presented by NJ. There will be entertainment and a sing along with some favorite tunes. There will also be a Karaoke contest for senior "singing idols."

Call the 19th Ward office at (773) 238-8766 to make your reservations, either individual or group. If you have any questions, ask for Peg Rafferty.

Pet Show Set

As Good as Gold, Golden Retriever Rescue of Northern Illinois, will be at the Chicagoland Family Pet Show at Arlington Park Racecourse, 2200 W. Euclid in Arlington Heights, on Friday, March 19th from 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 20th from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 21st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors can check out the Golden Retrievers and have lots of fun, including a turn at the As Good as Gold Wheel of Fortune and On Golden Pond games.



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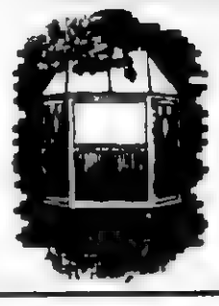

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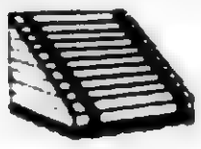

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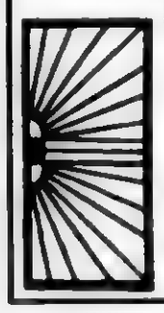

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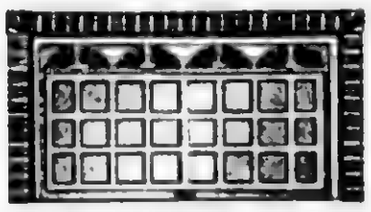

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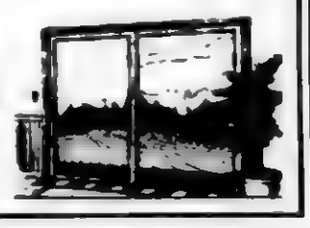

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Migratory Bird Walk

A "Migratory Bird Walk," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m. at Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, in Plainfield.

The lakes and abundant wetlands that make up Lake Renwick provide one of the greatest migratory bird spectacles in the Chicagoland area. A Forest Preserve naturalist will lead the hike in search of migrating waterfowl, herons, egrets, and songbirds.

Plan on attending more than one Migratory Bird Walk because different species will be migrating at different times; each week brings something new. Participants are encouraged to bring a bird guide and binoculars and to dress for the weather. The walk will be a moderate pace, so wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

The hikes are free of charge and are intended for persons of at least seven years of age.

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve is located on Renwick Road, 0.5 mile east of Route 30 (Plainfield Road), in Plainfield.

Oak Lawn Community Partnership Presented Awards To Members For Outstanding Service

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership recently hosted their annual meeting and program. Members, guests, dignitaries, and friends of the community gathered for breakfast at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn. A program, featuring presentations by acting Village of Oak Lawn Mayor Ronald Stancik, partnership officers Mary Grana and Jeanie Shotas, and other members, followed. The annual awards were also presented to selected members for outstanding service.

Attending are (left to right, front row) members Maddie Kelly of the Oak Lawn Park District, Linda Bensen of Trinity Lutheran Church, Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, Joan O'Sullivan of Oak Lawn Family Services, Linda Olsen of the Oak Lawn Public Library, Peggy Daudell of Advocate Christ Hospital, Mary Grana; (back row) Maura Kennedy of the Oak Lawn Park District, Joseph Stubbs of the Oak Lawn Police Department, Jeanie Shotas of the Village of Oak Lawn, Thomas Parrot-Sheffer of Salem United Church of Christ, James Buschbach of Buschback Insurance Company, James Pacetti of the Oak Lawn Police Department, and Jerry Hurckes a trustee of the Village of Oak Lawn and of the Office of Congressman William Lipinski.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a non-profit organization that meets on a regular basis to discuss issues of health and wellness for the community. Representatives gather together to share ideas and resources from healthcare, government, education, religion, business, and service groups. Meetings are generally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8 a.m. in the village hall.

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Offer Latest In Cancer Technology

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers now offers its patients the benefits of the latest in cancer therapy technology: radiofrequency ablation (RFA) and intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT).

RFA spares the patient's normal tissue and decreases the pain level. It does this by killing tumors with heat. The radiologist begins by examining the tumor on an ultrasound or CT scan image. A thin electrode (similar in size to a needle) is then placed through the skin and directly into the tumor. The electrode is connected to a generator that sends radio waves and this wave energy creates heat in the electrode that spreads out to destroy the entire affected area. The treated tumor begins to die immediately and the results can be seen on a CT scan (http://www.bidmc.harvard.edu/home.asp).

"My liver cancer was treated with radio frequency ablation," said Little Company patient, Charles Cullinan. "The recovery time was remarkable. I experienced no after-effects and I felt like my usual self the very next day. I can honestly say I am 100 percent satisfied with the treatment."

According to the United States Dept. of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Health, "Radio frequency ablation has been used to successfully treat thousands of tumors around the world in the past few years with very few complications. It is a relatively new application of an old technology."

Another specialized cancer treatment performed at Little Company is IMRT. Using computer-generated images, IMRT helps plan, and then deliver tightly focused radiation beams to cancerous tumors. With laser accuracy, the radiation beam is focused on the tumor and away from surrounding healthy tissue. "In the past, a large field was designated for radiation treatment," said Dr. Corbin Johnson, radiation oncologist at Little Company. "IMRT has improved the accuracy of the radiation and is used to treat tumors that were once thought to be untreatable due to close proximity of vital organs, such as the spinal cord."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On March 10th Ricardo Castro of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and resisting a police officer after officers on patrol observed Castro running westbound on 111th. Castro was carrying a black garbage bag and looking over his shoulder. When the officers attempted to stop him, he continued running to a home in the 11000 block of Tripp where he began pounding on the door in an attempt to evade the police. He tossed the bag into the bushes and the bag opened and its contents spilled out to the ground. Police observed a plastic bag containing a leafy substance on the ground. Castro continued to gain entry into the home ignoring the officers' requests forcing the officers to take him to the ground. The contents of the plastic bag field tested positive for marijuana.

On March 10th Melvin Lewis, 26, of Chicago was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery. The manager of Kenwood Liquors recognized Lewis when he entered the store as someone who had previously taken merchandise and followed him. The manager observed Lewis concealing liquor in his jacket and confronted him. Lewis lifted up his jacket to show the manager a gun and threatened him. Lewis then exited the store. A description of the car was broadcast, and Evergreen Park police observed the car at 95th and Pulaski, where they stopped the car. The manager identified Lewis, however a search of Lewis and the car did not reveal a gun. Lewis denied having a gun.

On March 13th Ryan McGuire, 19, of Midlothian, Chad McCain, 19, and Miles McCormies, 18, both of Oak Forest were arrested and charged with theft after being observed by a neighbor loading cases of beer into a van from a truck parked in the alley behind Kenwood Liquors. Police stopped the van as it was heading southbound on Cicero and discovered 38 cases of beer in the van. McCormies claimed to have attended a party earlier and had learned about the truck parked behind Kenwood Liquors and how easy it was to break into it. He then called his friends, got the van, and went to steal the beer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We have been concerned about not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. However, there should be a concern for the weapons for the mass destruction of morality in America. I define the weapons as: lack of self-respect shown by behavior, attire and speech; lack of respect for all stages of life shown by abortion, murder and suicide; the desire to redefine marriage; the promotion of indecency through newspaper advertisements, movies, TV and radio; the use of inappropriate language as the norm; the acceptance of money, power and sexual prowess as priorities in life.

The high ideals on which America was founded makes it the greatest nation in the world. In order to carry on our tradition we need to take a moment to reflect on the direction our country is headed. During an election year we are promised many things. It is up to us using common sense and reliable information to decide on the best thing for America and its people. Our freedom of speech allows us to voice our concerns through discussing, writing and voting.

Thank you,
s/s Marlene Jezioraski
Oak Lawn

Recently two Oak Lawn Community High School seniors David Montgomery and David Vognar were recognized as finalists in the 49th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the National Merit Program are underwritten by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions as well as by NMSC's own funds. "Merit Scholarship winners are academic champions who will be the leaders of tomorrow. They will be selected on the strength of their accomplishments and abilities and without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference," commented an NMSC spokesperson.

To become finalists, students must have a record of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance.

Pictured left to right are David Montgomery, Principal Catherine Fronczak, Board President Mary Cerceo, and David Vognar.

Bunco Night At Queen Of Peace

Queen of Peace High School's Parent Volunteer Network will sponsor Bunco Night on Saturday, March 27 at the high school, 7659 S. Linder.

Tickets are $25 and include hot and cold appetizers, munchies, beer, wine, soft drinks, sweet table and coffee. The evening will feature door prizes, raffles, and split the pot. All over 21 are invited to play.

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Host Frankenstein Events

The Oak Lawn Public Library has partnered with Moraine Valley Community College and eight other public libraries to host events related to "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit that will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library from March 30 to April 28.

The following panel discussions will be offered free of charge, first-come, first-seated, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the lower level meeting room.

The Novel Frankenstein on Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Frankenstein, published in 1818, was the first science fiction novel. Also notable, this work was written by a woman at a time when women were not taken seriously in the literary world. This discussion will focus on the novel Frankenstein, its significance and impact on our culture.

Art in Mass Media on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. The image of Frankenstein's monster shown by the mass media does not resemble the creature described in Mary Shelley's novel. This discussion will center on the various ways that art lives on in popular culture.

For a complete listing of panel discussions and a film series offered at other participating libraries, visit Moraine Valley's Frankenstein web site at www.morainevalley.edu frankenstein. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Oak Lawn AARP Chapter Will Hold Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, April 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. The guest speaker will be June Sumaral, a humorist. She will present an Easter program.

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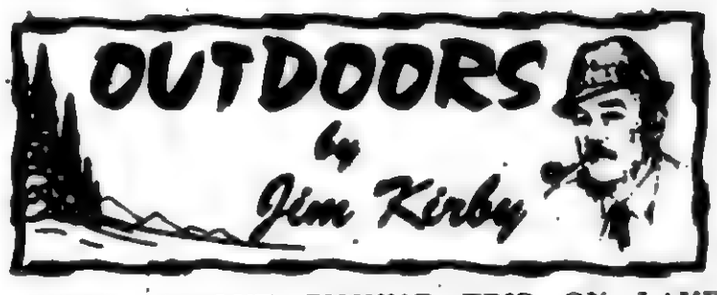


FIRST ICE-OUT FISHING TRIP ON LAKE MICHIGAN HAS A FEW SURPRISES: The big problem was finding a place to launch the boat. The ramps at Hammond and Pastrik marinas were not open. That left us with a choice of Calumet Harbor (95th Street) in Illinois, or Burn's Ditch in Indiana.

The three of us, including my nephew Mark Kirby and his 11 year old daughter Katie decided on 95th Street. We had Illinois and Indiana licenses, so we could fish the entire Southern Lake Michigan basin, which we wound-up doing. "Surprise," out of six ramps, only one was open, but we still managed to be on the water by 7 a.m.

As soon as we cleared the harbor, Mark set out the six lines with a smorgasbord of flat-lines, yellow-birds and deep divers tipped with dodgers and flies, spoons and body-baits.

The action was immediate and disappointing; we kept snagging shad in the 2-3 lb. class. Foul hooked large shad put up a good fight, but we were after salmon and trout. Trying different depths to get to the salmon, didn't work. We did eventually manage to latch onto a few cohos and brown trout.

We were on the water about an hour when the Indiana DNR boat came alongside and checked our licenses and trout stamps. Three hours later the same boat checked us near the Inland Steel Shipping Channel. We convinced them that nothing had changed since our previous encounter. They gave us a report as to how other fishermen were doing. It was no consolation, but it seems nobody was doing any better than we were.

A few minutes later, the Coast Guard pulled alongside and tied up to our boat. One of the three crew members boarded our boat and gave us a thorough inspection, including our life jackets, boat registration, photo ID, throwable cushion, horn and whistle, fire extinguisher and flares. Mark's boat passed with flying colors and he was given a certificate, good for six months, to show to any other Coast Guard boats that stopped us.

I couldn't help but notice that the holstered automatic sidearm of the one crew member was off safe. I questioned him about it. He told me that a live-round was in the chamber, as was the case with the other two members of the crew. They said this was now standard procedure in light of what happened on 9-11.

This eight hour outing gave me a chance to spend some quality time with my nephew and niece. Katie surprised me with the way she handled the boat, landed and netted fish.

Katie Kirby landed this 8 lb. brown trout.

It must run in the family. This charming 11 year old sixth grade student at Oster-Oakview School in New Lenox loves to hunt and fish, shoot trap and skeet re-loads her gun 20 Ga. shells, and enjoys anything to do with the outdoors, and has passed her Hunter Safety Course.

Katie and her dog "Louie" hunting wood ducks on the Kankakee River.

Katie's other activities include: Girl Scouts, snowboarding, school plays and musicals, archery, snowmobiling, horseback riding, including competitive barrel racing, and art contests.

In addition to all these endeavors, Katie sings in the church choir, school chorus, competes in math contests and spelling bees, plays piano and drums. To top it all off, she's on the "Gold Honor Roll," Like I said, it must run in the family. Her Mom, Donna and her Dad, Mark are talented, and enjoy the 'Great Outdoors.'

It turned out to be a great trip, the fishing was great, the catching left a lot to be desired, and I had the opportunity to get to know a fine young lady, who renewed by faith in the future generation.

Trout Fishing Season Opens Soon

Spring is just around the corner and so is the 2004 spring trout fishing season, which opens at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 3rd.

"Our spring trout opener is always a great way to begin the new fishing season in the state," said Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold. "For anglers of all ages, we'll stock more than 60,000 trout in more than 40 bodies of water throughout the state, providing a lot of opportunity and a lot of fun for those who fish for trout this spring."

The trout stocking program in Illinois is made possible through the sale of inland trout stamps to participating anglers. The stamps are available for $6.50 each at IDNR offices in Springfield, Chicago, Alton, Bartlett, Benton, Clinton and Sterling, at many municipal, township and county clerks' offices, and at many sporting goods stores and bait shops. Inland trout stamps, as well as fishing licenses, also may be purchased with a credit card through the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us.

To legally participate in the trout fishing program, anglers must have a valid Illinois fishing license and an inland trout stamp. If anglers choose to buy a 24-hour fishing license, it includes trout fishing privileges for the 24-hour period the license is valid. A license is required unless the angler is under age 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois serviceman or servicewoman home on leave. Annual fishing licenses now being sold for the 2004 season are valid through March 31st, 2005.

Anglers may not take trout from any of the stocked sites from March 15th to the opening of the season on April 3rd at 5 a.m. Anyone attempting to take trout before the legal opening will be issued citations. There is a daily possession limit of five fish for the spring trout season.

For more information about the trout stocking program, contact the IDNR Division of Fisheries at (217) 782-6424, SBC Relay (800) 526-0844.

Student Radio Will Broadcast Game

Fans of St. Xavier University women's basketball, who cannot make the trip down to Jackson, Tenn. next week for the NAIA National Tournament, will be happy to know that WXAV 88.3 FM, SXU's student radio station, will broadcast the Cougars' first round game against No. 3 Vanguard University (Calif.) on Thursday, March 18th at 2:15 p.m. In addition to catching the game live on the radio, fans outside the listening area of WXAV will be able to hear the game over the Internet through a link on the SXU athletics web site at www.sxu.edu athletics.

The 2004 NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship bracket has divided the 32 teams competing at Oman Arena in Jackson next week into four eight-team sub-brackets and seeded each team No. 1 through No. 8 for each sub-bracket. SXU earned a No. 8 seed in its quadrant, while Vanguard received the No. 1 spot. Vanguard was ranked No. 3 nationally in the final rankings poll released by the NAIA on March 2nd. The Cougars were unranked in the final poll, but received an automatic bid to the NAIA tournament by winning the CCAC post-season tournament last Saturday.

SXU brings a 26-9 overall record into the NAIA National Tournament, while Vanguard University comes into the event with a 26-2 mark. The tournament is single-elimination with the winning team playing on Friday, March 19th at 2:15 p.m. against the winner of No. 4 seed Xavier (La.) and No. 5 seeded Oklahoma Christian.

The SXU women's basketball team left for Jackson, Tenn. on Monday, March 15th at 3 p.m. from the Shannon Center.

Wooddale Guns And Hoses Charity Game

Come out on Saturday, March 20th for the Chicago Steel's final season home game and the 3rd annual Guns and Hoses Charity Game. The Wooddale Firemen will take on the Wooddale Policemen at 5 p.m. prior to the Chicago Steel puck drop at 7:05. All game proceeds will be donated to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Chicagoland.

The Chicago Steel is currently the first place hockey team in the Eastern Division in the USHL. The Chicago Steel play two home games this weekend at the Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville.

Saturday, March 19th at 7:35 p.m., Chicago Steel v. St. Louis.

Sunday, March 20th at 7:05 p.m., Chicago Steel v. Danville.

The USHL is the premiere tier 1 junior hockey league in the USA. Our main goal is to advance the education and careers of our players. The USHL has produced top NHL players such as Tyler Arnason (Chicago Blackhawks), Gary Suter (Chicago Blackhawks), Brian Rafalaski (New Jersey Devils), just to name a few. In the past three seasons we've placed 90% of our players in Division 1 college programs and signed 6 with rites in the NHL.

Eight of the 23 players on the Chicago Steel roster are hometown players. The rest of the roster hail from California to New York. Different families in the Chicago area are kind enough to house these players for the duration of the season, while they play hockey and attend school.

Leo Class "A" Champs

The Leo Lions of Chicago's Catholic League proved their dominance over a Class A field as they captured a state basketball championship with a 65-57 victory over Winnebago on Saturday night in Carver Arena in Peoria. The Leo Lions were led by senior center Frank Clair's 25 points (10-13 FGs and 4-5 free throws) and 6 rebounds. Clair, a first team All-stater this year, was complimented by Alan Downing (12 points), Tracy Robinson (8 points) and super sub Stephen Benjamin (4 points). The Lions had to beat third place finisher Quincy Notre Dame 70-55 in the semifinals to get a shot at the state championship game. They made the most of their visit, rewarding Leo's first year head coach Noah Cannon (a 1995 graduate of the school) with his first state championship. Leo High School's enrollment is approximately 300 young men.

SXU Add Preps To Roster

Head coach Mike Feminis and the St. Xavier University program continue to add quality area preps to its 2004 roster with the signing of four more recruits recently, who plan to continue their academic and athletic endeavors as Cougars. SXU landed offensive linemen Tom McKenna (Lincoln-Way Central) and Jake Ziesmer (Joliet Catholic), defensive back David Gonzalez (Oak Forest) and defensive end Chris Garcia (Morton).

Feminis beefed up his offensive line with the signings of McKenna and Ziesmer. McKenna was an All-Area First Team selection for both the Joliet Herald News and Star Publications, in addition to being named a Chicago Sun-times All-Area special mention. He also was selected as the No. 1 lineman in the SICA Blue Conference. He played under Rob Gliemi at Lincoln-Way Central and is the son of Cheri McKenna of Manhattan.

Ziesmer joins the Cougar program after serving as the starting left guard for Class A state champion Joliet Catholic under head coach Dan Sharp. Ziesmer is the son of Terry and Linda Ziesmer of Joliet.

Gonzalez, a defensive back from Oak Forest High School, played under Brian McDonough. Gonzalez was an all-conference player in the SICA Orange and was a Star Publications All-Area Special Mention. Oak Forest went undefeated during the 2003 regular season and advanced to the second round of the Class 6A playoffs finishing the year with a 10-1 record. Gonzalez is the son of Joe and Isabel Gonzalez of Oak Forest.

The SXU football team also signed Garcia, a tight end/linebacker from Morton High School in Cicero. Garcia will likely be moved to the defensive end position as a Cougar. He was coached by Anthony Grazzini at Morton.

ThunderBolts New Office

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced their front office staff has officially moved into their new office building next to Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood.

The new 1,250 square foot building provides office space for their staff, a souvenir store, and three ticket windows for ThunderBolts' customers. The team broke ground on the new facility in October 2003.

Windy City team president Kevin Rhomberg said the new building gives the message to Crestwood and the surrounding communities that the ThunderBolts will be a Southland mainstay.

"I believe what the new offices bring to our organization is stability and credibility," Rhomberg said. "With our new building, we are informing our fan base that we are here for the long haul and want to bring exciting independent professional baseball to the area for years to come."

"The hospitality that Crestwood and Mayor Stranczek have shown has been nothing short of spectacular," Windy City Assistant General Manager Matt Wilson said. "They made us feel at home by welcoming us into the community, and we hope we can make them feel as welcome at Hawkinson Ford Field this summer."

For corporate advertising, season tickets or group outings, contact the Windy City ThunderBolts at (708) 489-2255.

McMahon Earns Masters

Tony McMahon, president of Golf-Spec, LLC and WedgeMaster, Inc., has earned the Master Teaching Certificate from the Professional Golf Teachers Assn. of America.

Devoting over two years to improving his golf game through instruction, education and study, McMahon has met the high standards of the PFTAA.

An inventor and holder of two U.S. Patents, two European Patents and three pending patents, McMahon has combined his mechanical knowledge with his love of the golf game. His original product, Golf-Spec, was launched three years ago and has now developed a follow-up product and teaching system for the short game, Wedge Master.

McMahon states, "The average golfer struggles sixty yards and closer to the green. My goal is to provide the tools and training to help high handicappers lower their score by 10 to 15 strokes through blending fundamental teaching methods and products we offer."

For additional information, contact McMahon at (708) 974-0154.

Signs On At SXU

Natalie Liakopoulos, a senior at Oak Lawn High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program.

Liakopoulos, who plans to pursue a degree in secondary education, is projected to play as a midfielder for the Cougars. She is the daughter of April Guerra and Mario Liakopoulos, and was coached by Kevin Stow at OLHS.

"Natalie is a great addition to our program," said SXU head women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "She has a great work ethic, skill level and vision, which will help fill a huge void in the central midfield with the graduation of two-time NAIA All-American Betsy West."

Signing

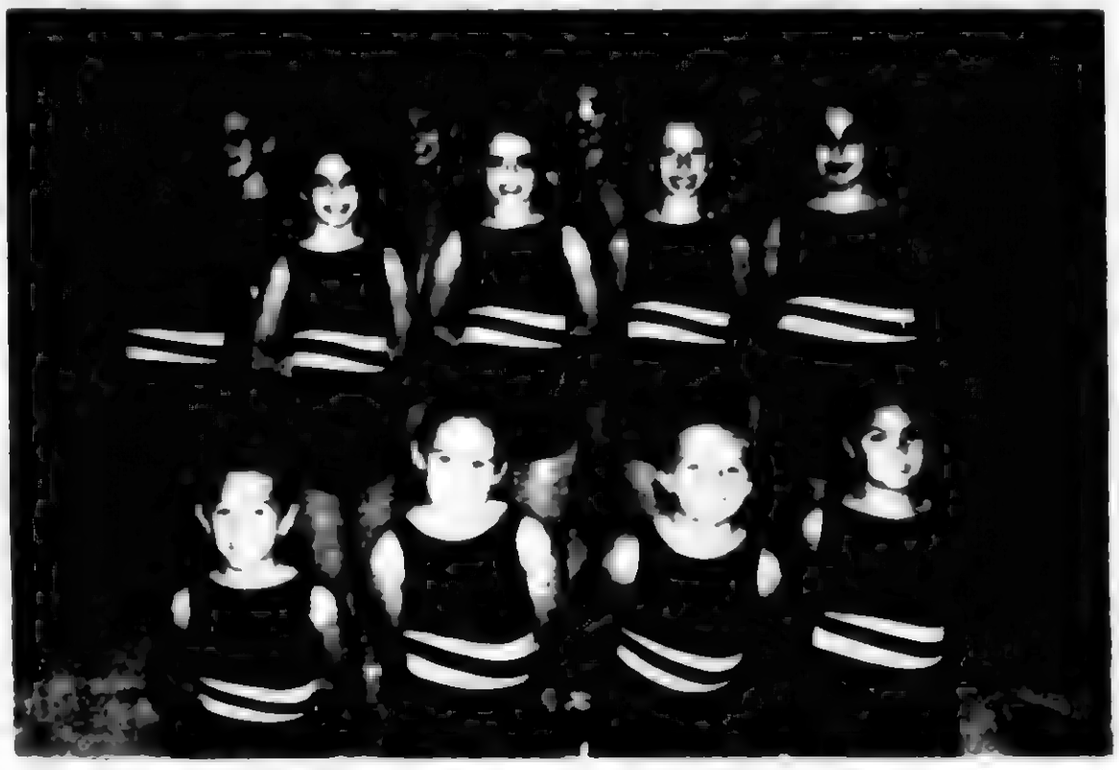
Tara Breshock, a senior at Thorton Fractional South High School in Lansing, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of both the Cougar women's basketball and volleyball programs.

Breshock, who resides in Lansing, was coached by Darold Pieper at T.F. South, where she averaged 20.1 points and 5.4 rebounds as a guard/forward on the basketball court her senior season. Breshock was also a two-time SICA Central Most Valuable Player and All-Area team member as a middle blocker/outside hitter for the Lady Rebels volleyball team under coach Nancy Welker.

Skating Teams Brought Home Two Gold Medals

Candy might be dandy, but nothing was as sweet on Valentine's weekend as the two gold medals that Fire On Ice synchronized skating teams from Southwest Ice Arena brought home from The Ice Skating Institute's Winter Classic in Nashville, Tennessee. For one of the teams this was a repeat of 2003 when Fire On Ice's precision team took the gold in the national competition held in California.

Members of the formation team are: Sarah Abbott, Lauren Acevedo, Alyson Austin, Tori Burden, Morgan Cox, Shelby Critchet, Allison Dinsmore, Erin Finn, Lana Griggs, Victoria Howard, Stephanie Lopez, Sarah Mailhiot, Courtney Nisavic, Katie and Maggie O'Brien, Amanda Pavlak, Morgan Rybolt, Amanda and Hope Salman, Elizabeth Stachowiak, Brittany Vegas and Jessica Warren.



Precision team members are Caitlin Bendoraitis, Brittany Berquist, Lynn and Sarah Capodagli, Makenzie Cody, Tara Finn, Brandy Ford, Tori Fuentes, Carrie and Jamie Hogan, Jordan Kurry, Kristina Lalas, Kerry Marmozewicz and Lorelei Valkenburg.

SIA is home to Fire On Ice. The rink has two teams, a 22 member formation team that has been skating for two years with girls from the ages of 8 to 12 on the team. The older precision team consists of 14 girls ranging in age from 10 to 14. Some have been skating team for eight years.

Both teams went to Nashville like other people looking for gold. These 36 girls weren't interested in a recording contract or a gold record, but a gold medal, and that's what they came back with.

Coach Diane Fuentes said the teams have been practicing since last June, and competing since November with two goals in mind. The first was a repeat gold medal at Winter Classic for the precision team, and a gold for the younger formation team. Both teams took to the ice with passion and desire. When the smoke cleared and the on ice awards were announced each team captured the coveted gold medal.

"Although our precision team made a minor mistake in an otherwise flawless performance, our difficult routine and speed made up for it," Fuentes said. "Our formation team really put out a great effort and were very deserving of the gold medal."

"Our next goal this year is a strong showing at the ISI Synchronized Skating Championships in Bensenville April 3rd and 4th Again Fire On Ice will be pitted against some of the best synchro teams in North America," added assistant coach Gina Buhs. Buhs is in her first year of assisting Fuentes. Fuentes has been directing the figure skating school at the rink for the past 25 years. She has coached the synchro team since its inception in the late 1980's. Ms. Bubhs is a former alumni of SIA's Fire On Ice teams from the 1990's.

The coaching staff was also proud that two team members received the ISI Good ——Sportsmanship Award at the competition. Precision team member Caitlin Bendoraitis and Formation team member Tori Burden were bestowed the coveted honors at the competition for their sportsmanship, community service, academic achievements, team work and skating skills.

For more information about Fire On Ice, contact Coach Diane Fuentes at SIA at (708) 371-1344.

Hold Golf Classic

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Homewood Disposal Service, Inc., will sponsor its annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 21st at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. The daylong event begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and concludes with dinner.

The Chamber is currently seeking additional sponsors and door prizes for the event. Businesses and individuals wishing to participate should contact Annemarie Gutchewsky at (708) 957-6950, ext. 118.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 3-9-04
Class A Super Sectionals
Millikin
Peoria Christian 47, Illini Central 42
SIU-Carbondale
Massac County 47, Pinckneyville 46
Olivet Nazarene
St. Anne 51, Tri-Valley 43
NIU
Winnebago 57, Rock Falls 56
Wheaton College
Leo 67, Northridge Prep 36
SIU-Edwardsville
Breese Central 61, Carrollton 44
Moline
Quincy Notre Dame 62, Rock Island Alleman 50
EIU
Pana 62, East Rich Land 58
Class AA Sectional Semi Finals
St. Xavier
Hyde Park 80, Hubbard 60
Lyons
Fenwick 67, Oak Park 60
Gordon Tech
Farragut 68, Young 54
Niles West
Evanston 70, Niles West 67
Urbana
Normal 58, Champaign Central 46
Elgin
Prairie Ridge 69, Larkin 61
Moline
Moline 61, Sycamore 52
Eisenhower
Thornwood 54, Julian 50, OT
Bloom
Homewood-Flossmoor 75, Joliet 56
Waubonsie Valley
West Aurora 62, Plainfield Central 47
Hinsdale South
Downers Grove South 59, Glenbard South 37
Buffalo Grove
Hoffman Estates 57, Conant 37
Waukegan
Waukegan 60, Lake Forest 56
Wednesday, 3-10-04
Class AA Sectional Semi Finals
Carbondale
Carbondale 66, Centralia 49
St. Xavier
Simeon 52, Brother Rice 42
Lyons
St. Joseph 37, Morton 35
Gordon Tech
Westinghouse 64, Marshall 63
Niles West
Von Steuben 76, St. Patrick 61
Urbana
Mt. Zion 61, Centennial 54
Elgin
Dundee Crown 63, Barrington 60
Moline
Rockford Boylan 88, Rochelle 65
Eisenhower
Thornton 54, Marist 50, OT
Bloom
Rich Central 66, Hillcrest 61
Waubonsie Valley
Waubonsie Valley 74, Batavia 59
Hinsdale South
Willowbrook 53, Glenbard West 50
Buffalo Grove
Schaumburg 70, Glenbrook North 58
Waukegan
Warren 52, Libertyville 47
Friday, 3-12-04
Class A Quarterfinals
Leo 59, Breeze Central 43
Peoria Christian 79, Massac County 65
Winnebago 62, St. Anne 60
Quincy Notre Dame 87, Pana 66
Class AA Sectional Finals
St. Xavier
Simeon 69, Hyde Park 57
Lyons Township
St. Joseph 66, Fenwick 62
Gordon Tech
Farragut 76, Westinghouse 54
Niles West
Von Steuben 91, Evanston 67
Elgin
Prairie Ridge 65, Dundee-Crown 50
Moline
Moline 69, Rockford Boylan 47
Eisenhower
Thornton 50, Thornwood 41
Bloom
Homewood-Flossmoor 66, Rich Central 50
Waubonsie Valley
West Aurora 58, Waubonsie Valley 54
Hinsdale South
Downers Grove South 51, Willowbrook 40
Buffalo Grove
Hoffman Estates 62, Schaumburg 52
Waukegan
Waukegan 51, Warren 42
Saturday, 3-13-04
Class A Tournament
At Peoria Civic Center
Title
Leo 65, Winnebago 57
Third Place
Quincy Notre Dame 87, Peoria Christian 73
Semifinals
Winnebago 68, Peoria Christian 55
Leo 70, Quincy Notre Dame 55

BOYS TRACK
Tuesday, 3-9-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 78, Hillcrest 49, Andrew 26.
Friday, 3-12-04
Willowbrook 101, Morton 96 ½, Addison Trail 33 ½, Shepard 27.
Saturday, 3-13-04
Argo Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Wheaton-Warrenville South 192. 2, tie, Rich Central and Morton 116. 4, Argo 70. 5, Plainfield Central 46. 6, Vernon Hills 20. 7, Nazareth 8.
Plainfield South Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Plainfield South 62. 2, Minooka 42. 3, Elmwood Park 32. 4, Lemont 22. 5, Reavis 10.

BOYS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 3-9-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 17, Andrew 3
St. Ignatius 20, Bremen 8
Wednesday, 3-10-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Sandburg 8
Lincoln-Way Central 16, Bremen 6
Lincoln-Way East 14, Lockport 8
Thursday, 3-11-04
Brother Rice 12, St Rita 5
Fenwick 19, Mount Carmel 5
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Palatine 11
St. Ignatius 9, St. Patrick 7
Stagg 12, Bradley 3
Friday, 3-12-04
St. Rita 28, Morgan Park 16
St. Ignatius 21, Mt. Carmel 11
Sandburg 16, Lincoln-Way East 5
Fenwick Invitational Tournament
Brother Rice 15, Mundelein 8
Brother Rice 16, Stevenson 12
Evanston 11, St. Patrick 9
Fenwick 19, Oak Park 6
Fenwick 14, Homewood-Flossmoor 8
Saturday, 3-13-04
Fenwick Tournament
Evanston 16, Lincoln-Way East 10
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Oak Park 10
Stevenson 11, Mundelein 7
St. Patrick 14, Oak Park 11
Stevenson 11, St. Patrick 5
Fenwick 19, Evanston 9
Mundelein 13, Lincoln-Way East 5
Stevenson 14, Homewood-Flossmoor 11
Brother Rice 14, Evanston 6
Oak Park 15, Lincoln-Way East 12
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, St. Patrick 10 (3rd)
Fenwick 11, Brother Rice 9 (title)
St. Rita Tournament
St. Rita 19, Mt. Carmel 7
St. Ignatius 23, Morgan Park 16
Morgan Park 20, Mt. Carmel 18 (3rd)
St. Rita 15, St. Ignatius 4 (title)

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, 3-11-04
Hinsdale South
Teams: Hinsdale South 164, Stagg 69, Downers Grover North 68, Reavis 64.
Friday, 3-12-04
Lemont 60, Romeoville 52, Elmwood Park 32
Rolling Meadows Invitational
Final Team Results: 1, Rolling Meadows 110. 2, Barrington 96. 3, Plainfield Central 77. 4, Streamwood 27. 5, Oak Forest 11.
Saturday, 3-13-04
New Trier 70, Lockport 68, Glenbard West 37

GIRLS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 3-9-04
Andrew 13, Maria 7
St. Ignatius 9, Bremen 1
Wednesday, 3-10-04
Andrew 17, Richards 5
Lincoln-Way Central 17, Bremen 3
Lincoln-Way East 23, Lockport 6
St. Ignatius 16, Marian Catholic 8
Thursday, 3-11-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Oak Park 2
Stagg 13, Hinsdale Central 9
Friday, 3-12-04
Andrew 11, Homewood-Flossmoor 5
Lincoln-Way Central 16, Richards 0
Sandburg 21, Lincoln-way East 6
Stagg 17, Bremen 5

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., as successor by corporate merger to Home Savings of America, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. Chad F. Catuara, Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-1197

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14540 S. Lavergne Ave., Midlothian, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $278,894.96

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citifinancial Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Estate of Frank J. Sterskal, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12413.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8500 S. 77th Court, Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $114,509.08.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.
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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Martin Alonso, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-14193.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10-30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 5140 W State Road, Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $88,641 32

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 00 p m and 3 00 p.m. only

Please refer to file number 03-0157D

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

199581C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Household Finance Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Gerdes, et al., Defendants. Case No 03Ch-10975.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3626 W 80th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single family residence with approximately 1,429 sq. ft.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Lee Scott Perres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marcus, Perres, Campanale & Wigoda, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-2233.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Lois F. Bonaguro a/k/a Lois Bonaguro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10384.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 5, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 16831 Forest Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,336 76

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only

Please refer to file number 03-91940

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

199592C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William McKenna a/k/a William S. McKenna, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-8965.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 53595
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 21, 2004 at the hour of 4 00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building, near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 2711 W. 98th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $130,590.67.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

198405C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Dean M. Abushanif, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-8072.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10024 S Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $156 582 94

Sale Terms. The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P O Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525. (217) 422-1719 ext. 23

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198279C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dia Rowls, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-4706.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 14625-27 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $224,380.11

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-2653.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198251C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Rafael Lozano, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13117.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit B-1/507, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a condo within 40 unit building tan brick and no garage

The judgment amount was $85,984 42

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information. Visit our website at http:\\service.attypierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0306352.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

198935C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Willie Masser, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6152.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56855
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 17, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the door at the Northeast Corner of the Lobby, of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 7801 S. Sawyer, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick constructed dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $141,073.93.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1.00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205285C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Cheryl A. Libner a/k/a Cheryl Libner, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-14610.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/17/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 4/19/2004, in its office at 33 N Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 11343 S. Normandy, Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $138,148.18

Sale Terms This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH" The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours, NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-02090.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198533C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Wieczorek a/k/a Richard B. Wieczorek, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4826

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 56043
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2004.

I, Frank Cohen, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 20, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the front door of the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8545 S. Latrobe, Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $169,435 28.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1.00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

200547C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alonzo Logwood, III, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02Ch-17244.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10-30 a.m. on March 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8638 S. Kolin Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $152,054 83

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH" The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only

Please refer to file number 02-4760D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-4899

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 56293
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 22, 2004 at the hour of 11.00 a.m. at first floor Southwest corner (nearest corner to Clark and Washington Sts.), Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/K/A 9123 S 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1.00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Godell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 98Ch 4994

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8800 Commercial St., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $118,5[illegible]

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 27084.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alice M. Parlich, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14456

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 5, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4133 W. 148th St., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,983.39

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33947.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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SPRING FEVER

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, NA as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Amos Clay, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 4301

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on 01/14/04, a Foreclosure Sale will be held on April 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at southwest corner of Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602, the person appointed to conduct the sale will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described premises and real estate:

7744 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvements of the property are as follows: one story, brick constructed, single family with separate garage.

The property is NOT open for inspection.

For information regarding this property contact the Special Commissioner, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 644-1620.

The Law Office of: Karen R. Anderson & Associates, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 644-1620, Fax (312) 644-6420, 06193869-ARDC, File No. MCO-3763.

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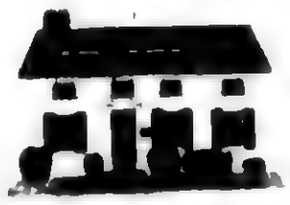

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Eduardo Dansao, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10246.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5238 W. 87th St., Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story white frame/alum or vyl and green trim w/detached 1½ car garage.

The judgment amount was $172,880.06

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http\\service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0210391.

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198572C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Lisa D. Cole, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15233 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $112,435.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8259.

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Marie R. Swanson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14305.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15050 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,910.61

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 32527.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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200456C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company-West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Castaneda, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9134

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14713 S. Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,419.90

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8408.

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199565C

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Tarlise K. Hunt a/k/a Tarlise Harvey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-4044.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9237 S. Karlov Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family home 1 story red brick w/attached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $250,201.76

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth G. Janik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14731

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8845 S. 50th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $105,700.74

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8797.

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Rudy Huber, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-4185.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4112 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $61,109.70

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 30292.

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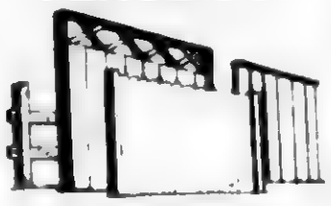

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Nick Bianco

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Oakridge Cemetery, for Nick Bianco, 77, a veteran and retired from the Chicago Police Dept.

He is survived by his children, Angela (John) Bianco-Hein and Nick (Cathy); four grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his sister, Louise Fiocca

William J. Galley, Jr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William J. Galley Jr., a veteran and husband of the late Alice.

He is survived by his daughter, Peggy (Frank) Butler and five grandchildren

Catherine Griffin

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, followed by the interment, for Catherine Griffin, 96, of Oak Lawn and formerly of Chicago, wife of the late Robert

She is survived by her grandchildren, Matthew Karen Griffin, Laura Griffin and Pamela (Robin) Renschen

Richard J. Gross

Mass was said Monday at St Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Richard J. Gross, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Marion, his children Peter and Mary Frieda Frank Fett, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his brothers Robert, Henry and Rudy Mary Anne

Eleanor Majcher

Mass was said Tuesday at St Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eleanor Majcher, 85, wife of the late Joseph

She is survived by her children, Marilyn (William) Miller, Diane (Gregory) Thomas and Nancy (Thomas) Damatey, grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

Ralph E. McPherson

Services were held Tuesday at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Concordia Cemetery, for Ralph Eugene McPherson, 88, a lifelong resident of Midlothian, husband of the late Dorothy. He served on the District 143 school board and the Bremen Heights Civic Club. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 716 and the UAL Retirees Assn. He was an accountant for United Airlines and also worked for American Airlines

He is survived by his children, Barbara Meisner, Juanita (James) Cooper and Sondra (Martin) O'Connor; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and his brothers, Raymond and Edward

George M. Stuart

Mass was said Tuesday at St Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Mt Olivet Cemetery, for George M Stuart, a veteran and husband of the late Dorothy

He is survived by his children, Andrew and Kathleen (James) MacKinnon, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his sister, Ruth Porter

Richard V. Rodriguez

Mass was said Tuesday at St Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Richard V Rodriguez, 44.

He is survived by his parents, Edward and Frances Fron, his brothers, Mark Jr and Michael A. Rodriguez and his grandparents, Mary and Joel Estrada

Mary J. Schulok

Mass was said Tuesday at St Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at St Mary Cemetery, for Mary J Schulok

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Carol (Coy) Alexander, Joann (James) Klima and Janet (Chris) Lask, seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and her sister, Pauline (Herman) Ebner

Norma J. & Robert C. Murphy

Services will be held Thursday, March 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Vandenburg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Ave., to St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., for 10 a.m. Mass, for Norma J., 71, and Robert C., 77, a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corp. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday.

They are survived by their children, Carleen (Michael) Jolls, Ritaellen, Mary (Jose) Quintero, Bob C. Jr. and James E. (Susan); nine grandchildren; Norma's sister, Ann Hughes and Robert's sister, Eileen (Walter) Schaur.

Mary Elizabeth Arp

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Mary Elizabeth Arp, 87, of Mt. Greenwood, formerly of Burbank, wife of the late Jerome

She is survived by her children, Margie (Tom) Tansey, Jerry (Connie), Danny (Joanne), Jim (Mary Sue), Charlie (Donna), Kevin (Julie) and Brian (Wendy); 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Russel J. Besecker III

Services were held Monday at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Russel J. "Rusty" Besecker III, 38, valuable varsity football player for St. Patricia in 1980.

He is survived by his parents, Russel and Rebecca; his sisters, Christina Griffin and Cynthia Besecker and his brother, Robert.

George C. Wilsdon

Mass was said Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for George C. Wilsdon, husband of the late Clotilda. He was a retired employee of the Chicago Belt Line Railroad.

He is survived by his step-children, Kathleen Peters and Michael (EmmyLou) O'Connor; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Zavoral, Sr.

Mass was said Tuesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Kenneth A. Zavoral, Sr., 71, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; his children, Kenneth Jr. (Jean), Raymond, Jean (Gerald) Pioth and Mary Ann (Kevin) Watson; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Myrtle E. Zeman

Mass was said Monday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for Myrtle E. Zeman, wife of the late Myles. She was a former member of the St. Christopher Rosary Altar Society.

She is survived by her children, Judith (Charles) O'Malley, Beverly (Tom) Widdes, Bette (John) Zeman, Gary (Debbie) and John (Maria); 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister, Alice Erickson and her brother, Clifford Swanson.

John C. Groot

Visitation was held Sunday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with private services, for John C. Groot, 83, a World War II veteran, of Orland Park. He retired in 1980 from the waste disposal business, Groot Disposal, founded by his father. He served as a captain and fighter pilot in the Marines from 1942 to 1946 and saw combat in Okinawa, Japan and the Philippines. He and his wife Phyllis raised their family in Evergreen Park.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his children, Lawrence, Valerie Van Woerkom, Pamela Brandsma, Gayle Vryhof and Robin Ipema; 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Irene Jeswein

Mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Irene Jeswein, wife of the late Earl.

She is survived by her children, Barbara (Raymond) Glassmeyer and John (Mary) and five grandchildren.

Margaret Ann Sticken

Mass was said Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret Ann Sticken, 63, wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her children, Vicky Rieck, Michael (Laura) Hawkins, James (Kathleen) Hawkins, Patricia (Thomas) Pinson, Christine Hawkins and Constance Oresky; 11 grandchildren; her brothers, Peter (Kathy) Slusinski and Wayne (Claire) Slusinski and her sister, Tina (Richard) Chuhak.

Christine M. Teply

Mass was said Saturday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, for Christine M. Teply, 63.

She is survived by her husband, James J.; her daughter, Lisa (Gregory) Rossi; two grandchildren; her mother, Estelle Love and her brother, Kenneth Piotrowski.

Josephine H. Licata

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for Josephine H. Licata, wife of the late Salvatore. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Community Legion.

She is survived by her daughter, Carm Licata and her brother, Daniel (Millie) Frieri.

Myrtle M. Reimer

Services were held Tuesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Myrtle M. Reimer, 88, wife of the late Gerhard. She was a member of United By Faith and Ridge Lutheran Church Women's Circle, Jackson Park Yacht Club and General John Swift Post 363 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Myrtle "Karen" (Robert) Sturtevant and Geraldine M. (James Dvorak) Reimer; one grandchild; her sisters, Lillian Van Buren and Ruth (Charles) Weber.

Lillian B. Master

Services were held Tuesday at the Lewis Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Lillian B. Master, wife of the late Herman.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Master; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and her sister, Evelyn Master.

Mary Therese Huber

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Therese Huber.

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Isidore I. Kolecki

Services were held Wednesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Isidore I. Kolecki, 90, husband of the late Adeline. He was a retired 47-year employee of Goldblatt's and a member of Teamsters Warehouse & Mail Order Local 743.

He is survived by his children, Ed (Beverly) Kramer and Thomas (Mary) Kolecki and one grandchild.

Francis Vincent Leone

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Francis Vincent Leone, 90, veteran of World War II and retired from Rheem Manufacturing Co. after 32 years of service. He was the husband of the late Marilyn.

He is survived by his children, Patricia Leone, Patrick Leone and Michael (Janet) Kavaya and two grandchildren.

Robert Louis Holtz, Jr.

Services were held Saturday at Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert "Bob" Louis Holtz, Jr., 47.

He is survived by his wife Lynnette; his children, Debbie Boothe, Nina Williams, Michelle M., Rebecca A., Jennifer A., Lydia E., Robert L. III and Christopher M.; his parents, Robert Sr. and Georgett; 10 grandchildren and his sister, Cheryl Zahawa.

Edwin W. Ziolkowski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Edwin W. Ziolkowski, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Ken (Madeline), David (Paulette), Karen (James) Waclawik and Susan (Howard) Cipolla and 11 grandchildren.

Michael S. Sawka

Services were held Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Burr Ridge, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Michael S. Sawka, 52.

He is survived by his children, Steven (Cindy) and Sherry Sawka; five grandchildren and his sisters, Josephine (William) Cook, Charlene (Charles) Hurley and Mary (Gregory) Hillman.

Arthur Stringham

Services were held Tuesday at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Arthur Stringham, a veteran. He was a member of Zientek American Legion Post 419 and Truck Driver Union 705 and I.B.T.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Arthur W. (Fran), Mary Lou Glass, Robert B. (Annette) and Michael L.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and his sister, Sarah Gourley.

Leon H. Tursky

Services were held Friday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Leon H. Tursky, Navy veteran of World War II. He was a longtime member of the Palos Park VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene; his children, Debbie (Michael) Litt, Kim (Diana), Ned (Jackie) and Phillip; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his brother, Kenneth (Lorraine).

Dr. Connolly (left), played by John Madison (Oak Lawn), tries to talk to Sir Willoughby Drake (second from left), played by Phil Carlin (Beverly), while Dr. Mortimore (right), played by Brian Leo (Mokena), gives very explicit orders to Matron, (second from right) played by Beth Fullenweider (Tinley Park) in this scene from the Tinley Park Theatre Troupe's production of the hilarious comedy "It Runs In The Family" by Ray Cooney, to be presented at the Audion Theater, located in Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St. (this is not a student production). Show dates are Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 28th at 3 p.m., continuing Friday, April 2nd and Saturday, April 3rd at 8 p.m., closing Sunday, April 4th at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Park District's Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st St., Tinley Park or on show nights at the Audion. Tickets are $9 per adult or $8 per senior citizen, there is a special two for one ticket offer. Opening Night, Friday, March 26 at 8 p.m. The show is produced by the Tinley Park Park District's, Arts Alive! Program. Call (708) 342-4200 for tickets or further information.

Event

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt Ave. (2 block west of Cicero) is having its annual Spring Fling! on Sunday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be craft items for spring and summer, including garden items. A few other "items" will be for sale, jewelry, candles and "Tastefully Simple" products. Come and browse, shop and get reading for spring! For other information, contact the church at 422-0193.

Theatre

The Beverly Theatre Guild announces it cast for the final production of its 41st season, Woody Allen's hilarious comedy "Play It Again, Sam." Bob Kosson is the director, and Frankie Scalzi is the assistant director. The producer is Julie Zebleckis.

"Play It Again, Sam" will be staged at the New Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St.

Holy Cross Church Holds Easter Services

Easter week services start on Palm Sunday, April 5th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 W. 120th St. Palms are available at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. One hour of Bible Study for adults and Sunday School for children 2 years of age through high school begins at 9:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 8th, will take place at 7:30 p.m. A vigil will take place after the worship service.

Good Friday evening services, April 9th, will take place at 7:30 p.m. also.

For further information on any of these Easter week services, call Holy Cross at (708) 597-5209.

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Nonpublic School Recognition Plan

In an effort to reinstate the vitally important nonpublic school recognition program, the Catholic Conference of Illinois, working with Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago), Representative William Grunloh (D-Effingham) and many other supportive legislators, introduced and passed Senate Bill 1014 during last November's veto session of the Illinois General Assembly. Governor Blagojevich signed that legislation into law on Feb. 25.

State recognition is vital to the continued service and success of nonpublic schools in Illinois. The nonpublic school recognition process ensures and publicly acknowledges state-approved organization, curriculums, and health and safety standards. Through state recognition, nonpublic schools, teachers, and students meet and have access to:

- as many student scholarships and financial aid opportunities as possible;
- participation in interscholastic activities at the high school level – including athletics;
- many public and private grants and matching grants;
- materials provided through the Textbook Loan Program,
- greater opportunity to enroll in professional development programs;
- credit for student teaching;
- credit for teaching experience for salary and retirement benefits;
- the opportunity for the cancellation of a teacher's student loans;
- easy student transfers;
- the foreign exchange student program.

"This was very important legislation," said Zach Wichmann, Association Director of Education. "Thanks to committed and supportive legislators, such as Senator Maloney and Representative Grunloh, the Governor has now codified the registration and recognition processes into law, and these processes provide and make available many important benefits to the teachers, students, and families of nonpublic schools."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 19 – Friday – Fish Fry, Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 23 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MARCH 23 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MARCH 25 – Thursday – Garden Club Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 9:15 a.m.

MARCH 25 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 1 p.m.

MARCH 25 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 25 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 26 – Friday – Open House Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 Brandt, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 26 – Friday – Dinner and Fashion Show, St. Linus Ladies Guild at Gaelic Park, 6619 W. 147th St., begins 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon

MARCH 27 – Saturday – Business Showcase, Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th and Southwest Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Saturday – Easter Egg Hunt, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 4660 W. 94th St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rotary Club Meeting

Oak Lawn Rotary Club welcomes Bob Wiltshire, Executive Director of the Federation of Fly Fishers to its meeting on March 22nd at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero. Lunch will begin at 12 noon and the cost for non-members is $13.

Wiltshire is also Director of the International Fly Fishing Center Museum located in Livingston, Montana. The entire museum celebrates the pioneers of modern fly-fishing, along with individual crafts such as rod building and fly tying. Wiltshire's love of fish and expertise with self-contained underwater eco-systems has benefited the museum with seven different aquatic exhibits, including a cutthroat trout tank. For anyone interested in joining us for lunch and hearing more about fly fishing, call Dave Kobak at (708) 361-1177.

Lenten Series

"How My Faith Has Changed Over the Years?" is the topic for the Pilgrim Faith Church Lenten Series program on March 24th. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. a panel of members including Thom Espinos, Kurt Kalas, Mary Ruth Martschinke and Shawn Warbiany will discuss that topic.

A light supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the program. The series "Living by Faith" will continue each Wednesday through March 31st with a different panel addressing a different topic each week.

A children's program for those in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the same time to learn about Jesus' parables. Child care is provided for children younger than kindergarten.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

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Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting

Water Bills Response

At the brief Oak Lawn Village Board of Trustees meeting held on March 23rd Village Manager, Joe Faber, reported that in response to complaints of outstanding water bills received by the new owners of homes and businesses that in reality were the responsibility of the previous owner, changes have been made to the transfer form and to the envelope containing the transfer stamps. The form now has a space for the name and address of the person responsible for the payment of the final water bill and the envelope contains a notice that states the final water bill marked paid must be presented before closing can occur.

The board approved an ordinance calling for a public hearing and a joint review board meeting to consider designation of a redevelopment project area, a redevelopment plan, and a redevelopment project for the Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station TIF District. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m.

On March 30th at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Steve Rosenbaum will hold a town hall meeting for residents of his district at the Salem United Church.

David Vogrich was sworn-in as a firefighter. After being sworn-in Vogrich thanked the village for giving him this opportunity and introduced his family.

Oak Lawn was named a 2003 Tree City and Growth award recipient. Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the national Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

New Emergency Operations Center

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently continued his commitment towards strengthening the state's defenses to terrorist attacks and other disasters with the announcement of the site for the new state-of-the-art State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on Springfield's east side. The Center is set to be operational by fall 2005. The new SEOC will replace the outdated State Emergency Operations Center near the Capitol complex.

"The new State Emergency Operations Center will put Illinois at the forefront of public safety with cutting-edge technology for and increased coordination of our homeland security and emergency response resources," Blagojevich said. "We've studied top-of-the-line operations centers throughout the U.S. and assessed emerging technology. As a result, we have plans for a new facility that will enhance our state's emergency response capabilities and keep us at the forefront as one of the most prepared states in the country."

The new facility will bring together several of the state's response resources under one roof, including the State Incident Response Center (SIRC), the State Terrorism Intelligence Center (STIC), the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF), the Radiological Emergency Assessment Center (REAC), the state's 24-hour telecommunications center, and response personnel from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

"The new State Emergency Operations Center will be a big step forward in Illinois' ability to respond to any sort of disaster," IEMA Director William Burke said. "Not only will we have state-of-the-art communications and information technology in the new SEOC, but we will be bringing our telecommunications center, response center, terrorism intelligence center and radiological assessment center together under one roof."

The funding that will be used to build the new center was announced by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security in September of 2003; the $9.3 million grant was the second highest in the nation among states vying for a share of the $50 million in total grants. The state must provide a 25 percent match, which can include the value of state land used for the facility and architectural or engineering work conducted by the Capital Development Board (CDB) or other state agencies. Under terms of the federal grant, the facility must be completed or nearly completed within 18 months.

"The aggressive nature of this project and the occupancy requirements of the federal grant will require an exceptional degree of flexibility and creativity from CDB," said Anthony D. Rossi, Executive Director of the Capital Development Board. "CDB is exploring different ways to accelerate this project through design and construction to meet the ambitious goals required in creating this state-of-the-art facility."

Large Tax Bill Options

Tax season is often a time when families reap the benefits of a large tax refund. Down payments for cars arrive from Uncle Sam, flat-screen televisions become a reality and the family vacation budget grows a bit larger. But for many Americans the months leading up to April 15th are filled with worrying, praying and dread.

"A large tax bill is often a surprise for many people that can throw their financial lives off course," said Pam Rhode, president of Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization. "Many people expect to get a refund this time of year and don't have the necessary cash to pay a large tax bill. That's when panic sets in."

According to Rhode, it's important to act quickly to explore your options when you are faced with a daunting tax burden.

"While the Internal Revenue Service doesn't have a reputation for being lenient when you owe back taxes, as long as you inform them of your situation before you are past due, there is a good possibility you can work out a payment plan," Rhode said.

"If your source of income is interrupted and you cannot make your regular payments, the IRS can take collections actions almost immediately," Rhode said. "Credit card companies don't have the collections power that the IRS does, so if you think you might be at risk to default on an IRS payment plan, it's a better idea to charge your taxes."

More options for paying a tax bill are outlined in the Myvesta publication, "How to Deal with the IRS if You Can't Pay Your Taxes." For $5 it can be downloaded online from Myvesta.org, or for a printed copy send $5, payable to Myvesta, to IRS Publication, Myvesta, P.O. Box 7153, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7153.

Skater Marty Michaels

Three is now the number of area children who participate regularly at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena, 9320 S. Keeton Ave., who have taken their talents overseas. Ice skater Kali Sarcinella, 14, of Chicago went to Belgium in January; ice skater Stefani Hensley, 13, of Chicago is going to Finland in early April; and most recently bantam hockey player Marty Michaels (pictured), 13, of Chicago headed for Sweden on Thursday, March 18. Michaels, a 7th grader at Chicago's Sutherland Elementary School, is a member of the bantam-level Canucks, a team in the Oak Lawn Park District's youth hockey league. He played with the Northern Express Hockey Club in the Nobels Cup Competition in Karlskoga, Sweden, through Monday, March 22.

As Michaels returned to the U.S., a group of bantam-level hockey players left Sweden to visit Oak Lawn and to play hockey at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena from Monday, March 29 through Wednesday, March 31. The Swedish players' visit is coordinated by the Spirit of Chicago Foundation and its coordinator, Bob Krolak. This is the Tegs Sportsclub's second consecutive annual visit to Oak Lawn to play hockey.

"Several of the Oak Lawn hockey families are hosting players in their homes," says Shari Wolfe of the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena. "It is such a wonderful experience for the players and host families and also for the community, as we all get to see some great European hockey."

Game times are: Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. (vs. a select team) and 8:30 p.m. (vs. Cobras Junior Varsity); Tuesday, March 30, at 6:20 p.m. (vs. St. Laurence High School Junior Varsity) and 7:50 p.m. (vs. Brother Rice High School Junior Varsity); and Wednesday, March 21, at 5:55 p.m. (vs. a select team) and 7:25 p.m. (vs. Chicago Young Americans Bantam).

Admission to the hockey games is free for all ages. For more information, call the arena at (708) 857-5173 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Easter Breakfast - Egg Hunt & Bake Sale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will host its Annual Easter Breakfast – Egg Hunt and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, toast, etc., all for a "Free Will Offering." There will also be some craft items for sale. Come and have breakfast, see the Easter Bunny, watch the kids hunt for Easter Eggs and buy goodies for Easter dessert, all at the same place. Bring the whole family.

For more information, call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

Mature Times ... News & Views for Seniors

NATURAL RESOURCES NEWS

Illinois fishing regulations for the new season are outlined in the 2004 edition of the *Illinois Fishing Information* guide, a free publication from the IDNR detailing statewide and site-specific regulations in effect beginning April 1st.

"Illinois is a great place to fish and anglers can look forward to a great experience while fishing in the state this season," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. "There is a lot of useful information on places to fish and fishing regulations in this year's booklet. We encourage those who fish or are thinking about fishing to pick up a copy, review it, and keep it in their tackle box as they head out to their favorite fishing spots."

The fishing information booklet is available at hundreds of locations throughout the state where Illinois fishing licenses are sold, including bait shops, sporting goods stores and IDNR offices. The text of the guide is also available on the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us (click on "Fishing" on the right side of the home page). New regulations being implemented for the 2004 season take effect on April 1st and are highlighted throughout the text of the guide.

State fishing regulations are reviewed annually and some are adjusted based on biological surveys that focus on the status of fish species in Illinois waters.

One change in regulations of interest this year involves the bass fishery in Lake Michigan. Anglers will be allowed to keep up to one bass per day if the fish is at least 21 inches in length, according to Mike Conlin, chief of the IDNR Division of Fisheries. Previous regulations have permitted catch-and-release fishing only for all largemouth and smallmouth bass to help boost their populations in the Illinois waters of Lake Michigan.

"The bass population in Lake Michigan is doing very well," Conlin said. "Reproduction and growth were excellent again in 2003. The change in regulations for this year should have no adverse biological impacts."

Lake Michigan anglers are also reminded that yellow perch fishing is closed in July. At other times, anglers have a daily limit of 15 perch and no perch may be taken by those fishing from charter boats.

"Fisheries managers remain concerned about the yellow perch population in Lake Michigan," Conlin said. "The closed season in July helps protect older, larger female perch. There is some evidence that younger perch have survived better in recent years. Keeping the July restriction in place allows more time for recruitment of younger perch and this will help build the population."

Elsewhere in Illinois, a regulation implemented last year regarding smallmouth bass remains in place for 2004. To protect spawning bass, regulations allow catch-and-release fishing only for smallmouth bass from April 1st to June 15th. A statewide catch limit of three fish per day for smallmouth bass applies the rest of the year. The regulation does not apply to lakes and reservoirs.

Among other specific regulation changes for 2004 are new daily catch limits for channel catfish in Chicago Park District lagoons and lakes. Anglers will now be permitted to take up to four channel catfish per day at Auburn, Columbus, Douglas, Garfield, Gompers, Humbolt, Jackson, Lincoln (both north and south lagoons), Marquette, McKinley and Washington parks. The previous daily limit was six fish.

On the Illinois River at the Starved Rock and Marseilles pools in LaSalle and Grundy counties, new limits for largemouth and smallmouth bass allow taking one fish per day with an 18-inch minimum length limit; and a 10-fish per day limit for striped, white or hybrid striped bass and white, black or hybrid crappie.

On the Iroquois and Kankakee rivers in northeast Illinois, new regulations for walleye, sauger and hybrid walleye allow taking up to three fish per day with a 16-inch minimum length limit.

On the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, the tailwaters of Lock and Dam 12 (to Mill Creek) and of Lock and Dam 13 (to the downstream end of Stamp Island) are closed to all fishing from Dec. 1st to March 15th. Also, snagging for paddlefish is permitted from Jan. 1st to April 15th within a 500-yard downstream limit below locks and dams (except the tailwaters of Lock and Dams 12 and 13 are closed from Dec. 1st to March 15th). The daily limit is two paddlefish.

Another regulation change on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa involves walleye and sauger. The new regulation allows taking up to six fish per day with a 15-inch minimum length limit and a 20-inch to 27-inch protected slot limit. The six-fish daily limit may include no more than one walleye greater than 27 inches in total length.

The guide also includes a list of places to fish in Illinois, a review of fishing prospects, meal advice for eating fish caught in Illinois waters and details on North American and Illinois state record fish.

Anglers are required to have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession at all times while fishing in the state. An annual resident sportfishing license is $13 ($6.75 for anglers age 65 and older). Those under 16 years of age, blind or disabled, or those residents home on leave from active military service do not need a fishing license.

The spring catchable trout season opens at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 3rd. In addition to any required license, those fishing for trout mustalso buy an inland trout stamp. Trout may not be legally taken prior to the spring season at 5 a.m. on April 3rd. The fall catchable trout season will open at 5 a.m. on Oct. 16th.

McAuley's Endowment Fund Dinner-Dance

Mother McAuley High School is hosting its annual celebration, a dinner dance to support the endowment, on Saturday, March 27, at the Drury Lane Oakbrook. Refreshments from an open bar kicks off the evening at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short program at 7:30 p.m., and dinner at 8 p.m. The highlights of the program are the presentation of special awards to distinguished community leaders and an alumni. The Catherine McAuley leadership award will be given to Joan Claussen, Francis Gallagher and Ave Green. The distinguished alumni award will be presented to Sister Jean McGrath, principal of Saint John Fisher School. Tickets, at $150 each, are still available by calling (773) 881-6566.

Volunteers gathered previously to mail invitations to guests. Lending their time and support are (left to right, standing) Ann Carroll, Mary Jo Guyette, Colleen Quinlan White, Eileen Kochanny, Nancy Lynch, Sister Sheila Megley, Laura Shallow, Jan Malloy, Sister Bernadette Madden, and (right, seated) Sharon Mundo. Event co-chair couples are George and Lorna Farrell, and William and Ann Carroll. Chairman of the board is Laura Shallow. Proceeds from the dinner benefit the endowment, and provide scholarships to students. Other opportunities for support include sponsorship alternatives and a raffle. An ad/program book will be provided to guests that evening.

Friends Of The Orphans

Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Homstown, is participating in a mission program in which they are giving support to Friends of the Orphans in Mexico, Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. A benefit for these orphans will take place on Monday, May 3rd at the church, 9003 Kostner Ave. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the silent auction will begin. Dinner will be served from 7 to 8 p.m. and the Ballet Folkloric performance by 25 children from Mexico will be held from 8 to 8:45. Raffle winners will be announced during the intermission and silent auction winners at 8:45.

Tickets will be available at the rectory from March 27th. The cost is $10 for ages 13 to 64; $8 for seniors 65 and older; $5 for children ages 6 to 12; and children ages 0 to 5 are free.

For more information, call (708) 424-7471 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily.

Keep Criminals Off Street Bill

State Rep. Jim Brosnahan, D-Evergreen Park, successfully passed his Armed Habitual Criminal Bill in the House Judiciary II-Criminal Law Committee which will help to keep repeat criminals off the street.

"The bill sends a message to felons that being in possession of a firearm will not be tolerated. This initiative makes state penalties for firearm possession by felons more in line with federal penalties. Project Safe Neighborhoods has resulted in taking violent felons off the streets, because they have continued to carry guns. Unfortunately, since federal resources are limited, many who deserve federal prosecution are deal with in state courts where the penalties are less severe. This bill changes that, and as a result, or community will be safer," state Brosnahan.

House Bill 4505 creates a new class of criminals, known as Armed Habitual Criminal is a Class X felony, the most serious felony. The sentence for a conviction of a Class X felony is 6-30 years.

Crimes that would count as one of the two are a forcible felony, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated discharge of a firearm, vehicular hijacking, aggravated vehicular hijacking, aggravated battery of a child, intimidation, aggravated intimidation, gunrunning, home invasion, or aggravated battery with a firearm, or any violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act that is punishable as a Class 3 felony or higher.

"If someone has done two violent crimes already they are obviously carrying a gun for the purpose of committing a third," Brosnahan said. "This bill gives law enforcement the means to put this person in jail before rather than after that happens. Our community is going to be safer when this becomes law."

The bill now awaits action on the House floor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Moral Order

Having a moral order in a society means that people believe in certain values that govern how they control the things in society that they care about. All other societal order – economic, political, judicial, ethical, rational – is based on and arises from a sense of moral order.

Without a moral order, we cannot distinguish between right and wrong. We cannot justify why we believe in one thing versus apother. We become indifferent, allowing our value systems, and ultimately our judgment systems, to slowly erode. We become a people without substance, not because we believe in nothing, but because we will believe in anything.

Halberstam, in his book *Everyday Ethics* (Viking, 1993) warns us to: "Beware the seduction of mass culture." In our free society, we want to be tolerant. We want to be pluralistic and include everyone. But this has been perverted into an abnormal sense called political correctness. God forbid we should tell someone that what he or she is doing is wrong. Especially if they are doing it in the name of love.

Love of one man for another man is okay. Father loves son, brother loves brother, and one friend loves another. But when this feeling deteriorates into abnormal sexual activity, the moral order becomes undone. For thousands of years mankind has been able to understand this. Until now, that is.

Thirty years ago, psychology texts listed homosexuality under abnormal behavior. The current editions of the same texts do not address it at all. Not because the behavior is no longer abnormal, but because discussing it has become taboo. No university in America wants to fund research for something so controversial. It might affect their incomes.

Our collective indifference is spiraling into a collective insanity. Proponents of gay marriage cite economics and live as the main reason for changing our moral order. They say that anyone who does not accept homosexuality is "hateful." But these are weak arguments, attractive only to the weak-minded. Unfortunately, the less we study our own behaviors, the weaker we are becoming.

Thomas Durkin
Downers Grove

State Fair Theme

Illinois State Fair Deputy Director Mark Kolaz is in search of a theme for the 2004 State Fair and he is challenging fairgoers to come up with fresh, creative ideas for this year's event.

As an incentive, the most creative entry will receive a prize package that includes free admission to the fair, a parking pass and two tickets to a grandstand concert.

"We'd really like to build on the success of last year's fair by developing a theme that will help attract even more people this year," Kolaz said. "This is the people's fair, and we're always looking for ways to get communities involved. The naming contest has received a great response in the past and we're excited to see what people will come up with this year."

The theme contest is open to all Illinois residents. This year, for the first time, people can register their entries on the internet at www.illinoisstatefair.info. Entries can also be typed or printed in blue or black ink on a 3"x5" index card and mailed to: Special Events Office, Illinois State Fair, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794. The deadline is April 30.

The 2004 State Fair will be held Aug. 13 through 22. The Twilight Parade will officially kick off the fair Aug. 12 at 5:45, starting in downtown Springfield and proceeding to the Fairgrounds.

Women's History

Moraine Valley Community College will celebrate Women's History Month and the contributions women have made throughout history by hosting a discussion on healthy relationships on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. The event is open and free to the public.

"Promoting Healthy Relationships" will be held in Moraine Room 2 in the College Center Friday, March 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. Prevention specialist Matt Domico from South Suburban Crisis Center will discuss what constitutes a healthy relationship and how to deal with abuse.

For more information about this event, call (708) 974-5475.

Parking Ticket Payment Plan

The Parking Ticket Payment Plan began March 2nd and is in effect for one full year. Booted motorists will have a one-month limited window of opportunity to enter the payment plan.

"There are 280,000 motorists eligible for the Parking Ticket Payment Plan. By signing up for this payment plan and making timely payments, they can avoid having their vehicle booted. So far 800 motorists have signed up for the plan and many more have paid in full in response to a notice sent out by the Dept. of Revenue," said Reyna-Hickey.

Booted motorists can sign up for the payment plan and have their immobilized vehicle released from March 2nd to 31st. After March 31st, motorists who have already been booted will not be eligible to participate in the plan unless they are certified under a hardship category.

The payment plan offers motorists owing more than $500 in parking ticket debt an opportunity to enter into one of two plans – a general payment plan or one for hardship cases. The General Parking Ticket Payment Plan will require motorists to make an initial payment of $500 or 25% of the outstanding debt – whichever is greater. They must also pay all other outstanding parking fees, including boot and storage fees.

In hardship cases, motorists will need to provide certification of any of the following programs: Low income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP), Federal public housing/section 8, food stamps, Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Under the hardship plan, motorists will be required to make an initial payment of $250 or 25% of their outstanding debt – whichever is less. They must also pay all outstanding parking fees, including boot and storage fees.

Motorists who sign up the payment program will have a maximum of 12 months to make their payments – installments will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Motorists who default on their payments will be charged a $100 default fee, immediately be placed back on the boot eligibility/tow list and prohibited from future participation in the parking ticket payment plan.

"We understand that motorists may not be able to pay all their outstanding parking tickets at once, this payment plan affords them the opportunity to come into compliance," said Reyna-Hickey.

To determine if they have debt, motorists can check the city's web site at www.cityofchicago.org, select Revenue Parking; call 744-PARK or visit Revenue Payment Centers. In addition, for the first month of the program there will be payment plan sign-up stations at the Revenue Payment Centers. Interested motorists may also contact the City of Chicago at 311.

Community Banking

The Community Bankers Assn. of Illinois has scheduled its 14th annual "Illinois Community Banking Week" for April 4th to 10th during National Community Banking Month. The purpose of Community Banking Week is to highlight the importance of community banks to their respective local economies.

CBAI member bankers are pleased to again take advantage of this annual opportunity to bring our community banking message to Illinois. "Real Community Banks are truly 'community partners' with small businesses, agricultural customers, and individual community banking customers," said CBAI Chairman Gerald Johnson, president of The First National Bank of Grand Ridge. "Our member banks pride themselves on community involvement, recognition of special needs, and assisting in the fulfillment of the American dream."

CBAI is a professional trade association representing 510+ Illinois commercial banks and thrifts, and their 650 Illinois bank branches. Its members have $49 billion in assets and employ— approximately 18,000 individuals.

SCORE Workshop

Attend a full-day workshop on Thursday, April 8th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn the fundamentals of successful business ownership, including legal matters, insurance, marketing, financials, business plans, records and taxes. This workshop is the overview for four additional workshops required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate. The certificate enhances a business plan presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $50. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

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Brother Rice Drama Club Show Set

The Brother Rice Drama Club will present John Patrick's "The Teahouse of the August Moon" at the high school, 10001 S. Pulaski in Chicago, in the school cafeteria. This production will be held on Wednesday, March 31st; Thursday, April 1st; and Friday, April 2nd starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). Tickets may be purchased at the door for a cost of $7 for adults and $4 for students with high school I.D.

6 Costly Mistakes To Avoid Before Buying A Home

Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage, can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

Whether you are about to buy your first home, or are planning to make a move to your next home, it is critical that you inform yourself about the factors involved before you buy.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *"6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."*

Having the right information before hand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. **To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call 1-877-784-5659 and enter ID# 5004. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.**

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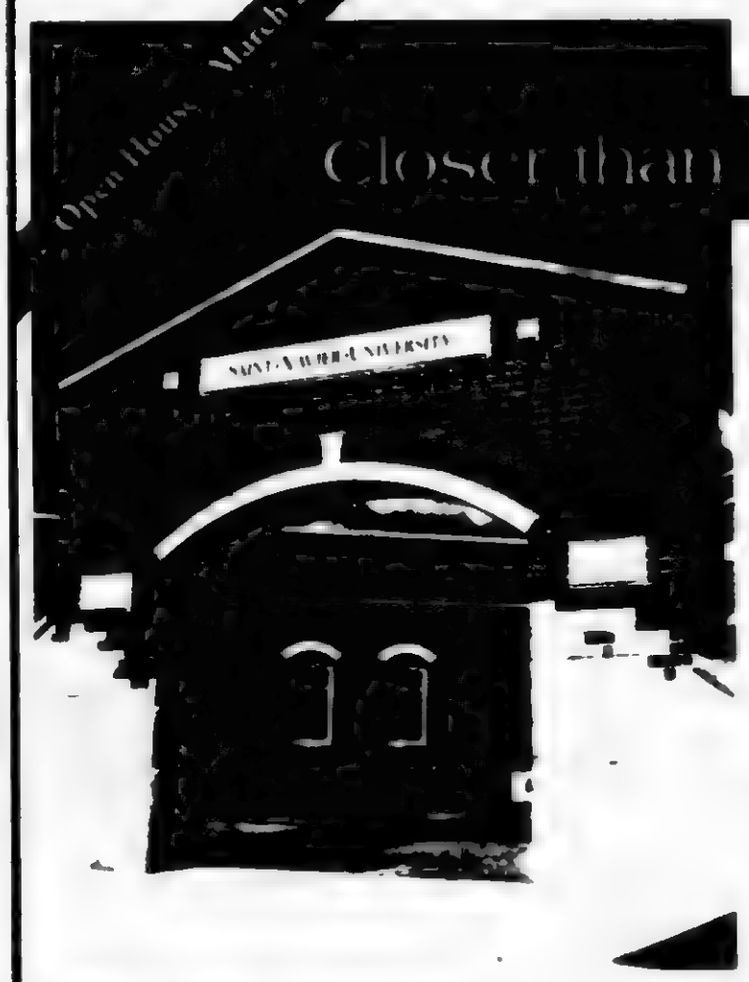

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Call For Gaming Board Review

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has cal'ed on the Gaming Board to conduct a full, open and public review of all the facts, problems and concerns surrounding gaming in the Village of Rosemont, including the problems associated with Emerald Casino, the previous owner of the 10th license. The governor also said he will appoint a special investigator to work with the Gaming Board to assist with the review and help oversee the process.

The Gaming Board is currently required to conduct a suitability analysis of any casino operator in Illinois. However, Blagojevich believes the review should not be limited solely to the bid submitted by the Isle of Capri Corporation and, as a result, is calling for the heightened investigation to address all of the questions and concerns that have surrounded gaming in Rosemont since the initial decision was made to award the license to Emerald.

"Before the 10th license can be up and running, we need to make sure that every legitimate concern surrounding the license is fully reviewed, considered, and publicly addressed and aired. All of the questions surrounding the location of a casino in Rosemont is undermining the public's confidence in the process. In the past, there were clear problems surrounding the location of the 10th license in Rosemont. By conducting a full and open review, we can discover whether those problems still exist. Once that process is completed, the 10th license can move forward with the confidence of the people of Illinois," Blagojevich said.

The heightened review would examine all issues surrounding the Isle of Capri's negotiations with the Village of Rosemont, including whether any of the concerns that caused the Gaming Board to take revocation actions against Emerald Casino Inc. are still present in any way.

Blagojevich's special investigator would be directed to assist the Gaming Board with looking into prior allegations of wrongdoing, and determine whether those concerns still exist. Blagojevich said that appointing an independent special investigator will help ensure the integrity of the suitability analysis, and offer the Gaming Board additional resources and expertise. The suitability analysis must begin after the Bankruptcy Court clears the sale of Emerald Casino's assets to the Isle of Capri.

"The special investigator will be available to make sure the Gaming Board has all of the resources they need to conduct their review, and to provide assistance, advice and guidance. Only when the process is completed and the findings are fully and publicly vetted can the location and operation of the 10th license proceed in a way that has the public's confidence," Blagojevich said.

Fall Tuition Rate Increase

To offset a reduction of $1 million in state funding, the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees approved an additional $4 per credit hour tuition increase for fall 2004 at its March 15 meeting.

A $2 increase was already scheduled for the fall as part of a three-year plan the board approved in 2002 to make up for a 3.5 percent reduction in state funding then. That trend has continued. "As a result of the governor's recommended budget for community colleges for the 2004-05 academic year, Moraine Valley will get approximately a million dollars less than this year," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "When you add in the fixed and contractual costs as well as inflation, the $2 increase will not be enough to balance our budget even with internal cutbacks." The additional $4 per credit hour will generate about $1 million, he added.

Tuition will be $59 per credit hour in 2004-2005. Including fees, the total cost will be $64 per credit hour.

Currently, Moraine Valley has the 16th lowest tuition and fee rate among the 39 Illinois community college districts and ranks in the bottom half of the 16 community colleges in the Chicago area. Eleven of those 16 colleges are raising tuition for fall 2004.

"Moraine Valley continues to be an excellent value for students seeking an associate's degree or certificate, especially when you compare our tuition to four-year private and pubic colleges and universities and to proprietary institutions. Our graduates also tell us that in surveys," Dr. Crawley said. "We are making a concerted effort to ensure that all of our students have the needed programs and services and opportunities to be successful no matter their endeavor."

Hike For Life

The Southside Pregnancy Center's 20th annual Hike for Life is set for Saturday, May 8th. The hike will kick off at 10 a.m. at Lake Turtlehead, 136th & Harlem Ave.

To hike or to sponsor a hiker or for more information, call the Southside Pregnancy Center at (708) 346-9070.

The Center is a not-for-profit organization ministering to women in unplanned pregnancy situations. Their life-affirming services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound for pregnancy diagnosis, pre-natal and parenting classes, post-abortion counseling, Bible study, single moms support, and childbirth education.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Tuesday, over 50 mayors of suburban Cook County communities threw their support behind legislation to bring homeowners relief from rising property taxes and have signed a letter to state legislators backing this legislation. The mayors held a news conference to call on the Illinois General Assembly to pass a Bill which is designed to provide short-term relief and to protect residents throughout the state, including working families, long-time residents, renters, seniors and those with low incomes.

According to the mayors, property taxes on Chicago homes will increase from 10 to 50 percent this September as a result of reassessments by the Cook County Assessor's Office. Comparable tax increases are expected in communities throughout the Chicago area after they are reassessed next year and the year after.

"Given the slow national economy, we believe that many homeowners, especially those of modest means and incomes, will not be able to pay their property taxes, and that some may even be forced out of their homes," said George Van Dusen, Mayor, Village of Skokie.

The bill would call for:

- Increasing the general homestead exemption for homeowners in Cook County whose assessments have increased over 20% from $4,500 to $5,000 for families earning over $30,000; to $5,500 for families earning $20,00 to $30,000; and to $6,000 for families earning less than $20,000; and
- Increasing the amount of eligible improvements under the homestead improvement exemption from $45,000 to $75,000;
- Increasing the household income threshold for the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption from $40,000 to $45,000.

Additionally, the bill would relieve eligible Cook County homeowners of the need to reapply for the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption each year.

In addition they called for reducing the state's excessive reliance on local property taxes to fund education. Mayor Jack Kravcik, Village of Western Springs, a member of the Metropolitan Mayors Task Force on Education Funding Reform, stated the mayors have been working on this issue for the last year and during that time the number of schools, region-wide, on the state financial watch list has increased from 87 to 156.

"Until we address both the broken assessment process and education funding, we are concerned that our hard-working homeowners will continue to carry the burdens of a property tax system that they believe doesn't work for them," said Thomas Murawski, Mayor, Village of Midlothian.

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Ginger Rugai, 19th Ward Alderman, is sponsoring a senior citizen prom "Sentimental Journey II" on Sunday, March 28th at Marist High School from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided along with music of a bygone era, a sing-a-long and a Karaoke contest. Cost is $5 per person and reservations are a must. Call Peg Rafferty at (773) 238-8766 for more information.

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The Chicago Streets & Sanitation Department alerts us that they will be sending over 100 street sweepers into the Chicago side streets beginning April 1st. According to Commissioner Al Sanchez "weather permitting, we try to sweep our streets throughout the year but on April 1st we formally activate parking restrictions that allow sweepers to work curb-to-curb."

Drivers and residents are reminded to look for either the bright orange temporary signs or the metal permanent signs that mark cleaning routes from April to December. Failure to comply with these signs will result in a $50 ticket.

Residents with questions should call the City at 311 and request that the operator connect them with the Ward Superintendent's office.

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The Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition is sponsoring two special evening presentations regarding "Solutions to School Funding Crisis in Illinois." The principal speaker will be Mr. Ralph Martire, Executive Director for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. Mr. Martire will focus on suggestions for resolving the deficits faced by the state and the many school districts in financial difficulty. He personally has worked with Illinois legislators for more than a year to work out a plan that will eliminate deficits and increase revenues while changing the over reliance on our local property tax.

The two meetings will be held at the following locations: Monday, March 29th at 7 p.m. at Thornwood High School (student cafeteria), 17101 South Park Ave., South Holland. For information call Dr. Doug Hamilton at (708) 339-1516; Tuesday, March 30th, 7 p.m. at Shepard High School (theatre), 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights. For information call Dr. Bernie Jumbek at (708) 636-2000.

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The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago relies on extraordinary staff and volunteers to help the Chicagoland community prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. But there also are many individuals out there who go unrecognized for acts of courage or kindness. The Chicago Red Cross is looking to Chicagoland residents to nominate someone and their good deed as a local hero. Selected nominees will be honored as local heroes at the Second Annual Heroes Breakfast on Thursday, May 27, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

The Chicago Red Cross Heroes Awards are designed to recognize individuals and animals whose actions went beyond the call of duty, and whose leadership and commitment made a significant difference to a cause or community. Awards will be given in eight categories: Good Samaritan, Youth Good Samaritan (under age 21), Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Military (active, reserves or retired), Community Impact, Animal Rescue, and Citizenship.

Candidates must live or work in the seven-county region served by the Chicago Red Cross (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will Counties) and their heroic act must have taken place within the last 12 months. Self-nominations are not permitted, and all nominations will be subject to further verification and validation. Nominations must be received by April 1 to be eligible for consideration.

Forms and additional information about nomination requirements can be obtained by calling (312) 729-6183 or by logging on to www.chicagoredcross.org.

Completed nomination forms can be mailed to ARCGC Heroes, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 60, Chicago, IL 60601 or faxed to (312) 729-6305.

Conduct Half-Day SCORE Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, April 6th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. You will learn to write a solid business plan, mandatory when seeking a loan and necessary for starting and maintaining your business. The workshop is required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which will enhance your business plan if a loan is needed. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

TEN GOOD REASONS TO AVOID A LOW CARB DIET

High protein, low fat, high carb, low carb – what diet is the proper one for weight loss and better health? The news is flooded with conflicting information. Low carb products are hitting the store shelves everywhere. But the facts still remain. The human body is designed to operate on a certain mix of fuel, and, unfortunately, most diets today do not allow for this mix. Fad diets work in the short run, but in the long run, can create a lot of medical complications and/or land you with rebound weight gain. Today, I give you ten reasons to AVOID the low carb diet bandwagon.

1. *HEART DISEASE RISK INCREASES.*
Risk of heart disease is increased immensely on a low carb, low fiber diet that is heavy in animal protein, cholesterol, and saturated fat. All three raise serum cholesterol, especially LDL or "bad" cholesterol. Elimination of high carb, high fiber plant foods, which help lower cholesterol, compounds this problem. A high meat intake may excessively increase homocysteine levels and iron stores in the body. There is growing evidence that high levels of both may increase the risk of heart disease.

2. *CANCER RISK INCREASES.*
The risk of many cancers is likely when most fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans are eliminated from the diet. The National Cancer Institute currently recommends, based upon the bulk of scientific research, that you eat a plant-based diet that is high fiber and low fat.

3. *POOR LONG TERM WEIGHT CONTROL.*
There is no metabolic magic to low carb diets. Those who continue to lose weight after the first week do so because they cut their calorie intake. This can occur due to reduced variety of food choices. Limiting the number of foods that people are allowed to eat reduces food and calorie intake, leading to boredom and cravings. One recent study showed that a high protein meal leads to a greater tendency toward bingeing of foods high in sugar and fat later in the day.

4. *REDUCED ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE.*
Athletic performance is reduced on a low carb diet. Since the 1930s it has been known that a high carb diet can enhance endurance during strenuous athletic events.

5. *RISING BLOOD PRESSURE WITH AGE.*
Blood pressure will likely increase with age on a typical low carb diet. In part, this is because a high carb, high fiber diet includes more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nonfat dairy products. This diet was shown to lower blood pressure most likely due to its higher content of key minerals such as potassium, calcium, and magnesium. Also low carb diets do not restrict salt intake-the main reason blood pressure rises with age.

6. *GOUT.*
An excess of uric acid in the body causes gout. This excess can be caused by an increased intake of foods high in purines, which are broken down into uric acid in the body. Meat, poultry, nuts, seeds, eggs and seafood are all fairly high in purines. Elevated levels of uric acid in the blood may lead to needle-like uric acid crystals in joints.

7. *KIDNEY STONES*
Both uric acid and calcium oxalate stones are more likely to form on a high protein, ketogenic diet than on a higher carbohydrate diet with more fruits and vegetables.

8. *OSTEOPOROSIS.*
Over time, excess protein intake, especially from animal sources, increases the loss of calcium in the urine which may contribute to osteoporosis.

9. *FAINTING.*
Orthostatic hypotension, or a rapid drop in blood pressure when you go from lying down to standing, is caused by a loss of fluid and electrolytes and reduced sympathetic nervous system activity. Both of these occur when your body is deprived of carbs. This may result in dizziness or even fainting when you stand quickly.

10. *KETO-BREATH.*
Keto-breath can be described as a cross between nail polish and over ripe pineapple! This is common for dieters who consume too few carbs that they put their bodies into ketosis.

Your best bet for permanent weight loss and good health is to increase your intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nonfat dairy products, and to reduce calorie dense foods in your diet which are high in sugar and/or fat, such as cookies, sugary desserts, potato chips, candies, etc. Combined with regular exercise, research shows that by doing the above, you have a winning equation for long term weight loss.

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Back-Room Drug Marketing Tactics

State Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock) passed legislation out of committee last week that aims to flush out back-room marketing tactics of prescription drug manufacturers.

The last piece of Franks' 2004 legislative drug package, House Bill 4233 requires that before Jan. 1 of each year, every manufacturer and labeler that sells prescription drugs in the state must disclose the "value, nature and purpose of any gift, fee, payment, subsidy or other economic benefit provided in connection with detailing, promotional or other marketing activities by the company, directly or through its pharmaceutical marketers, to any physician, hospital, nursing home, pharmacist or health benefit plan administrator.

For those companies that refuse, a fine would be assessed. Franks says the law will inject some accountability into an industry that has had little to none up till now.

"This legislation is about making the marketing of prescription drugs more ethical," Franks said. "We can't just keep letting drug companies operate with no accountability to the market and to taxpayers and to the citizens who still cannot afford their medications. The amount of money they put into marketing is obscene – especially directly to doctors.

Pharmaceutical companies currently spend more on advertising than they do research and development. About 90 percent of advertising goes directly to doctors. In fact, for every nine doctors, there is one pharmaceutical sales rep. On average, a doctor will receive about $19,000 in gifts from pharmaceutical companies.

"There are doctors out there who admit that one of the major reasons they meet with drug reps is to receive gifts," Franks said. "The more doctors rely on these reps for information about prescription medicines, the less likely they are to prescribe drugs in a manner consistent with patient needs. The industry has then in effect bought another prescription, and that's not right. I want to shine a light on the marketing practices of these drug companies while continuing to lower the skyrocketing costs of the drugs themselves."

HB 4233 now moves to the full House for consideration.

YMCA Celebrates Healthy Kids Day

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago joins YMCAs across the country to celebrate Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 3rd. The 13th annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day will highlight the range of activities and youth sports available at local YMCAs. Healthy Kids Day events will take place at XX YMCA centers in Chicago and the suburbs, and will also feature registration for summer programs, swimming lessons and day camp.

"YMCA Healthy Kids Day is a way to show that physical activity is fun," said Dale Kelley, YMCA group vice-president, south region. "On April 3rd we will open our facilities so people can see, through demonstrations and lots of interactive games, the value of many forms of exercise."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fewer than three out of 10 U.S. kids attend physical education classes. With nine million U.S. children overweight, increasing children's physical activity is critical to the fight against childhood obesity.

"It is encouraging that the health of our nation's young people is part of a national debate," said Gil Fonger, YMCA group vice-president, suburban region. "The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago has the infrastructure, committed staff and essential programs to help youth and families."

In addition to an array of youth programming, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago offers specific youth wellness programs. Healthy Kids Camp, for kids between six and 12 years of age, complements daily fitness and nutrition activities with weekly presentations reinforcing healthy choices. SHAPEDOWN brings nutritionists, social workers and exercise specialists together in a 12-week parent-child program at seven Chicagoland centers to improve the fitness of overweight children between the ages of eight and 12.

Teen Commit to Be Fit is a 12-week program that acquaints teens younger than 16 years old with YMCA weight room facilities. A YMCA fitness instructor works with the participant to set goals and monitor progress. Teen Commit to Be Fit is free with a YMCA membership and available at 16 YMCA centers in the city and suburbs.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day is nationally sponsored by Tropicana Healthy Kids. For more information on activities in Chicago and the suburbs, visit www.ymcachgo.org.

The SCD-Heft Study

Charles Kinder, M.D., medical director of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's Heart Rhythm Program, recently praised the results of a landmark study unveiled at the American College of Cardiology that strongly supports a life-saving option for patients with heart failure at risk of sudden death.

"The SCD-Heft study demonstrated that all patients with moderate to severe heart failure from a weakened heart muscle should be evaluated for the implantation of a life-saving device called a defibrillator," said Dr. Kinder, a board certified cardiac electrophysiologist and a member of Heart Care Centers of Illinois.

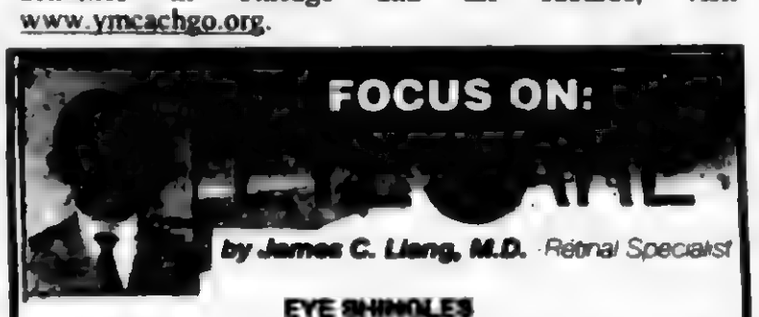
Dr. Kinder added that 450,000 patients in the United States die each year of a sudden heart rhythm disorder. "The SCD-Heft study showed that these sudden deaths can be prevented by the implantation of a defibrillator," said Dr. Kinder, who has implanted over 2,000 heart rhythm devices.

A defibrillator is a small metal device, about the size of a pager, implanted under the skin and connected to the heart by thin wires. The defibrillator delivers a shock to the heart to correct an otherwise life threatening rhythm.

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, named a top 100 cardiovascular hospital in the United States three years in a row, specializes in the treatment of heart rhythm disorders. For more information about St. Francis' heart programs, visit www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Support

A support group for people experiencing seizures, family members and caregivers has started in the Oak Forest-Tinley Park area. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Acorn Public Library, 15624 S. Central Ave. in Oak Forest. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6th. The meeting will feature Elizabeth Smedley, Employment Services Coordinator at the Epilepsy Foundation, speaking on epilepsy and disclosure, the ADA and other employment issues. For more information, call Susan at (708) 373-8622 or (800) 273-6027 or visit the web site: www.epilepsychicago.org



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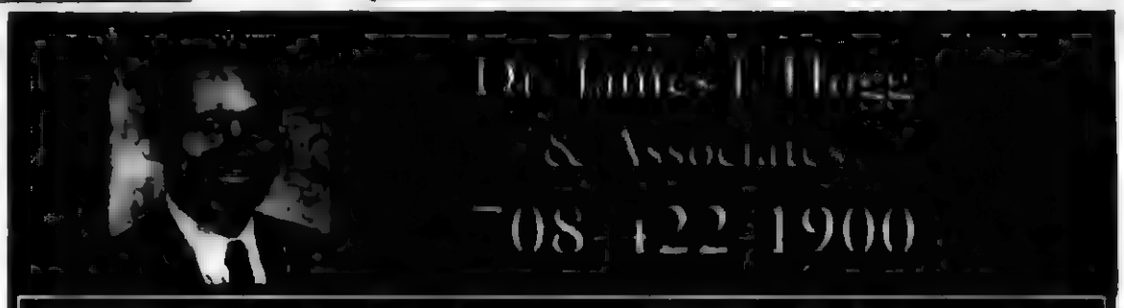

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Host Grant Writing Workshop

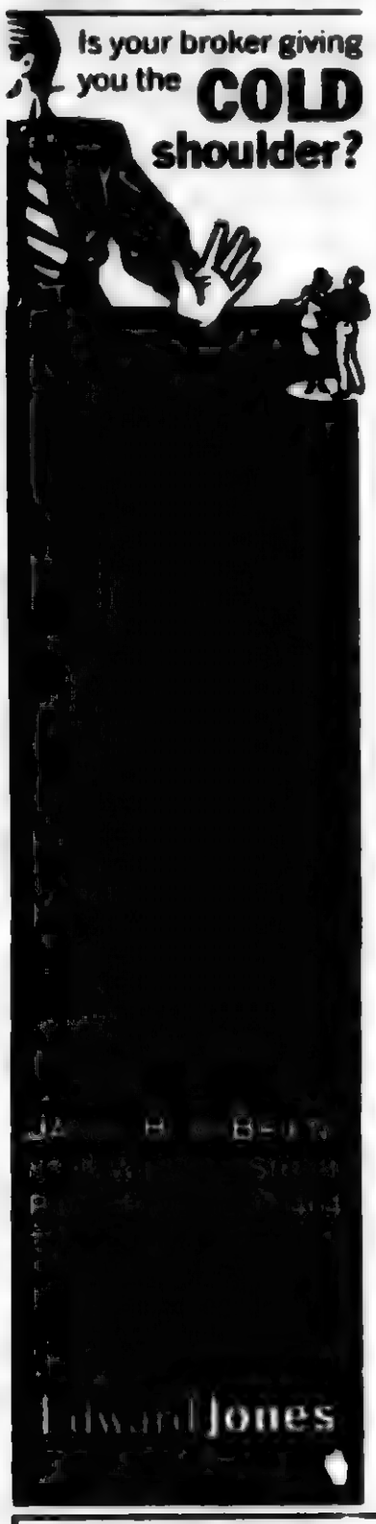
The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau will host a grant writing workshop on Thursday, April 1st from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to assist Southland municipalities and member not-for-profit agencies applying for local tourism matching grants. The workshop will be held at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd St. in Lansing.

The Bureau's local tourism matching grant program is designed to provide funding for the promotion and marketing of tourism attractions and events to visitors *outside* the Southland region. Past projects have included brochure design and printing, advertising, and web site development, among others.

Open to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations in the 60 south and southwest suburbs of the Chicago Southland, the program's objectives are to increase visitor travel and overnight stays in the region, which ultimately has a positive impact on the regional economy. Up to $66,000 in local tourism matching grant funds are available per year, and a variety of projects are funded during the two grant cycles.

The workshop provides guideline information on the grant program and offers detailed explanations of how to complete the grant application and expenditure forms. A community assessment exercise is also included in the workshop, according to Kim Kislowski, Bureau Marketing Manager.

Chicago Southland municipalities and non-profit organizations are encouraged to attend the April 1st workshop. To confirm attendance (by Wednesday, March 31st) or to determine eligibility for the local tourism matching grant program, call Sophia Santucci at the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, (708) 895-8200.



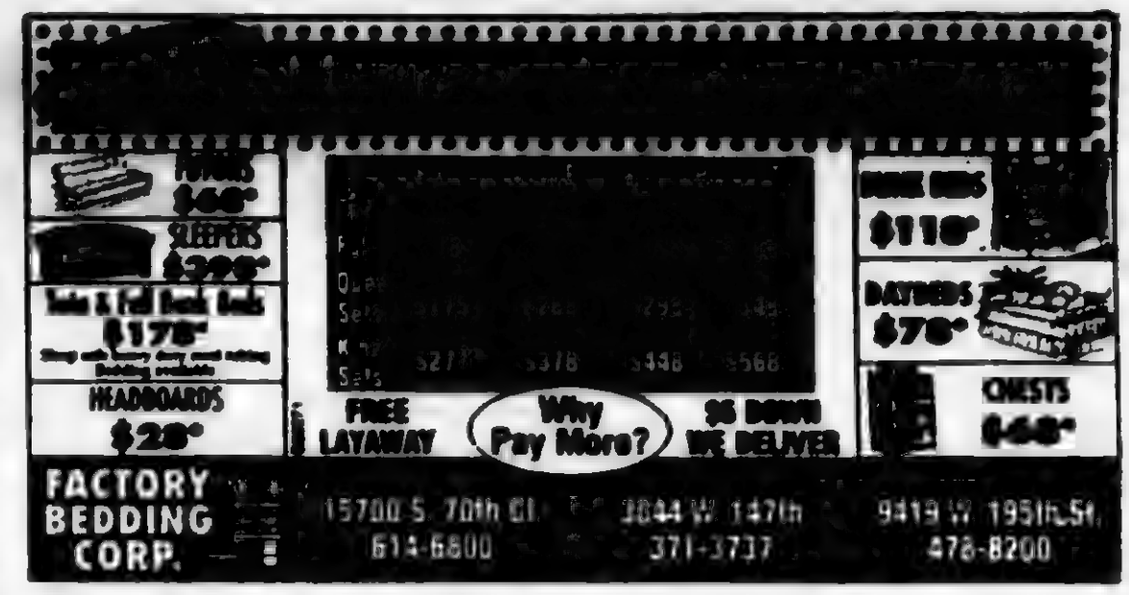
Fulbright Scholar's Talk

Moraine Valley Community College will present "Not a Desert Country: Youth and Socio-Political Changes in Lebanon" – a talk by Visiting Fulbright Scholar Dr. Adnan Mehdi Ibrahim El Amine. The discussion will take place on Monday, March 29, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the college's Moraine Rooms on the second floor of Building C, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The discussion is supported by the Fulbright Visiting Specialists "Direct Access to the Muslim World" program. There is no charge for admission, and the discussion is open to the public.

Dr. El Amine holds two doctorates in education from the University of Paris-Sorbonne in France. He has written and lectured on curriculum development, political socialization, and access to education in Lebanon and higher education issues in the Arab States.

As a Fulbright scholar, Dr. El Amine is part of a network of individuals since World War II chosen for their leadership potential to promote "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world." Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Program was proposed to the U.S. Congress in 1945 by then freshman Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, whose vision was approved by Congress and the program signed into law by President Truman in 1946. Both U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

For more information about the discussion, call Linda Gruber, Moraine Valley's global education coordinator, at (708) 974-5558, or e-mail gruber@morainevalley.edu.



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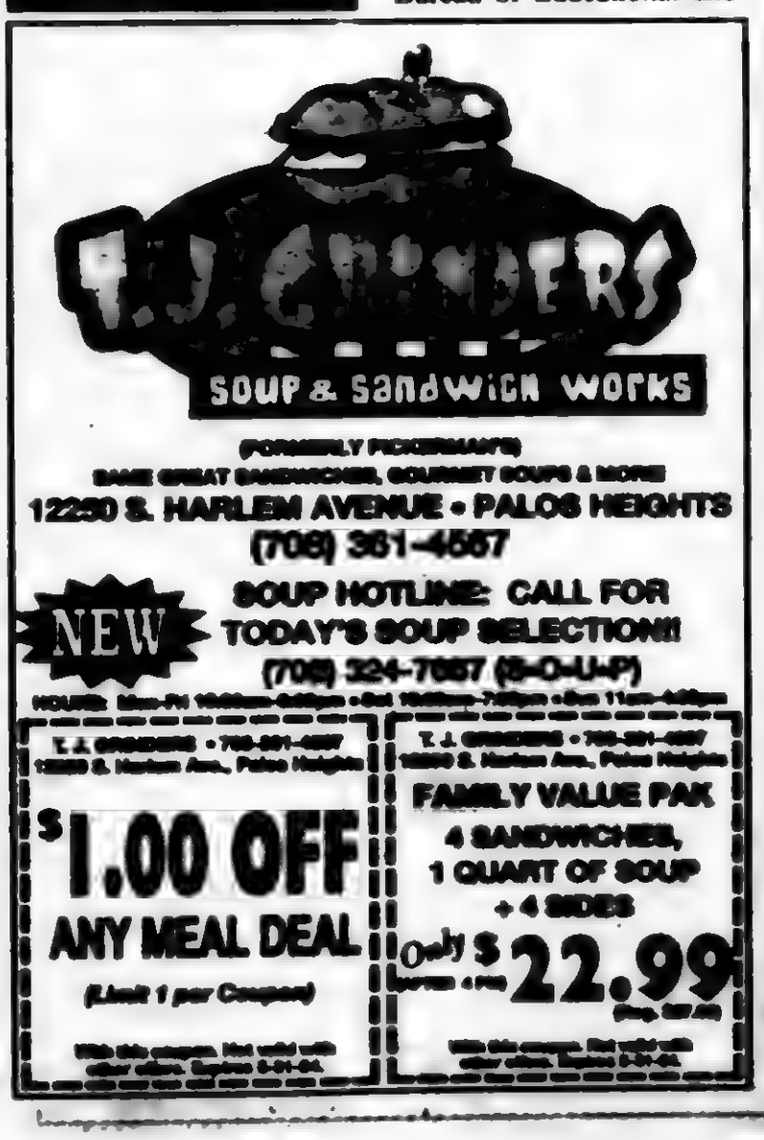


ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Starry, Starry Night Fundraiser

Moraine Valley Community College and the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation cordially invite you to the 10th annual Starry, Starry Night fundraiser – a red carpet evening of great food and stellar entertainment to be held on Saturday, April 3rd from 6 to 10 p.m.

Tickets cost $100 and guests will enjoy strolling through the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center and sampling the cuisine of the area's finest food establishments, along with a musical performance by The Buckinghams.

Raffle tickets are $15 each or four for $50 with prizes including a $1,000 gift certificate to Noral Diamond Jewelers, a 32-inch Sony flat-screen television and much more. The drawing will be held during the event, and winners need not be present to win. Tickets for the event and the raffle can be purchased on campus in the college's Foundation Office in Building "B", Room B240.

For ticket purchases or for questions about the event, call (708) 974-5480.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation will present "Fiddler on the Roof" at the new, $12,000,000 Beverly Arts Center March 26-28. Enjoy this classic tale set in early twentieth century Russia revolving around Tevye and his search for appropriate husbands for his three eldest daughters. In a break with tradition, Tevye's daughters refuse to accept the wishes of the matchmaker (Yente) and their father and marry the men that they love. Enjoy this all-time favorite story as it evolves on the stage of the Beverly Arts Center.

Bob and Christy Graham are the executive producers. Cassie Dawe is the director/choreographer.

Tickets are available from the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St, Chicago. (773) 445-3838.

Cast members pictured are (back row, left to right) Justin Hank (Fiedka), Brianna Smitko (Chava), Charles Haffner (Perchik), Jamie Volk (Hodel), Jessica Vasquez (Zteitel), Caleb Kosek (Motel), Kate Kisner (Yente), John Neumann (Lazar Wolf); (front row) Kim Brines (Frumha Sarah), Cindy St. Aubin (Golde), Mike Maty (Tevye), and Bobbie Maty (Grandma Zteitel.

Present "The Lady From The Sea"

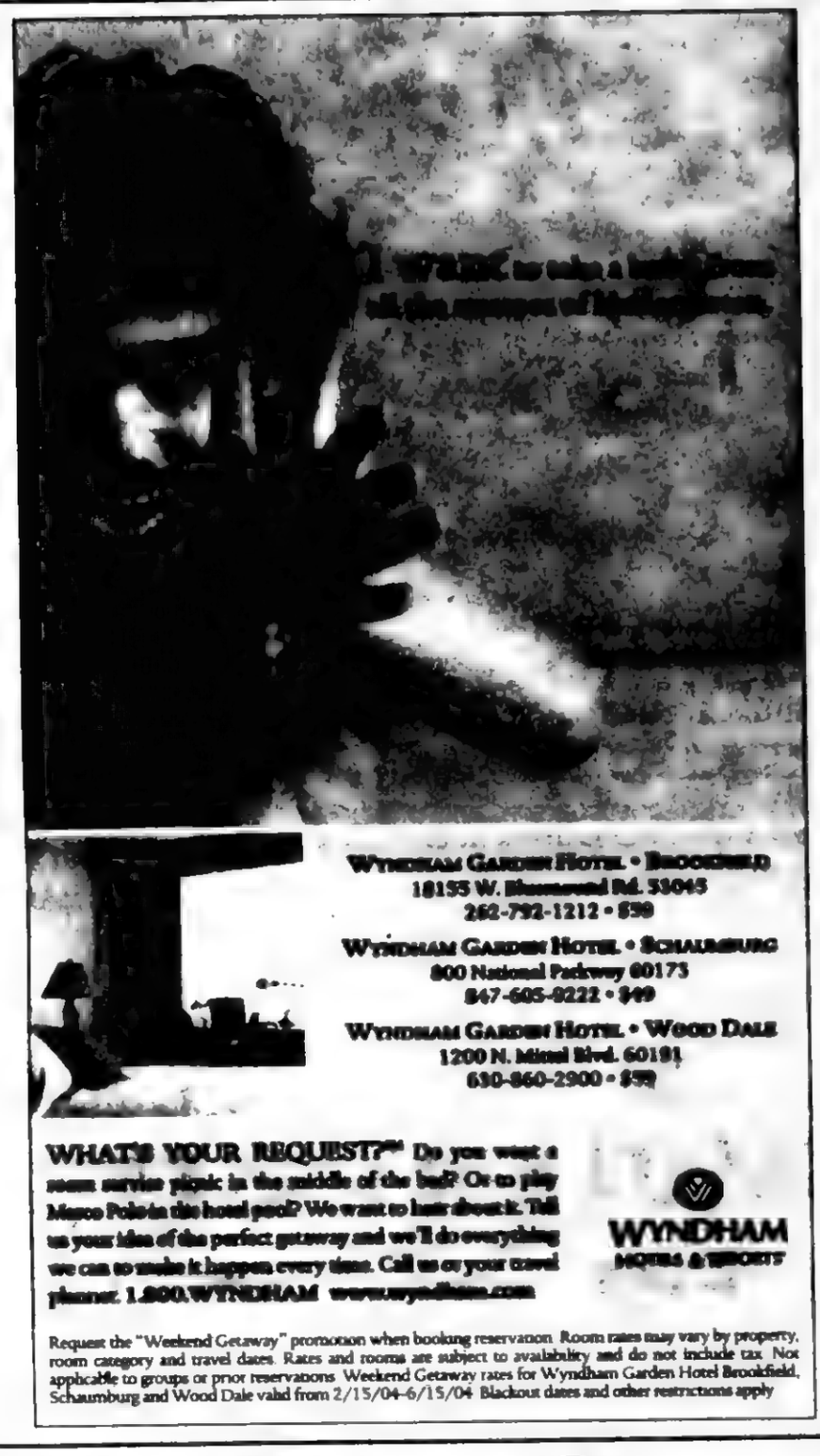
The Theatre Conservatory at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts will present Henrik Ibsen's *The Lady from the Sea* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 4th in the university's seventh floor O'Malley Theatre, 431 S. Wabash in Chicago.

A Master of Fine Arts thesis production, the play is directed by Andrew Park.

One of Ibsen's most lyrical and mystical plays, *The Lady from the Sea* is infused with the rhythms of the sea itself. With its questions about the meaning of life and our place in the universe, Ibsen's play asks questions that can only be answered in the workings of the human heart.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and $6 for students and senior citizens.

Reserve tickets at the Roosevelt University Theatre Office in Room 780 or call (312) 341-3719. Tickets also can be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis starting one hour prior to the show at the O'Malley Theatre box office. Discounted group rates are available.



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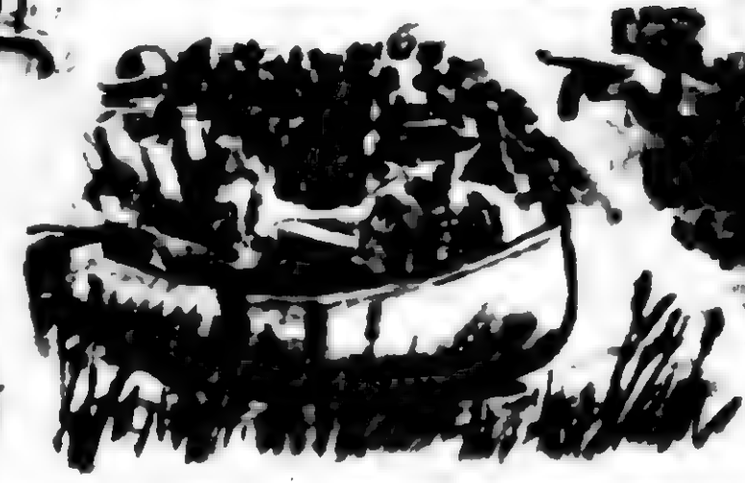

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- **Theatre in Midlothian:** If you can't get to a downtown theatre and enjoy live performances, you need only travel to Bremen High School at 152nd and Pulaski on April 1, 2, 3 or 4 when the Bremen Braves Theatre will present "Figments" a comedy. The play will be presented at 7 p.m. on April 1, 2 and 3 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 4. Tickets are $5 and will be available at the door.
- **Senior Clubs:** Spring is here and if you've been shut up in the winter, it is a good time to break out and attend one or both of Midlothian's senior clubs: Midlothian Buddies meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday and Community Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Both clubs meet from 11 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. at Raday Lodge, 145th and Kedzie. Come on out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.
- **Branch Pick Up:** Spring branch pick up will begin April 12 in the Northeast section; April 19 in the Southeast section, April 26 in the Southwest section, and May 3 in the Northwest section. Yard waste pick up by our garbage hauler resumes Monday, April 5.
- **M.A.R.S. Day/Clean Up Day**: The Midlothian Annual Reuse Sale Day will be Saturday, May 8 with a May 15 rain date. Clean out the clutter and make a little cash. No fee to participate. To get on the list of participants that is handed out, just call the village hall. On Saturday, May 22 we will have our annual Clean Up Day when volunteers will pick up winter debris and trash that has accumulated on some areas that have become eyesores over the winter.

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Senior Citizens Prom Set

Sentimental Journey II, a senior citizen prom sponsored by 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai, will be held in the main gym at Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th St., on Sunday, March 28th from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is $5 payable at the door. Individual and group reservations are necessary.

Dinner will be provided and dancing to the music of the bygone era will be presented by NJ. There will be entertainment and a sing along with some favorite tunes. There will also be a Karaoke contest for senior "singing idols."

Call the 19th Ward office at (773) 238-8766 to make your reservations, either individual or group. If you have any questions, ask for Peg Rafferty.

Day Trips Planned

The Worth Township Seniors have two more day trips planned.

On July 14th take a Deluxe Motor Coach to Niko's at 7600 S. Harlem in Bridgeview to celebrate "Christmas in July." This trip will cost $38. This trip includes a fabulous Christmas Luncheon.

On Aug. 10th a Deluxe Motor Coach will take the group to Starved Rock. This trip will cost $50. It will include a Trolley Ride, River Cruise and a nice lunch at the Starved Rock Lodge.

Call Jean at (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28 for more information and to make reservations.

An Older Adults Advisory Council

Suburban Area Agency on Aging, the lead planner of senior services in suburban Cook County and a prime resource for older adults and their caregivers, is seeking volunteers to serve on its Advisory Council. Individuals who are interested in helping to meet the current and future needs of older adults in their suburban communities are encouraged to join.

Suburban Area Agency on Aging is a non-profit corporation designated by the state of Illinois to advocate, plan, coordinate and fund services for people aged 60 and over in suburban Cook County. Working with its network of senior service agencies, the Suburban Area Agency on Aging is in the forefront of improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers. The Area Agency works with local community agencies to provide services such as information and assistance, senior dining programs and home delivered meals, transportation, housekeeping help, employment services, healthcare counseling, access to financial benefits and pharmaceutical assistance, and support for family caregivers.

There are more persons aged 60 and over living in suburban Cook County than in any other part of the state of Illinois. The growing senior population presents incredible resources to our communities such as wisdom, volunteers and caregivers. At the same time it also poses challenges to those older adults who may be isolated, living with a chronic illness, or struggling with physical, financial and emotional changes. The Suburban Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteer Advisory Council members that will assist the agency in understanding and addressing these issues.

Members of the Advisory Council serve for a period of three years and provide a direct link between the Area Agency, communities and older adults served. Members are required to attend meetings every other month and to provide input regarding the needs of older adults, community resources, and gaps in services. Council members are also charged with helping to advocate for senior issues and spreading the word about available supports and services.

The Agency's goal is to have the Council represent the various geographic areas and reflect the diverse populations of suburban Cook County. People of all ages may serve on the Council, and minority and older applicants are encouraged to apply. Professionals in the fields of healthcare and aging, elected officials, or people currently receiving aging services are welcome additions to the Council.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Council or receiving more information should contact Debra Janiszewski at the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, (708) 383-0258.

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June Tour Of Galena Homes Set

This year's June Tour of Historic Galena Homes will be held on June 12 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine! Included in the tour are four beautiful private homes plus the Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Museum. Two of the homes have never before been on tour.

Open to the public for the first time, the Loveland House is a beautiful Italianate home built by retired dry goods merchant Daniel Loveland. The current owners purchased the home in 1988 and began a labor of love to bring it back to its former grandeur.

Never before on tour, Abbey's High Street B & B is an elegant pre-Civil War estate with gardens that was the residence of Dr. Edward Kittoe, who was a member of U.S. Grant's personal staff and one of the most important surgeons of the Civil War.

The Bryant House is a charming brick cottage built in around 1840. A front addition was added about 1850, complete with a graceful, four-columned porch which beckons visitors to stay and take in the secluded beauty of the site.

The Weber-Wilhelmi House is a simple vernacular home built in the 1860s by Englebert Weber, a German immigrant and grocer. It is a cozy home, filled with the owner's mix of family pieces and travel-related memorabilia.

The June Tour of Homes is sponsored by the Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society. Tickets are $12; children under 10 are free with an adult. Tickets are available at the Old Train Depot Visitor's Center, the Old Market House State Historic Site (Sat. only), the DeSoto House Hotel, the History Museum and any home on the tour. A shuttle bus will run between all of the homes on the tour and the ticket stops. Some walking is required, so wear comfortable shoes. For a free brochure or visitor information call the Galena/JDC Convention & Visitor's Bureau at 1-877-444-5850 or visit www.galena.org. For other information, call the Galena Historical Society at (815) 777-9129.

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55 Alive Review Course

The Worth Township Seniors will be sponsoring a '55' Alive Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29 at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The fee is $10 payable to AARP.

The class is open to seniors 50 years and older and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance.

Register by calling (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28

Senior Mobility

The Senior Mobility Pro-gram makes available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled power (electric) wheelchairs at no cost to the recipient if they qualify. The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

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The Optomap retinal exam takes a computer-generated image of the retina, which can be immediately evaluated by Doctors Ronald and Deborah Cope at Pearle Vision, 14702 Cicero Ave. There is no pupil dilation, no eye drops, blurred vision or sensibility to light. The Optomap retinal exam is a simple, quick and important way to maintain good eye health.

"The Optomap increases the quality of the retinal exam by allowing us to view almost the entire retina at the start of the exam, which can have important implications, not only for detecting eye disease, but also in detecting and managing other medical conditions such as diabetes," said Dr. Ron Cope. "We recommend all of our patients have this exam, which has already detected issues in some of our patients which could have otherwise gone undetected."

About Optos

The Optos modality was developed as a patient-friendly examination tool by Douglas Anderson, founder and vice-chairman, Optos, after his son Leif lost the use of an eye when a retinal detachment was detected too late. It incorporates the latest in scanning laser ophthalmoscope (SLO) technology, using low-powered red-green laser beams to capture an image of virtually the entire retina on an "Optomap," a permanent digital record that gives clinicians a view of the retina that is unprecedented with prior technologies."

Area Agency On Aging Hosts Free Seminar

Kris Sadur from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging will be the guest speaker at a free seminar on Tuesday, April 14th at the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 S. 94th Ave. The seminar will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Sadur will provide important information to seniors regarding benefits that are available, including the Circuit Breaker & Senior Care program, and Veterans Benefits. With the changes to the Illinois Dept. of Revenue program, many more seniors now qualify for extended pharmaceutical benefits. Although the Senior Care program has been in existence for nearly two years, many senior citizens are still not aware that they may qualify for the program. Other topics to be discussed will be Medicare Parts A & B, Supplemental Insurance, and Low-Income Programs, such as the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program. The seminar is open to people of all ages who may need information or assistance regarding these topics. Refreshments will be served. For more information, or to register for the seminar, call (708) 403-4222.

55 Alive Course

"Fifty-Five Alive," a defensive driving program sponsored by AARP, will be offered at OCS, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805, on Tuesday, April 13th and Wednesday, April 14th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendance on both days is required.

This refresher course reviews Rules of the Road for the mature adult. Sign up for the class in person or mail a $10 check made payable to AARP (including your name, address and phone number) to the Office of Citizens' Services at the above address.

Hearing Test

The Worth Township Seniors will be offering free Hearing Testing on Wednesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

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SENIOR newsNotes

Maintaining Independence

QUOTE—Advice of the right sort may help seniors stay healthy and independent. For instance, trusted sources of information online may help people learn about health care, as well as supportive services that assist with shopping, light housekeeping, transportation as well as other companionship and other aspects of daily living.

Seniors can find information on the Web that helps them live healthy, independent lives.

Web sites such as www.homestylaservices.com also provide access to comprehensive "problem solving" information. The site includes a free "Independent Living Assessment" feature that people can access to help decide if they or someone in their lives can safely continue to live at home. In addition, the site offers advice for getting extra support or help.

The Web site also links to seniornet.org, another useful online resource for seniors.

For more information visit www.interimhealthcare.com.

Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan invites all senior citizens interested in law enforcement and crime awareness issues to enroll in the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to be held at Greater Bethesda Baptist Church, 5301 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago, beginning April 2nd.

The Sheriff's Office designed the program to open the lines of communication between senior citizens and law enforcement officials. Participants will gain a better understanding of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement officials as well as receive advice on personal safety and crime prevention.

"Seniors of today are active, educated and concerned, and in my opinion, are one of our country's greatest resources," Sheahan said. "This program will attempt to unite the senior citizen community more closely with law enforcement for our mutual benefit."

Sheahan's top staff members will conduct the four-session Academy. Each speaker provides pertinent information on an array of topics, including crimes against seniors, gang and drug awareness, understanding the criminal justice system, community policing programs and functions of the Cook County Emergency Management Agency.

The Academy classes meet on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 2nd and 16th and May 14th and 21st. At the final session on May 21st, all participants will be presented with Certificates of Completion and honored at a graduation ceremony and reception.

The program is offered free of charge to all seniors living in Cook County. For more information, or to register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy at Greater Bethesda Baptist Church, call the Sheriff's Office at (773) 869-7725.

Offer Exercise Class

The Worth Township Seniors have an Exercise Class for Seniors every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 to 9:45 a.m. These are simple sitting down exercises using small weights. The Class meets in the gym at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

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"Immediately call your local funeral director, who can help you handle the many decisions that surround most funerals, and a clergy person because you'll need support and comfort," Gill says.

Notify parents, grandparents, children and siblings, then other relatives and friends. "People want to be involved early," Gill says. "Don't worry about the time of day or night. Informing them of the death and seeking their help is therapeutic for yourself and others, according to grief experts."

"Funerals are important because they bring mourners together, creating support and the chance to remember, which are key elements in healing from the loss," Gill says. "Funeral directors can help families plan a meaningful, personal ceremony by offering options and guidance through the arrangement process."

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- Help with paperwork that ranges from obituaries to benefit claim forms;
- Notify employers, attorneys, insurance companies and banks of the death;
- Provide compassion and grief support before, during, and after the funeral.

"When planning a funeral, don't hesitate to ask questions and tell the funeral director what you'd like," Gill says. "After all, the decisions are yours. The funeral director's role is merely advisory."

For more information on funeral planning, call The Brady-Gill Funeral Home at (708) 614-9900, or visit their website at www.bradygill.com.

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Road Safety

(NAPS)—The Road Information Program (TRIP), a nonprofit transportation research group that has created a report, *Traffic Safety and Older Americans: Making Roads Safer for Motorists*, identified specific roadway improvements that can help reduce older driver fatalities. Clearer signage and larger lettering are among the improvements recommended.

According to John Meredith, the son of Mississippi civil rights leader James Meredith, and a member of the National Center of Public Policy Research, a nonpartisan Washington, D.C. think-tank, "by potentially reducing our wages, raising our cost of living, putting us out of work and destroying our businesses, the Kyoto Protocol is an environmental threat to black America.

The NFL Coach of the Year award complements the Staples Coach of the Week program that honors an NFL head coach each week during the regular season for an outstanding game. In conjunction with this recognition, a school in the coach's region is randomly drawn from entries to receive a $5,000 Staples gift certificates and visit from the coach. Now in its fifth year, this program has donated more than $385,000 in school supplies to schools nationwide.

Seniors Are Often The Target Of Scam Artists

Scam artists work year round but see national tragedies, such as last month's terrorist attack, as prime opportunities. They prey on people's sense of patriotism and desire to help in times of turmoil. Shortly after the attack, the Illinois Attorney General's Office received reports of internet-based "charities" soliciting help for the victims in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania by requesting cash donations and/or credit card numbers.

Seniors are often targeted by scam artists. It is advisable to investigate the charity soliciting your help. The Office of Attorney General publishes a brochure on charity fraud that contains tips on avoiding it, and, the office's web site at www.ag.state.il.us contains information. For copies of the brochure, call the Attorney General's hotline at 1-800-386-5438 in Chicago. TTY information is available at 1-877-844-5461. To report suspected or known fraud, call the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Bureau at 312-814-2595. Let your local sheriff's or police department know, as well.

If you are unsure if a charitable organization is legitimate, you can ask questions such as: What is the charity's exact name? Where is it headquartered? How long has it been in operation? Does it have local offices? What is the address and phone number of its local and national offices? Is the charity registered with the Illinois Attorney General's Office? What percentage of the money the charity takes in goes to fund raising?

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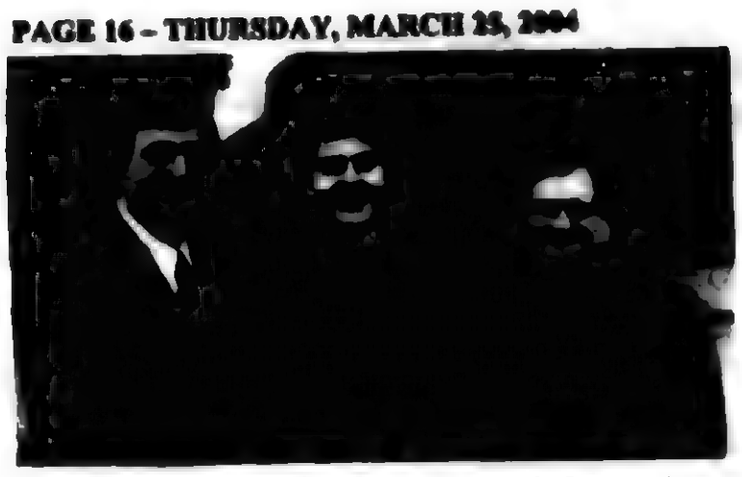

Brother Rice High School Principal James Antos (left) of Oak Lawn and President Br. Karl Walczak (right) congratulate senior Auddie Sweis (center) of Oak Lawn after the student's speech at the school's Founder's Day ceremonies. Sweis, who is of Middle Eastern descent, spoke to the assembled student body about the difficulties he and his family have encountered in post-9/11 America and how he has been able to overcome them through his own views of tolerance and compassion toward others.

Founder's Day celebrates the life and accomplishments of Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers and namesake of the school. Every year, student's and faculty members are selected to speak during the assembly about ways every Brother Rice student can incorporate Edmund Rice's beliefs of good will, tolerance and faith into their everyday lives.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

In a letter to the editor ("Kerry's positions," 3/11/04, *Chicago Tribune*), Susan Petrarca of Flossmoor complains of "the media-manufactured rise of a once-unelectable liberal senator" and calls for unvarnished, objective coverage of "both sides." This after she launches a nine-point ad hominem attack on the Democratic Party.

What Ms. Petrarca overlooks is that the 2004 presidential election will not be a Bush vs. Kerry election, or even a Republican vs. Democrat election. The 2004 election will squarely be a referendum on the Bush regime. Should Bush and his henchmen be retained in office? If "no," vote for the other guy, and the other guy happens to be presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry. Liberal or conservative, Sen. Kerry's views are American enough not to distract from the 2004 referendum on Bush.

Despite media predictions of a close election, I doubt it. Americans have had it up to here (hold your hand overhead as high as you can reach) with Bush. Before reading Petrarca's letter, I had hoped that Bush would be skunked in 2004. But now it looks like the president will likely get one vote anyway.

How did Bush drive so many dispassionate voters irrevocably into the Democratic column for 2004 regardless who the Democratic nominee?

Pres. Bush and his sinister cabal have made the US government a wholly owned subsidiary of big business and a lush, exclusive preserve for the richest Americans while squandering the Clinton surplus, the Democratic balanced budgets, and middle-class employment.

If Pres. Bill Clinton's sexual indiscretions drove some Republicans to the distant fringes of rational political thought, Pres. Bush's mistakes have driven some Democrats off the map with his pre-emptive warmongering, intelligence-brief cooking, UN-scoffing, ally shredding, terrorism pandering, economy wrecking, misery-index boosting and human-rights bashing. Pres. Bush has many Americans in a frenzy of anti-Bush animosity that no amount of campaign green or political ads can assuage.

Nothing but an election can pull this thorn from America's paw. So, bring it on.

James E.Gierach

Affordable Housing Program

Founders Bank announced that it is participating in a statewide affordable housing program, known as Downpayment Plus, that focuses on providing financial assistance to qualified low income homebuyers in Illinois that need help in meeting the downpayment requirements and closing costs associated with buying a home.

Tom Bugielski, President of Founders Bank, said that qualified homebuyers aspiring to purchase a home but lacking sufficient funds to pay the downpayment and closing costs may qualify for a grant designed specifically to address this issue.

To qualify for grant consideration, an applicant's aggregate annual household income must be 80 percent or less than the area median family income, adjusted for family size. For example, to qualify the annual household income of a family of four seeking to purchase a home in the Chicagoland area cannot exceed $56,500. "The program's income limits vary by household size, thus, interested parties should contact us for income limit details," said Nick Parisi, Senior Vice President, Mortgage Division.

Downpayment Plus grants are funded by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. The program is administered by the Illinois League of Financial Institutions.

Qualified families needing downpayment and closing cost assistance must apply for home financing at Founders Bank and meet the institution's loan underwriting criteria.

A qualified household will be eligible to receive up to $5,000 in subsidized assistance for the acquisition of an owner-occupied one or two family dwelling. A homebuyer must make a cash contribution of at least $750 towards the purchase of the home.

Founders Bank will apply for the grants on behalf of their borrowers. Borrowers may not apply for grants directly. Borrowers must receive homeownership education to help ensure that they understand the home buying process as well as the financial responsibilities of homeownership.

Nick Parisi says, "this program will help many Illinois families overcome one of the major obstacles to realizing the dream of homeownership – the inability to afford the downpayment and closing costs."

For details contact the Mortgage Department at Founders Bank, (708) 448-6500, (815) 467-5321 or (773) 445-4500. Founders Bank has locations in Worth, Mount Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Homer Glen, Plainfield, Joliet, Minooka and Channahon.

College Illinois Prepaid Tuition Deadline

With its sixth annual enrollment period approaching the deadline, College Illinois, the state's only 529 prepaid tuition program, is encouraging families to take advantage of current program rates before March 31st. The program allows participants to protect themselves from tuition inflation by locking in a price now to cover future college tuition and fees.

With college costs for a child born this year estimated to reach $90,000 for four years of public university tuition and fees in Illinois, the importance of beginning a college funding plan is more apparent than ever for Illinois families.

"When tuition is locked in with College Illinois, parents also lock in the security that the money will be there when their children are ready to go to school as well as the flexibility for their child to attend school virtually anywhere. What other types of investments offer that kind of peace of mind?" said Randy Erford, director of College Illinois.

During the final weeks of the enrollment period, College Illinois, which is administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, encourages busy parents and grandparents to take the time to visit www.collegeillinois.com for advice on program materials and enrollment guidelines. Interested families can also register online in about 10 minutes. College Illinois recommends that those without online access call the program toll-free at (877) 877-3724.

"The earlier that parents choose a College Illinois plan for their child, the better protected they are against tuition inflation. Parents who enrolled just last year have already seen the savings benefit of purchasing a College Illinois contract," said Erford.

College Illinois is a secure college funding option because benefits do not fluctuate with the stock market. Similar to an insurance policy, College Illinois is a contract between the purchaser and the state of Illinois that ensures tuition and fee benefits for college. When a beneficiary is ready to go to school, he or she can choose to attend college anywhere because benefits can be used not only at Illinois public universities and community colleges, but at public and private institutions nationwide as well.

Benefits keep pace with the increases in tuition and fees equal to those found at in-state, public institutions and are 100 percent exempt from state and federal income taxes. Those who purchase a College Illinois contract as a gift also enjoy gift and estate tax benefits, and the purchase requires no broker or lawyer.

College Illinois participants can purchase anywhere from one semester at a community college to nine semesters at the university level. Various payment options are available, including monthly and annual installments.

For more information about College Illinois or to enroll in the program, visit www.collegeillinois.com or call (877) 877-3724 by March 31st.

Discuss "The Passion"

The movie "The Passion" will be discussed at the Lenten Program on March 31st beginning at 7:15 p.m. Rev. Peggy McClanahan will lead the discussion.

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at (708) 422-4200.

POLICE CALLS

On March 17th Vernon Cummings, 25, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Cummings was a passenger in a car stopped for traffic violations in the 9300 block of 53rd Ave. Police observed Cummings passed out in the back seat. After being awakened, Cummings admitted to police that he had some crack in his pants pocket. Police discovered four small bags of a leafy substance, that field tested positive for cannabis, in his pocket.

On March 17th Nathaniel Fizer, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis after police observed Fizer sleeping in a car parked in the 9300 block of Neva. As the officers approached the car to check on him, they noted the strong aroma of burning cannabis. Fizer awoke and during questioning admitted that the had smoked some "pot" and smokes it all the time. Police found marijuana residue in the ashtray and a blunt in the console.

On March 18th Robert Andruk, 43, of Worth was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. Andruk was a passenger in a car stopped for traffic violations at Southwest Highway and Meade. The officers observed both the driver and Andruk bending over in what appeared to be an attempt to conceal something under the seats. As Andruk exited the car, police observed a small package fall to the ground. The package contained a white powder that field tested positive for cocaine.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Address	City	Amount	Buyers	Sellers
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5840 W 100th Pl	Oak Lawn	$400 000	Kummerer James D Kummerer Tammy M	Hanigan Brian J Hanigan Mary L
10929 S Cook Ave	Oak Lawn	$380 000	Cortez Jose L.Cortez Hilda	Nisb Tr
4124 W 98th St#208	Oak Lawn	$109 000	Wright Tina M	Gibson Keyanta L Jackson Eric L
5421 W Kimballpl	Oak Lawn	$197 000	Micele Tom F.Micele Susan A	Debelak Matt Debelak Lucille
4716 W 106th Pl	Oak Lawn	$131,000	Tistovic Judith E	Greiak James I Greiak Helen M
9605 S Melvina	Oak Lawn	$162,000	Vassios Theodore W	Hansen Dana M
10910 Kilpatrick #2Nw	Oak Lawn	$106,000	Segovia Hector	Trevino Hortense R
4124 W 98th St 306	Oak Lawn	$102,500	Limtangco Josephine D	Cleary Kathleen,Cleary Laureen A
9828 S Kostner	Oak Lawn	$235 000	Saavedra Francisco	Harrison Valerie
9317 S Massasoit	Oak Lawn	$215 000	Sama Jorge H	Arrabito Giovanni,Arrabito Kristen
5323 W 90th St	Oak Lawn	$172 000	Lee Robert,Lee Karen	Chicago Title Land Tr Co Tr
9633 S Kedvale	Oak Lawn	$150 000	Bell Gertie	Kowalski Laura Tr,Reardon David
9618 S Manon	Oak Lawn	$151,000	Caruso Andrew	Thachenkery Maria,Thachenkery Cyril S
10801 S Keating Unit 3Se	Oak Lawn	$87,500	Sheehan Sharon A	Grabaret Janice M Grabarek Conrad S
8810 1/2 S Austin Vacant Lot	Oak Lawn	$57,500	Noms Terald,Nugent George	Carollo Joseph W,Carollo Sharon L
Vacant Lot 8801 1/2 S Austin	Oak Lawn	$57 500	Noms Gerald Nugent George	Piaskowy Walter A Jr,Piaskowy Trust
4948 W Spring Rd	Oak Lawn	$165 000	Brandt Daniel C	Christopher Lynda M Christopher Gary
9328 S Parkside	Oak Lawn	$241,000	Olejniczak Alex G,Olejniczak Theresa B	Oconnell Lawrence P Oconnell Joan K
9116 Ridgeland	Oak Lawn	$239,000	Chechowski Wojciech	Visvardis Georgia Visvardis Jimmy
4832 W 91St Beck Pl	Oak Lawn	$168,500	Westin Steven	Lasalle Bk Natl Assn Tr
9605 S Kedvale #104	Oak Lawn	$92,000	Cokeley Margaret	Nakutis Leonila
4949 Harnew rd S	Oak Lawn	$214,000	Lynn Michelle M,Lynn Matthew M	Riordan William,Riordan Antoinette
5156 W Alexander Pl	Oak Lawn	$155,000	Cronin Susan M	Suess Mary F Extr,Nudo Joseph Est
9736 Brandt	Oak Lawn	$266,000	Danforth Ann,Beattie Lee	Dube Beverly Tr,Paulene Galvin Trust,Galvin
10351 S Parkside	Oak Lawn	$300,000	Sadat Tariq	Abed Robbie
10035 S Cicero #206	Oak Lawn	$77,000	Mccollough Ann	Yuskis Lisa M
5705 West 90th Place	Oak Lawn	$120,000	Nicholas Bidris	Domaika Richard Exe,Domaika Elizabeth
9212 S Menard	Oak Lawn	$220,000	Hoban Brian,Hoban Silvia	Anderson James K,Anderson Jean M
10621 S Kolmar	Oak Lawn	$254,000	Cosme Luke E,Cosme Julie A	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr
4824 W 98th Pl	Oak Lawn	$122,500	Brychek Joseph M,Flores Patricia	Hale Gary W,Hale Kristin L
5811 W Alexander Pl	Oak Lawn	$170,000	Sider Lale,Sider Zaid	Maulen Jonathan V
4111 W 98th St Unit 1A	Oak Lawn	$126,000	Golinski Mark J,Balestri Teresa J	Morley John A Extr,Joyni Marjorie M Decd
10313 S Kenton	Oak Lawn	$220,000	Wells Adrian G,Law Susan P	Law Rodney G,Law Barbara A

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 26 – Friday – Fish Fry, Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 26 – Friday – Open House Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 Brandt, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 26 – Friday – Dinner and Fashion Show, St Linus Ladies Guild at Gaelic Park, 6619 W. 147th St., begins 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Saturday – District "1" Trustee is Available. Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon

MARCH 27 – Saturday – Business Showcase, Oak Lawn Community High School. 95th and Southwest Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MARCH 27 – Saturday – Easter Egg Hunt, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 4660 W. 94th St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MARCH 28 – Sunday – Spring Fling!, Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero Ave.), 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

APRIL 1 – Thursday – Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins.

APRIL 1 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

APRIL 1 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

APRIL 1 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 1 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its fifth annual Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21st at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

The luncheon theme is "Hoe Down at the Hilton" featuring entertainment by Garth Brooks impersonator T.C. Todd, a delicious Chicken Parma entrée, door prizes and a long-stem rose for all who attend. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $22 per person.

For more information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event, call (708) 424-8300.

President John Stroger of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with Finance Chairman John Daley, recently hosted a reception in honor of St. Patrick Day. Joining Stroger and Daley at the reception were Cook County Commissioners, elected officials and special guests. Illinois Appellate Court Judge Anne Burke was honored for her diverse legacy of achievement, in addition to a posthumous award saluting the late political writer Steve Neal.

Pictured left to right are Ed McElroy, who emceed the reception; Gene Callahan, father of the Queen; Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jennifer Callahan, St. Patrick's Day Queen; and Peggy Callahan, mother of the Queen.

Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance Set

On March 27, at 6:30 p.m., Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School will host its 12th Annual Celebration Scholarship Endowment Dinner Dance at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. Since its inception in 1987, monies raised from Celebration have helped bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each of the young women at McAuley. A significant number of students are able to attend McAuley because these funds help support the tuition assistance program.

At the event in March, several individuals will be formally recognized for their years of involvement and contributions to McAuley. Oak Lawn residents Francis Gallagher and Ave Hayes Green will each receive the 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award.

Francis Gallagher was instrumental in the establishment of the Mother McAuley High School Endowment Fund. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Development Council, and was President of the Fathers Club. Fran's three daughters are alumnae of McAuley.

Ave Hayes Green was active with the Mothers Club when her daughter was a student. She is now active with the Alumnae Mothers Club, where she is a past president. She commentated the fashion shows for many years, helped to establish the current mass card program, and continues to assist the Theatre program. Ave has four sons and one daughter who is an alumna of McAuley.

McAuley looks forward to recognizing Fran and Ave as recipients of the 2004 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award. For further information about Celebration, contact Nancy Lynch in the McAuley Development Office at (773) 881-6566.

Park District's Egg Hunts For All Ages

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course will host egg hunts for individuals of all ages.

For toddlers through children age 8, the annual Kids' Egg Hunt will be available at two times: 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The children will search for candy-filled eggs with others in the same age group at various places on the golf course grounds. Before or after their search, kids can make an Easter-theme craft and visit with the Easter Bunny. The fee is $2 per resident child or $4 per non-resident child.

Ages 9 through 15 will enjoy the Teen Egg Hunt at the course from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This hunt will include a search for prize-filled eggs outside, plus pizza and pop inside the Stony Creek Clubhouse. After pizza, tweens and teens can enjoy the Clubhouse's video game room and large-screen TV. The fee is $5 per resident or $7 per non-resident.

Adults (ages 21 and up) will have an evening hunt of their own at the course from 8 to 10 p.m. Continuing the park district's 60th anniversary celebration, the 3rd annual Adult Egg Hunt & Party will feature a 1970s theme. Bring a flashlight and hunt for prize-filled eggs on the course, then enjoy a 70s-style party in the Clubhouse. Dress in 70s garb to receive a prize! The fee is $8 per resident or $12 per non-resident.

The Stony Creek Golf Course is at 5850 W. 103rd St. To register or for more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Friends Of Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on April 14th to discuss "The Hitch-Hikers" by Eudora Welty and on May 12th for "A Final Report" by William Maxwell. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet on April 28th to discuss "Life of Pi: A Novel" by Yann Martel and on May 26th for "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708) 422-4933.

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Spring is among us, with many things going on! In the month of April we will be celebrating our 15th year anniversary. Also Waterford Estates is getting prepared for the grand opening of our Assisted Living floor. We will be offering seniors the opportunity to live in a supervised environment with the ability to still live independently. There will be assistance in dressing, bathing, medicine reminders and escort throughout the community. Also included are three meals a day, weekly housekeeping, activities, and 24 hour supervision. Our seniors will have a lovely apartment with a full kitchen and all the comforts of a home.

In our independent living apartments the seniors still have the comfort of knowing that someone is here 24 hours a day if they need us. There are many advantages of living at Waterford Estates, like no electric, gas, water bills and tax increases. With the growing of expense on utility bills, this can be quite a savings. The monthly fee includes everything but cable and phone, two meals and great amenities. The weather is changing and so are we, so call for an appointment so you can stop by and see!

If you are interested in visiting Waterford Estates for our upcoming Entertainment and Education Series, or a tour and lunch, please call Sharon Duffy at 708-335-1600. We also have brochures that we will be happy to mail out to you or a friend!

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Special Precautions For A Very Hot Summer

Seniors more than anyone else need to protect themselves in the intense heat of Chicago summers. Special precautions are needed because older adults have often lost layers of fat from their bodies that act like insulation against heat. They may also lose the ability to perspire – nature's way of cooling the exterior of the body. Heat exhaustion or heat stroke can occur in a very short period of time, and can be life-threatening. Some of the following tips are from the Illinois Department on Aging:

- Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun. Drink plenty of water, and avoid alcohol and caffeine. Don't use salt tablets unless prescribed by your physician. Perform necessary activities in the early morning or evening when temperatures are lower.
- Use air conditioning. If you do not have air conditioning, many communities offer cooling centers where you can spend the hottest part of the day. Go to the library, mall, senior center or movie theater where it is cool.
- Do not use fans in a closed area. They simply distribute the hot air without cooling. Avoid using the oven, and close blinds to keep direct sunlight out of the house or apartment.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing, and take cool baths or showers if you are overheated. If you experience nausea, dizziness, or fatigue, seek help.
- Consider subscribing to an Emergency Response System that signals a dispatcher when temperatures are too high or too low, and alerts someone to a potential problem in your home.
- Not a senior? Check on older friends and neighbors to be sure they are coping. Call 911 if someone you know needs medical attention.

The Suburban Area Agency on Aging in Oak Park, was founded in 1974 with the mission of planning, coordinating, advocating and funding programs for persons over 60 in suburban Cook County. The agency serves suburban Cook County, an area that is home to over 429,000 seniors, with programs such as home delivered meals, in-home services, transportation and elder abuse and neglect intervention. In its Fiscal Year 2002, the Area Agency distributed nearly $11,000,000 to more than 40 local community agencies to provide this array of services. The Older Americans Act, Illinois General Revenue Funds, local funds and individual contributions support its programs. The Suburban Area Agency on Aging and its network of senior service agencies are the principal source of information regarding senior services in suburban Cook County.

Rules Of Road Review

The Worth Township Seniors will be offering a Rules of the Road review class on Wednesday, April 7, at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Register by calling (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Computer Classes

Oak Lawn Community High School is offering three separate sessions of computer classes for senior citizens.

Monday, April 19, 5 to 7 p.m. Introduction to Microsoft Windows.

Tuesday, April 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Introduction to Microsoft Word.

Wednesday, May 5, 5 to 7 p.m. Introduction to Internet Explorer and E-mail.

The cost for each session is $15, or all three sessions are offered at a cost of $30.

Inquiries can be directed to (708) 741-5614.

Commission Meets

The Bridgeview Senior Citizen Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 7th at 1 p.m. at the Oremus Community Center to plan for the April 21st Movie Day. Any seniors who are interested in the work of the Commission are invited to attend. The Center is located at 79th St. and Oketo Ave.

Senior Agency Of Year

Scott Farrow, President of United Insurance Services, Ltd., (UIS) in southwest suburban Palos Heights, received the prestigious Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois "Senior Agency of the Year" Award for 2003. Wilbur Mills, Senior Marketing Executive Senior Markets-Direct Markets for Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented the golden cup award to Mr. Farrow.

This marks the third consecutive year that UIS received the award. "We are proud of our exemplary record of sales and service," says Farrow. "And we feel that our reputation in the senior community is second to none."

In addition to Blue Cross Blue Shield recognition, UIS also qualified for the renowned National Association of Health Underwriters' (NAHU) Golden Eagle award for seven consecutive years. The NAHU represents the top 1% of producers in the nation.

Established in 1993, United Insurance Services Ltd. is the largest senior general agency in Illinois representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and its products. UIS also specializes in long term care, home health care, and life insurance and retirement planning services. For more information, call United Insurance Services at 1-800-244-0636.

Worth Seniors Meet

The Worth Township Senior's next General Meeting will be Friday, April 2. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and is in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

Entertainment will be by The Evergreen Parkettes with their famous line dancing. Refreshments will be served.

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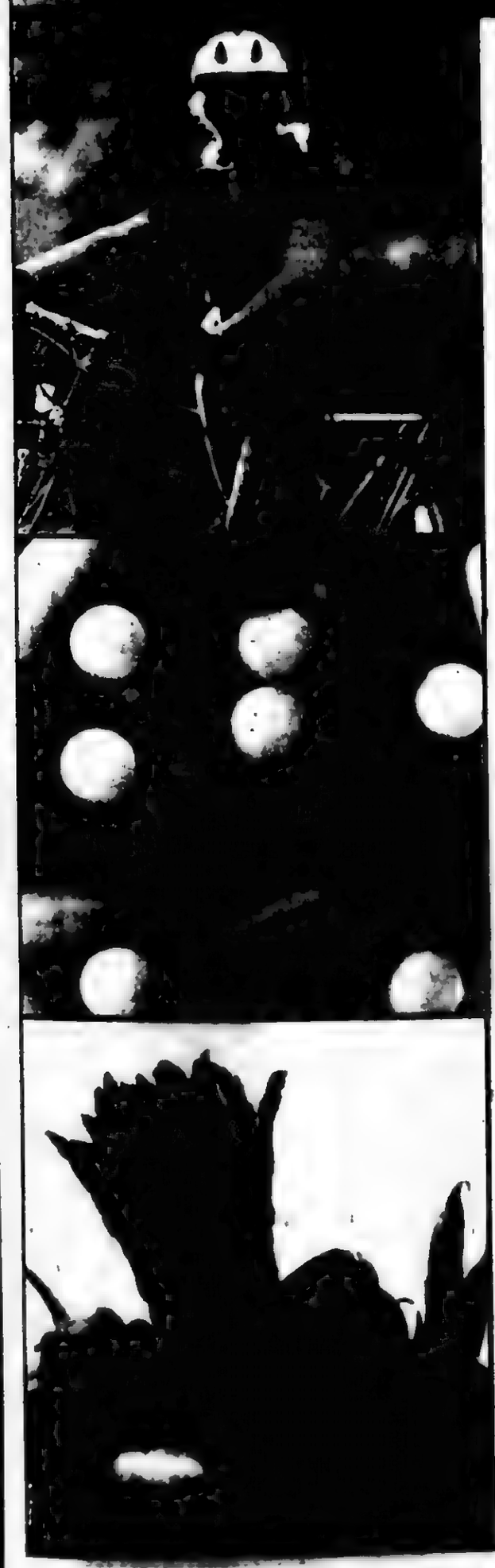

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Excessive Morning Blood Pressure Surge Studied

In older people with high blood pressure, a sharp increase in blood pressure in the morning increases the risk of stroke and is linked to brain lesions known as "silent" strokes, according to a study in today's rapid access issue of Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association.

"This study is the first to show that an excessive morning blood pressure surge is a predictor of stroke in elderly people with high blood pressure," says lead author Kazuomi Kario, M.D., from the department of cardiology at Jichi Medical School in Tochigi, Japan. "This finding was independent of ambulatory blood pressure levels and target organ damage."

Ambulatory blood pressure is a 24-hour continuous blood pressure measurement. Target organ damage is the damage to organs such as the brain, hear, or kidneys caused by high blood pressure.

"This study also extends previous work showing that people with an extreme dip in blood pressure overnight are at increased risk for stroke, and that the reason may be the morning surge rather than excessively low blood pressure during the night," Kario says.

Kario's team followed 519 Japanese patients with high blood pressure (average age 72) for an average of 41 months. All participants underwent ambulatory blood pressure monitoring and a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan to determine the presence of silent cerebral infarcts (brain lesions that indicate a "silent" stroke). High blood pressure (hypertension) is diagnosed when average systolic pressure (the top number in a blood pressure reading) is 140 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) or greater, or average diastolic pressure (bottom number) is 90 mm Hg or greater.

Researchers calculated the morning blood pressure surge by measuring the average systolic blood pressure during the two hours after awakening, and subtracting the average systolic blood pressure during the one hour that included the lowest sleeping blood pressure.

Participants were divided into two groups. The morning surge (MS) group included 53 patients who had a morning blood pressure increase of 55 mm Hg or greater. The non MS group included the remaining 466 patients who had a morning blood pressure increase of less than 55 mm Hg. The average morning blood pressure increase was 69 mm Hg in the MS group, and 29 mm Hg in the non-MS group.

The researchers found that participants in the MS group were more likely to have multiple "silent" strokes (57 percent) than the non-MS group (33 percent) according to their MRIs at the start of the study. In addition, 19 percent of those in the MS group had a stroke during the follow-up period compared with 7.3 percent of people in the non-MS group.

Even after adjusting for age and ambulatory blood pressure, the relative risk of stroke for people with a morning surge was nearly three times higher than for people without the surge. Researchers also found that a 10 mm Hg increases in the morning blood pressure surge increased stroke risk by 22 percent.

Kario says, "The results suggest that the morning surge in blood pressure could be a new target for drug treatment to prevent target organ damage and subsequent stroke in patients with high blood pressure." He adds that even though the study was not designed to investigate the effect of blood pressure-lowering medication on stroke risk, they did observe that such medication was associated with reduced stroke risk.

"Thus, controlling the morning surge with antihypertensive medication might decrease stroke risk," Kario says.

He adds that these findings should be investigated in other populations and in a large randomized, controlled trial using antihypertensive drugs aimed at suppressing the morning blood pressure surge.

In an accompanying editorial, Norman M. Kaplan, M.D., from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, quips, "Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed."

He says Kario's study is the largest and most definitive investigation of the long-recognized pattern of higher cardiovascular event rates in the morning hours.

"The clinical inferences of the data from this study are clear," Kaplan says. "Patients who experience surges of blood pressure after arising are at risk for stroke and likely other cardiovascular events. The presence of such surges can be identified by home blood pressure measurements. And, if the early morning blood pressure is above 140/90 mm Hg, additional antihypertensive therapy is indicated."

He adds that it would be logical for drug treatment to include antihypertensive medicines that are effective for 24 hours or longer.

This research was partly funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Learn About End Of Life Care Options

(NAPS)—If you or a loved one were facing a terminal illness, would you know where to turn for information about end-of-life care? A recent survey conducted by the Foundation for End of Life Care and Yankelovich Partners found that most Americans—61 percent—rely on their own personal relationships for this information. Less than half said they would turn to professionals in healthcare and clergy.

"The tendency of Americans to turn to family or friends for end-of-life information points out two necessities for improving care for terminally-ill patients," said Dr. J. Richard Williams, President of the Foundation for End of Life Care and Executive Vice President of VITAS Healthcare Corporation. "The American public needs to know more about end-of-life options and should insist on staying involved every step of the way."

Every year half of the American population will be touched by the death of a friend, family member or work colleague. The Foundation for End of Life Care urges all adults, regardless of age or circumstance, to learn more about end-of-life care options that can transform dying into the final act of living well.

There are four general categories that should be explored before one is touched by the unsettling reality of a terminal prognosis.

1. How will pain be managed?
2. If the patient prefers to remain at home, what kind of assistance and in-home care will be available?
3. What role can family members have in patient care?
4. How will the spiritual and emotional support necessary for quality end-of-life care be administered?

Hospice is an end-of-life care option that offers varying degrees of assistance with all four concerns.

There are many sources of end-of-life-care information including your local hospice program and national organizations like the Foundation For End of Life Care, which funds education, research and special needs for end-of-life care; or the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

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Dear Bob,
Thank you so much for all the kindness that you had shown to my family the past week. You helped us get through a very hard time and we will always remember. Our dad would have been so proud to see the wonderful sendoff he received. We know that much of that was due to the hard work, gentle hands and great care of you and your staff. Our family will always hold you in a special part of our hearts.

Dear Bob, Staff and Family,
We do not know exactly where to begin or even find the right words to begin to thank you for not only taking such excellent care of Dad, but for taking such excellent care of us. You all treated us with so much love and kindness and treated Dad as he was "your" family member. Whether you realize it or not, you did make those days so very much easier. Loosing Dad was so very difficult for us, but your comforting and caring and sincerity made a very difficult time so much easier to deal with. You will all hold a very "special" place in our hearts. You have cared for Terry, Mom and now Dad with so much loving kindness. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

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Victor and Eileen Ames, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner hosted by their children. The couple was married Feb. 17, 1944, at St. Christopher Church, while Victor was on leave from the U.S. Air Force.

They were both born and raised in Midlothian until Victor was transferred to Georgia in 1980. Since his retirement after 43 years with Whiting Corp., they have lived on Big Barbee Lake in Pierceton, IN and also still have a home in Midlothian.

Victor and Eileen have five children: Bob and wife Jill, Tom, Sue and husband Larry Gerke, Keith and wife Felicia, Kathy and husband Larry Sargis; they have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizen Hall Of Fame Deadline

Chicago Dept. on Aging Commissioner Joyce Gallagher recently announced that there is only a short time remaining before the March 30th deadline to submit nominations to the City of Chicago's 2004 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, now in its 42nd year of honoring older Chicagoans for their outstanding contributions to community service, has presented awards to over 2,000 Chicago residents.

"Seniors are valuable members of our city. Every day they make significant contributions to our schools, to businesses and to public and private organizations," said Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will review each nomination and one senior citizen from each of Chicago's 50 ward communities will be inducted. The City of Chicago will pay tribute to the honorees in a ceremony hosted by Mayor Daley and the Chicago Dept. on Aging on Thursday, May 6th at Preston Bradley Hall of the Chicago Cultural Center.

"There are many senior citizens who are quite active in their communities, and we want to give them a prestigious recognition," said Commissioner Gallagher.

Nominations will be accepted from agencies, businesses, community organizations, churches and other institutions in the Chicago area. Only one nomination may be submitted from each nominating entity. Nominees must be Chicago residents, age 60 and older, whose contributions reflect outstanding service to a community, business, religion, education, science, art, philosophy, literature, medicine, law or other professional interests. City of Chicago employees are not eligible.

For more information, call (312) 744-8176.

Diet And Exercise Reduce Health Risks

Research by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) shows older exercisers are more likely to remain independent than non-exercisers. Other NIH research shows that exercise and diet changes can reduce the risk of diabetes in high-risk older people by 71 percent.

Moderate exercise helps reduce stress, depression and sleep problems among older women caring for family members with dementia, and exercise helped reduce falls among seniors by 44 percent, according to NIH.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, obesity rates for seniors age 65 and older have grown considerably over the years (from 12.1 percent in 1990 to 19.8 percent in 2001). Ask your doctor if you are at the proper weight. One method is to figure body mass index.

Fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products, as well as more than 3,500 milligrams of potassium daily, can help lower blood pressure, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Catfish, bananas and green beans are potassium-rich foods.

NIH says it's safe to lose between one-half and two pounds per week on a diet with a balanced intake of fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins and fat.

According to "5 A Day the Illinois Way," a program administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services, you should eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. They reduce risk of many chronic diseases (heart disease, cancer, Type 2 diabetes, obesity) because they are low in fat and rich in vitamin A, vitamin C, and fiber.

U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend 1,600 calories a day for children, women and older adults. A modified food pyramid for 70+ adults was developed in 1999. This pyramid's foundation contains eight glasses of water. Recommendations also call for fewer calories and servings, but more nutrient-dense foods. Rather than recommending six to 11 servings, the 70+ pyramid calls for six or more servings of grains each day, including bread, fortified cereal, rice, and pasta.

Estate Planning And Pre-Arrangement Workshop

Funeral pre-planning is the most frequently overlooked detail in retirement planning according to Robert B. Kuenster, owner of family owned Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, the pre-planning and pre-funding of final arrangements is every bit as important as having an up to date will.

Robert Kuenster explains, "Pre-payment at the time of planning allows families to avoid the effects of rising funeral costs. Another reason for pre-planning as part of your retirement preparations is to avoid family misunderstanding or misgivings about what you might have wanted. Planning ahead and pre-funding outlines your wishes so they can be carried out exactly as you intended."

Robert Kuenster notes that recently there's been a trend toward pre-planning unique and personalized celebrations rather than traditional funeral ceremonies. This final gathering becomes a time for family and friends to visit, share memories, and show support for one another just as the individual being honored had planned.

Palermo's Restaurant will be the site for an Estate Planning & Pre-Arrangement Workshop and Luncheon on Thursday, April 22 at 11 a.m. Robert Kuenster invites you to attend. Please call Family Service Counselor Debbie Janicke at (708) 425-0500 to reserve your place.

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Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White reminded motorists at the 96th Annual Chicago Auto Show to be mindful of changes to the child safety seat law. The Child Passenger Protection Act was changed January 1. Children under the age of eight years (previously four years old) must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system. White is seen here properly securing five-year-old Chrystala into a booster seat.

School Funding Crisis In Illinois

The Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition will hold two meetings to hear about solutions to the school funding crisis in Illinois. Ralph Martire, Executive Director for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, will be the speaker for the meetings. Martire has solid suggestions for a solution to the deficit spending now being experienced by over eighty percent of school districts in the State of Illinois. The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability is a bipartisan research and advocacy think tank that is committed to ensuring that the Illinois tax system and budget are both sound and fair.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 29th, at Thornwood High School, 17101 South Park Ave. in South Holland. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Student Cafeteria. For more information on this location contact Dr. Doug Hamilton at (708) 339-1516.

The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Palos Heights. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in the theater. For more information about this meeting contact Dr. Bernie Jumbeck at (708) 636-2000.

Parents, board of education members, school administrators, mayors, teachers, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend one of these meetings to hear a compelling message about how to adequately fund our public schools in Illinois.

The Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition is a broad based, statewide coalition of grassroots advocates interested in comprehensive education funding reform. The mission of this coalition is to reform the way schools are funded and to ensure a quality education for all Illinois children.

Mike Flannery Will Speak To SCOPE

Political reporter, Mike Flannery from CBS 2 Chicago, will speak to the SCOPE (South Cooperative Organization for Public Education) Governing Board at its Spring Dinner on Wednesday, March 31st. Flannery covers City Hall-Chicago and the Springfield scene along with all elections. He will be speaking about the political landscape following the primary elections and how that impacts education in Illinois. The dinner will be held at the Rosewood West Banquets in Crestwood and begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Chris Slowik at (708) 424-3715.

SCOPE represents 45 public school districts in suburban Cook and Will counties. The organization was founded in 1987 to act as a unified source of information regarding educational issues and provide leadership so that children in the south and southwest suburban area will be educated to meet the challenges of the future. SCOPE represents over 150,000 students in our suburban schools.

SCOPE membership includes: Summit 104; Indian Springs District 109; Central Stickney 110; North Palos 117; Palos Park 118; Ridgeland 122; Oak Lawn/Hometown 123; Evergreen Park 124; Worth 127; Chicago Ridge 127.5; Palos Heights 128; Blue Island/Crestwood 130; Calumet Park 132; Orland Park 135; Forest Ridge 142; Posen-Robbins 143.5; Tinley Park 146; Dolton 148; Hazel Crest 152.5; Homewood 153; Calumet City 155; Lansing 158; Matteson-Richton Park 159; Country Club Hills 160; Matteson 162; Park Forest 163; Brookwood 167; Ford Heights 169; Chicago Heights 170; Sunnybrook 171; Homer Township 33C; New Lenox 122; Thornton 205; Lemont 210; Argo 217; Community High School District 218; Reavis 220; Rich Township 227; Bremen 228; Oak Lawn 229; Consolidated High school District 230; Evergreen Park 231; Homewood-Flossmoor 233; Lockport 205 and Lincoln-Way 210.

St. Mary Alumnae Reunion

St. Mary Alumnae Association of St. Mary High School, formerly at 2044 W. Grenshaw, Chicago, is sponsoring a Reunion Luncheon to benefit the Sisters of Charity, BVM, Retirement Program.

The luncheon will be held at Rosewood Restaurant and Banquets, 9421 W. Higgins Rd. in Rosemont on Saturday, April 26. There will be a reception at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch to be served at 12:30.

All former students, graduates and friends of St. Mary High School and the BVM's are cordially invited to attend. For further information, call the Alumnae Office at (773) 274-7970.

Shepard Band On CBS 2

Last year, CBS 2 Chicago embarked on a new project to showcase local high school marching bands playing their theme music on its afternoon newscasts. The program was established by Joe Ahern, president and general manager of CBS 2 Chicago, to highlight the talents of young, local musicians and their communities. Since the program began, CBS 2 has visited several high schools around the viewing area.

On Thursday, March 11th, CBS 2 crews were at Shepard High School to film the marching band. The students' performance will be broadcast on Friday, March 26th at 5 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 28th at 10 a.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2004 COOK COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chicago Ridge will conduct a Public Hearing and Public Meeting pertaining to the 2004 Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program Year XXX and the proposed application by the Village of Chicago Ridge, on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Board Meeting Room in the Village Hall of the Village of Chicago Ridge, located at 10455 South Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois.

The project categories for which applications may be submitted are:

A. Housing and Residential Rehabilitation-Related Activities
B. Economic Development Activities
C. Commercial Rehabilitation
D. Capital Improvements
E. Real Property Acquisition
F. Clearance Activities
G. Planning Activities
H. Public Service Activities

The primary objective of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low-and moderate-income.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek local input from citizens prior to the preparation of the application. Organizations representing special needs groups (that is handicapped, seniors, etc.), park districts, and other non-municipal agencies should request the Village of Chicago Ridge, the municipality in which their proposed project(s) will take place, make an application to Cook County for their Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Village will determine if suggested projects are eligible for funding.

All community Groups, Senior Citizen Groups, Civic Organizations, the Handicapped, Seniors, Park Districts, Other non-Municipal Agencies, and Residents are encouraged to attend this Hearing. At the Public Hearing, all persons shall have the right to provide written and oral comments. Written comments concerning the Grant Program and Application may be sent or delivered at any time to the Village Clerk of the Village of Chicago Ridge at the Village Hall located at 10455 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois 60415.

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I've been on the lake twice, with some degree of success- no limits, but fair catches considering the time I spent on the water and the less than perfect weather conditions of two weeks ago.

Kirby with spring-run Lake Michigan Brown Trout (left) and Coho Salmon.

We ran a smorgasbord of lines and lures, flat lines, down-riggers, dipseys and yellow birds. When it was all said and done, tinsel flies behind flashers did the best, but that can change as this spring fishing gets better. If you don't have a boat and don't like to fish from shore, there are plenty of charter boats available at the local harbors.

■SAFEST YEAR FOR WISCONSIN DEER HUNTERS SINCE 1944: Wisconsin hunters in 2003 recorded the safest year for hunting since 1944, with a total of 33 injuries and two fatalities across all seasons.

In 2003, more than 650,000 hunters bought licenses and participated in more than 25 seasons; records from 1944 indicate that there are considerably fewer hunters (292,348) than normal for those times because many men were abroad fighting World War II.

In 2003, as in past years, about half of the hunting accidents occurred during the nine-day gun deer season, with the remaining incidents spread across the other seasons. In 2003, 15 of the 35 incidents occurred during the gun-deer season, including the two fatalities.

About 30 to 50 percent of the injuries are self-inflicted. The remaining injuries overwhelmingly involve a member of the hunter's own hunting party. Choose your hunting partners as if your life depended on it – because it just might.

The biggest factor behind the decrease in hunting accidents is the safety training provided by every state's hunter education courses. Statistics show that the segment of our hunting population that are involved in the most incidents are those between the ages of 35 to 55- those who started hunting before the requirement that hunters take a hunter safety course kicked in.

■FISHING LICENSE SALES DOWN: According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fishing license sales in 2002 fell two percent from the previous year with 30 states showing dips in sales. This marked the third straight year of decline.

Analysis of data from the Service puts fishing participation at 44 million anglers, an insignificant change from the survey five years prior. *The good news: Illinois license sales were up 1 percent!!*

■EASTER HAM SHOOT: Grab your favorite shotgun, shells, family and friends, and come out to the Palos Sportsman's Club this Sunday, March 28th for a day of fun clay pigeon shooting, and a good chance to win an Easter Ham.

The club is located at 24038 S. Harlem Ave., Frankfort. Phone (815) 469-4446. The shooting runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a fun shoot, come out with the family and enjoy the comradeship.

■SPRING TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 3: For anglers of all ages, the State of Illinois will stock more than 60,000 trout in more than 40 bodies of water throughout the state, providing a lot of opportunity and a lot of fun for those who fish for trout this spring.

A license and inland trout stamp is required unless the angler is under age 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois service man or woman home on leave. Anglers may not take trout from any of the stocked sites from March 15th to the opening of the season on April 3 at 5 a.m. Anyone attempting to take trout before the legal opening will be issued a citation. There is a legal daily possession limit of five fish for the spring trout season.

Nearby stocked trout waters in Cook County include Forest Preserve District Lakes: Axehead Lake; Belleau Lake; and Sag Quarry East. Other lakes are Silver Lake in DuPage County and Gebhard Woods Lake in Grundy County.

Individuals wanting more information about the catchable trout program can contact the IDNR at (217) 782-6424, or 1-800-ASK-FISH.

St. Rita High School announced its new Head Hockey Coach is Craig Ferguson. Ferguson, a 1979 graduate of Mt. Carmel, was the head hockey coach at Mt. Carmel from 1994 to 2000 and director/head coach for the St. Jude Hockey Club from 2000 to present. During his years at Mt. Carmel, Ferguson won four straight Kennedy Cups ('97-00) and was a state runner-up in 1998.

"I am excited to be working with a Catholic League school and have a great respect for the St. Rita tradition," said Ferguson. "Coach Misiora started a great hockey tradition and I hope to continue to build a strong club. We have close to 50 hockey players who will be in the program next year and the junior varsity team is undefeated. The JV is ranked seventh in the state currently." The young Varsity squad qualified for the Kennedy Cup Tournament and made a respectable finish in the Catholic League, losing in the quarter-finals to Fenwick. Additionally, Varsity is only losing three seniors to graduation and will have much more experience next year. Coach Ferguson's track record and reputation will have a positive effect on the St. Rita Hockey Program. Pictured from left: St. Rita Athletic Director John Bonk, Head Hockey Coach Craig Ferguson, and President Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA.

SXU Defeated By Vanguard

Despite getting 12 points each from senior center Jayme Brown and sophomore forward Jacki DiMaggio, St. Xavier University was defeated 63-51 by Vanguard University (California) in first round action of the NAIA Women's Basketball Tournament on Thursday afternoon in Jackson, Tennessee.

The Cougars played solid defense in the first half limiting the Vanguard Lions to 21 percent shooting (4-for-19 from the field) while also forcing 17 first half turnovers to take a 24-22 lead into the break. But after the break the Lions came out firing.

Vanguard's forward Kelly Schmidt would tie the game up at 24 at the 17:34 mark of the second half. This basket would be the beginning of a 14-0 run by the Lions in the next 3 minutes. Keying the run against the Cougars was guard Lacey Mills who hit three consecutive 3-pointers to give the Lions a 33-24 lead with 14:37 left in the second half. Schmidt then converted a three point play to make the score 36-24 at the 14:10 mark of the second half. Schmidt would finish with a game-high 27 points for Vanguard (30-2).

The Cougars would fight back the deficit to five points, 49-44, with 7:00 minutes left in the second half but they could get no closer. The Cougars defensive effort for the game was outstanding as they forced 30 Vanguard turnovers but their aggressive play also led to Vanguard out-shooting them from the free-throw line 42 attempts to 16 attempts.

SXU finishes their 2003-04 season with an overall record of 26-10. This marks the second consecutive year that the Cougars have qualified for the NAIA Women's Tournament. Last season, the Cougars advanced to the 2003 NAIA National Tournament but fell in their first game at nationals to University of Montana-Western, 75-51.

Wisconsin Deer And Turkey Expo

Experienced professionals will be available to give you more opportunities than ever before to garner top quality information not just on deer and turkey hunting, but also in the new Tech Talk sessions featured at the 2004 Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo, April 2nd to 4th, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

The tech sessions will offer solid information on hunting equipment and accessories, clothing, boots and much more, helping you get the most value for your money when it's time to purchase hunting/shooting-related products. Well-known hunters and other outdoor professionals will be on hand to give you the details.

"You work hard for your money, and you should expect to get maximum benefit from the dollars you spend to be properly outfitted for any outdoor activity," notes Glenn Helgeland, producer of the Expo and president of Target Communications Corp. "Top value equals top performance, and that means more enjoyment, more satisfaction from your days afield. Better results, too, probably."

You don't need to be a manufacturing engineer to get top value, but you do need to know the finer points of construction, design and materials to get top return and satisfaction. "This is true whether you're looking at a firearm, a bow, clothing or a pair of boots," Helgeland added.

You also will be better able to match the right product to the need, as dictated by use, weather, weight, or whatever conditions may apply.

Show hours are 2 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 4th. Tickets are $9 one-day adult; $15 two-day adult; $6 for Hunter Safety Course graduates ages 12-18 who present proof of course completion at the ticket window (regular adult price without proof of course completion). $3 youth ages 6-11, with children five and under admitted free. On Friday Family Night, all youth ages 11 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The Arena Building will open at 8:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings to ease the ticket-line crunch.

For all show and hotel details on the 2004 Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo and Shooting Sports Show, call 1(800) 324-3337 or visit the show's web site address, www.deerinfo.com.

Bow Tryout Area At Deer & Turkey Expo

Shooters of all ages should take advantage of the improved Bow Tryout Area and other ranges to be featured at the 2004 Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo, April 2nd to 4th, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

The Bow Tryout Area includes several sturdy targets enclosed in an area safe to shoot. The targets are substantial enough to try out anything from crossbows to the most powerful cam bow. The area has become a popular place for hunters to try bows while deciding which one will work best for their applications.

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Hazekamp Continues Athletic Career

Jamie Hazekamp, an all-conference setter and defensive specialist from Shepard High School, will continue her athletic career next fall as a member of the Monmouth College Fighting Scots volleyball team.

"I'm very happy that Jamie has chosen Monmouth College," said the Scots' head coach, Kari Shimmin, who has a 127-79 record in six seasons at her alma mater.

Hazekamp's strong serve led to 36 aces and 142 service points last season, and her efficiency rate was 98 percent. The Lady Astros won the SICA East title, and Hazekamp was named to the all-conference team, playing 55 of her team's 56 games and contributing a team-high 182 assists.

"There are some people that just become the 'glue' of a team, and Jamie is definitely one of those people," said her high school coach, Joan Alderden, who noted that Hazekamp was voted captain by her teammates. "She worked hard to becoming the starting setter her senior season, and she deserved it."

Hazekamp, the daughter of Donald and Janis Hazekamp of Crestwood, plans to study biology and other pre-veterinary courses in hopes of pursing a career as a veterinarian.

Academic All-Americans

Six members of the Moraine Valley Community College's cross country teams were selected as Academic All-Americans for 2003-04 by the National Junior College Athletic Assn. Cross Country Coaches Assn., and the women's team ranked seventh as an Academic All-American team.

Over the past three seasons, Moraine Valley has had 13 Academic All-Americans.

This year's Academic All-Americans are Nick Del Cotto, Oak Forest; Dan Quist, Palos Hills; Shannon McInnis, Tinley Park; Claudia Ocegueda, Burbank; Krystle Ross, Evergreen Park; and Sarah Tongren, Orland Hills. Diana Arroyo, Palos Hills, is the fifth team member who made up the seventh-ranked team honor.

Offer Summer Sports Camps

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Camps begin June 14th and run through the end of July. Early registration is encouraged as enrollment is limited and camps fill quickly.

Basketball I: June 14th to 18th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Grades 4-6, $30.

Basketball II: June 14th to 18th, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Grades 7-8, $30.

Basketball III: June 21st to 25th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., incoming frosh, $40.

Basketball IV: June 14th to 17th, June 21st to 24th, 8 to 10 a.m., Grades 10-12, $60.

Cross Country/Track: June 21st to 25th, 9 to 11 a.m., Grades 7-12, $40.

Soccer: July 12th to 16th, 4 to 7 p.m., Grades 6-12, $60.

Softball: July 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 9 to 11 a.m., Grades 7-9, $40.

Tennis: July 19th to 23rd, 9 to 11 a.m., Grades 8-12, $40.

Volleyball I: July 12th to 16th, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Grades 3-6, $30.

Volleyball II: July 12th to 16th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grades 7-8, $30.

Volleyball III: July 19th to 23rd, 12 noon to 2 p.m., incoming frosh, $40.

Volleyball IV: July 19th to 23rd, 9 to 11 a.m., Grades 10-12, $40.

For more information or to register for a summer sports camp, call Darlene Graf, athletic director, at (708) 458-7600, ext. 236. Forms may be downloaded from the Queen of Peace Web site under athletics at www.queenofpeacehs.org.

Batter Of The Week

Brad Groth has been selected as the CCIW "Batter of the Week" for his performance in guiding the Bluejays to a 3-1 record at the recent Franklin College Tournament.

Groth, the Bluejays' senior shortstop, banged out eight hits in 13 at bats over the four-game span, posting a .615 batting average. He also scored a team-high seven runs while driving in four. He also swiped a pair of bases. In addition, he drew two walks and was hit by a pitch twice, giving him a team-leading .706 on-base percentage.

His best game came in the Bluejays' 9-3 win over Eureka College on March 13th. He finished the day a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate while scoring two runs and driving in a pair of runs. He also walked and stole a base in the win.

Groth was recognized as a pre-season All-American by Collegiate Baseball Magazine after he earned All-CCIW and all-region Second Team honors last season by hitting .369 with 48 runs, 34 RBI and 22 stolen bases. He also earned Second Team All-CCIW honors in 2002. He was also selected to the Academic All-District First Team.

ThunderBolts Open Tryouts

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced it will hold open tryouts on Sunday, May 2nd at Hawkinson Ford Field to fill out its roster for the upcoming 2004 Frontier League season.

Registration will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and tryouts will immediately follow. Any player who is under 27 years of age before May 21st will be eligible to try out for the ThunderBolts. The fee for each participant will be $25 and every player must bring their own equipment.

"The benefit of the Frontier League is it gives players a chance to chase their professional baseball dreams," Windy City Manager Steve Maddock said. "The Frontier League prides itself on finding talent that may have been overlooked by other professional organizations in the past and developing them into Major League prospects for the future."

For corporate advertising, season tickets or group outings, call (708) 489-2255.

PREP SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Monday, 3-15-04
St. Rita 5, Reavis 2
Friday, 3-19-04
De La Salle 13, Kenwood 0
Evergreen Park 4, Chicago Christian 3
Minooka 10, Reavis 0
Saturday, 3-20-04
Brother Rice 10, Lincoln-Way East 8 (8 inn.)
De La Salle 20, Hyde Park 1 (5 inn.)
Hinsdale Central 9, Stagg 4
Illiana Christian 9, Pontone 2
Kenwood 6-13, St. Francis de Sales 5-1
Reavis 3, Vernon Hills 0
St. Laurence 10, Simeon 2
St. Rita 10, Oak Lawn 9

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, 3-16-04
Class AA Super Sectionals
SIU-Edwardsville
Carbondale East 58, East St. Louis 56
Illinois-Chicago
Simeon 60, St. Joseph 56
United Center (1)
Farragut 53, Von Steuben 44
Illinois State
Peoria Central 69, Mt. Zion 54
Rockford Metro Center
Moline 58, Prairie Ridge 45
United Center (2)
Homewood-Flossmoor 41, Thornton 36
DeKalb
West Aurora 40, Downers South 36
Loyola
Hoffman Estates 54, Waukegan 45
Friday, 3-19-04
Class AA Quarterfinals
Homewood-Flossmoor 41, Moline 34
West Aurora 47, Hoffman Estates 42
Carbondale 65, Simeon 46
Peoria Central 42, Farragut 40
Saturday, 3-20-04
Class AA Semifinals
Peoria Central 58, Carbondale 47
Homewood-Flossmoor 58, West Aurora 46
State AA Championship
Peoria Central 53, Homewood-Flossmoor 47
Third Place
West Aurora 68, Carbondale 50

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, 3-18-04
Thornton
Teams: Crete-Monee 75, Hillcrest 71, Thornton 69, Richards 1
Saturday, 3-20-04
Bloom Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Lake Zurich 85. 2. Rich East 83. 3. Joliet 82. 4. Benet 67. 5. Bloom 63. 6. Gary West Side 53. 7. Young 46. 8. Rich South 29. 9. Shepard 16. 10. Bremen 11. 11. Oak Forest 10. Crete Monee and Kenwood also competed.
Homewood-Flossmoor Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Homewood-Flossmoor 188. 2. St. Patric 178. 3. Hoffman Estates 148. 4. Fenwick 86. 5. Mather 83.
Lemont Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Lemont 109. 2. Elmwood Park 81. 3. Ridgewood 71. 4. Riverside-Brookfield 67. 5. tie. Westmont and Yorkville 51. 7. Evergreen Park 3.
Lockport Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Glenbard South 1490. 2. Lockport 109. 3. Bolingbrook 66. 4. Joliet Catholic 39. 5. Plainfield 33. 6. Tinley Park 31. 7. Fenton 28. 8. Rich Central 9. 9. East Aurora 8.

BOYS WATER POLO
Monday, 3-15-04
Lyons 17, Andrew 9
Stagg 12, Hinsdale Central 7
Tuesday, 3-16-04
Brother Rice 10, Mount Carmel 4
Homewood-Flossmoor 18, Lincoln-Way C. 3
Lincoln-Way East 14, Bradley 10
St. Patrick 4, St. Rita 2
Sandburg 12, Andrew 7
Wednesday, 3-17-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 17, Stagg 6
Thursday, 3-18-04
Andrew 12, Lincoln-Way Central 8
Fenwick 13, St. Ignatius 4
Loyola 14, St. Rita 12
Sandburg 13, Bradley 5
Saturday, 3-20-04
Hinsdale Central Invitational
Andrew 18, Hinsdale South 10
Hinsdale Central 11, Lockport 5
Lyons 15, Andrew 7
Conant 6, Lockport 4
Morton East 11, Lockport 4 (5th place)
Andrew 16, Conant 11 (3rd place)
Lyons 11, Hinsdale Central 5 (1st place)

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Tuesday, 3-16-04
Mount Assisi 5, Chicago Christian 2
Friday, 3-19-04
Evergreen Park 8, Chicago Christian 1
C.H.S. Longwood 9, Tilden 0
Saturday, 3-20-04
Evergreen Park 2-0, Sycamore 1-1 (1st game, 10 inn.)
Maria 7-2, IHM 5-7
Moline 5, Stagg 0
Niles West 2-3, St. Ignatius 0-4

GIRLS TRACK
Wednesday, 3-17-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 87, Oak Forest 42, Rich South 26
Saturday, 3-20-04
Homewood-Flossmoor Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Homewood-Flossmoor 204. 2. Fenwick 174. 3. Resurrection 131. 4. Hoffman Estates 28. 5. Mather 6.
Lemont Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Lemont 154. 2. Sycamore 85. 3. Elmwood Park 78. 4. Yorkville 47. 5. Ridgewood 27. 6. Westmont 25. 7. Evergreen Park 15.

GIRLS WATER POLO
Monday, 3-15-04
Andrew 8, Lyons 7
Tuesday, 3-16-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 15, Lincoln-Way C. 4
St. Ignatius 8, St. Viator 4
Sandburg 10, Andrew 4
Thursday, 3-18-04
Andrew 8, Lincoln-Way Central 3
Fenwick 20, St. Ignatius 2
Lincoln-way East 15, Bremen 3
Loyola 13, Maria 3
Friday, 3-19-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Stagg 6
Saturday, 3-20-04
Naperville Central Invitational
St. Ignatius 14, Lake Forest 8
Naperville North 6, Naperville Central 2
Naperville Central 5, York 3
Naperville North 15, Lake Forest 0
St. Ignatius 9, York 4
Naperville Central 13, Lake Forest 2
Naperville North 9, York 4
St. Ignatius 6, Naperville Central 3
York 12, Lake Forest 4
Naperville North 4, St. Ignatius 2

BADMINTON
Monday, 3-15-04
Plainfield South 10, Argo 5
Downers Grove North
Teams: Downers North 23, Evanston 14, Sandburg 9, West Aurora 2.
Tuesday, 3-16-04
Reavis 14, Morton 1
Hinsdale Central
Teams: Hinsdale Central 21, Lyons 11, Wheaton South 10, Lockport 6
Wednesday, 3-17-04
Andrew 5, Hinsdale Central 4
Andrew 5, Downers Grove North 4
Thursday, 3-18-04
Lincoln-Way Central 15, T.F. South 0
Sandburg 12, Shepard 3
Saturday, 3-20-04
Downers North Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Downers North 38. 2. Lockport 20. 3. Lincoln-Way Central 19. 4. Oak Lawn 14. 5. Neuqua Valley 8. 6. Wheaton North 7. 7. Barrington 4. 8. Lake Park 3.
Palatine Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Andrew 30. 2. Prospect 26. 3. Fremd 22. 4. Sandburg 19. 5. Palatine 7. 6. Hoffman Estates 1.
Shepard Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Willowbrook 38. 2. Shepard 30. 3. Naperville North 27. 4. East Aurora 25. 5. Reavis 16. 6. Oak Forest 14. 7. T.F. North 9. 8. DeKalb 9.

Elmhurst College Sports Results

Elmhurst Sports

The Elmhurst College baseball team kicked off the 2004 spring season by posting a 3-1 record at the Franklin College Tournament. Meanwhile, the men's tennis team remains undefeated after their first three matches.

In baseball, the Bluejays won three of their four contests at the Franklin College Tournament on March 13th and 14th. The Bluejays downed Eureka College and Franklin College and then toppled Eureka, before dropping their final contest to Franklin College.

In men's tennis, the Bluejays jumped out to a quick 3-0 record to the start of the season by scoring wins over Monmouth College, the University of St. Francis and Dominican University.

Baseball

Elmhurst 2, Franklin 1 (March 13th) – The Bluejays won their season-opening contest by defeating the host Grizzlies 2-1 behind a solid pitching performance from Rob Daggett.

Daggett pitched six solid innings en route to his first victory of the season. He did not allow an earned run and yielded just one hit in the entire game. He also struck out four batters while walking five.

Dario Socarras fanned two batters in the seventh to earn his first career save.

Elmhurst 9, Eureka 3 (March 13th) – The Bluejays improved to 2-0 after hammering Eureka 9-3. Elmhurst scored seven runs in the first inning and never looked back.

Doug Kucik pitched a scheduled four innings to earn his first collegiate victory. He allowed just two earned runs and three hits while fanning five hitters and yielding no walks.

Groth led the way for the Bluejays at the plate. The senior finished 3-for-3 while scoring two runs and also driving in a pair of runs. He also stole a base in the win. Daggett and Demma each added a pair of RBI in the win, including Daggett's first homer of the season.

Elmhurst 19, Eureka 5 (March 14th) – The Bluejays pounded Eureka for the second straight day, this time winning in a five-inning 19-5 slugfest.

The Bluejays banged out 21 hits in the game and scored all five innings. Shiphaugh led the Bluejays at the plate with a perfect 4-for-4 day including three doubles. He scored four runs while also driving in a pair.

Pat Moore finished 3-for-4 with four RBI, two of which came on a two-run blast in the fifth inning. Daggett bashed a pair of doubles and drove in four runs in the win. Brandush posted a 3-for-4 day at the plate and also drove in four runs for the Bluejays.

Ben Stephens earned the victory in relief for the Bluejays. Stephens pitched three innings, scattering two hits and striking out two while not allowing a run.

Franklin 10, Elmhurst 7 – The Bluejays suffered their first loss of the season after falling to the host Grizzlies 10-7.

The Bluejays carried a 7-3 lead into the sixth inning but were unable to hold on, as Franklin scored seven times in the bottom of the sixth to take the win.

Demma paced the Bluejays at the plate. He finished 2-for-4 with three RBI including a two-run homer in the third inning to tie the game at 3-3. Mark Hansen, Groth and Brandush all had two hits in the game.

Men's Tennis

Elmhurst 7, Monmouth 0 (March 10th) – The Bluejays cruised to their season-opening victory, sweeping all six singles matches and winning two of the three doubles contests. Justin Hegner, Dan Faretta and Jake McNamara did not drop a game in their singles contests, with each Bluejay winning 6-0, 6-0.

Elmhurst 5, St. Francis 5 (March 12th) – Elmhurst improved to 2-0 on the year by toppling St. Francis 5-2. The Bluejays scored victories in four of the six singles contests and two of the three doubles match-ups. Hegner, McNamara, Gregg Bayer and Robert Chong each scored singles victories for the Bluejays.

Elmhurst 7, Dominican 0 (March 15th) – The Bluejays breezed through Dominican, winning all six singles and all three doubles contests. Hegner, Bayer and McNamara all recorded 6-0, 6-0 wins in singles competition.

Spring Youth Basketball Tournament Has Openings

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have several remaining openings in their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Joliet area at Joliet High School from April 30th to May 2nd.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was $278,894.96.

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The judgment amount was $88,641.32

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-01570.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198416C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4899

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293

IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 22, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at first floor Southwest corner (nearest corner to Clark and Washington Sts.), Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9123 S. 53rd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

206578C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Lois F. Bonaguro a/k/a Lois Bonaguro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10384

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 5, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 16831 Forest Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $113,336.76

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-91134C.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

199592C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William McKenna a/k/a William S. McKenna, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C 8965

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 53595

IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center, immediately inside building, near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 2711 W. 38th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $130,590.67

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

198405C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Dean M. Abushanif, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-8072

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1315, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10024 S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $156,582.94

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198279C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for SN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Sia Rowns, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-4706.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14625-27 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $224,380.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-2653.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198251C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division National City Mortgage Company d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Rafael Lozano et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13117

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4350 W. Ford City Dr., Unit B-1/507, Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a condo within 40 unit building tan brick and no garage.

The judgment amount was $85,984.42

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306352.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198935C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. f/k/a Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Willie Massey et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 5152.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56855

IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 17, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the door at the Northeast Corner of the Lobby, of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 7801 S. Sawyer, Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick constructed dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $141,073.93.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205286C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Cheryl A. Libner a/k/a Cheryl Libner, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-14610.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/17/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 4/19/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 11343 S. Normandy, Worth, IL 60482

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,148.18.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-02090.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198533C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Wieczorek a/k/a Richard B. Wieczorek, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4826

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56043

IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2004.

I, Frank Cohen, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 20, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the front door of the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8545 S. Latrobe, Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $169,435.28.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

200547C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Eric Patterson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18310.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3619 W. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,972.61

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-7131.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198172C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Mantre, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11954

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 19, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: [illegible] Carolyn Ln., Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,302.30.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Godell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 98Ch-4994

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8800 Corcoran Rd., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $118,501.92

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 27584.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198282C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alice M. Parlich, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14456.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 5, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4133 W. 148th St., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,983.39

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33947.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198290C

Sell Your Unwanted Items In The Classifieds Call 708-388-2425

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Arnos Clay, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C 4301

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on 01/14/04, a Foreclosure Sale will be held on April 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at southwest corner of Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602, the person appointed to conduct the sale will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described premises and real estate:

7744 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvements of the property are as follows: one story, brick constructed, single family with separate garage.

The property is NOT open for inspection.

For information regarding this property contact the Special Commissioner, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 644-1620.

The Law Office of: Karen R. Anderson & Associates, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 644-1620. Fax (312) 644-6420. 06193869-ARDC. File No. MCO-3763.

202095C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Household Finance Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Gerdes, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10975

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3626 W. 80th St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single family residence with approximately 1,429 sq. ft.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Lee Scott Perres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marcus, Perres, Campanale & Wigoda, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-2233.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Eduardo Denso, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10246.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5238 W. 87th St., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story white frame/alum or vyl and green trim w/detached 1½ car garage.

The judgment amount was $172,880.06.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0210391.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198572C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Delores C. Smith, Defendant. Case No. 00C-7374

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 42150

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Michael Polelle, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 23, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at entrance, Room 701, Cook County, Sheriff, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 3143 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,804.33

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Macklin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14261.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3615 W. Deer Park Dr., Unit #1, Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $115,472.03

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8239.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York, Plaintiff, vs. Alton Smith, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6814.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57387

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/04/2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 8, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at outside of the door of the Northeast corner of the lobby of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 9527 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the Opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $163,804.50.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Tarlise K. Hunt a/k/a Tarlise Harvey, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-4044.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9237 S. Karlov Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family home 1 story red brick w/attached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $250,201.76

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http \service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0301729.

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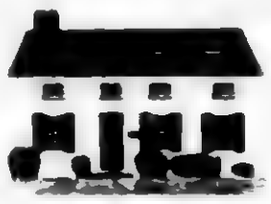

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Norden, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-18793

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9723 S. Keeler Ave., Unit # 308, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence with no garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $74,890.85

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0208774.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Adalberto Velez, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15131.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7743 S. Nashville Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $200,303.41

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8745.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Louis A. Santiago, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8507

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9221 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,313.83

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-4951.

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REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company-West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Arthur Castaneda, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9134.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14713 S. Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $91,419.90

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8408.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth G. Janik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14731.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8845 S. 50th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $105,700.74.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8757.

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REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Lee D. Cole, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14265.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 28, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15233 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $112,435.26

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8259.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. James R. Widlacki, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14990.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5453 W. 137th St., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $111,575.60.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8814.

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REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Todd Causley, et al., Defendants. No 01Ch-11625.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 6, 2001, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8811 Nida Ct., Hickory Hills, IL 60457

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 888-1820.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank FSB, Plaintiff, vs. George A. Triantafillou, et al., Defendants. No 03Ch-6863.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 10906 S. Lombard Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $115,353.29.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at: http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303374

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NOTICE

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All Student Art Show Opens

Everyone is cordially invited to attend Maria High School's 7th Annual All Student Art Show opening ceremony on Sunday, March 28th from 12 to 3 p.m. Part of the ceremony will be the unveiling of "a walk through art history, from cavern to modern times." In this project students painted the toilet doors of one of Maria's bathrooms with different paintings that exhibit how artistic expressions changed throughout history.

At the ceremony, that will take place in Maria's auditorium foyer, selected art pieces will be given awards. Maria students have submitted all sorts of pieces of art that fall into one of the following categories: drawing, painting, ceramics, graphic design, and photography. Do not miss it!

The show will continue on display through April 2nd during school hours.

The school is located at 6727 S. California Ave., Chicago. For information call (773) 925-8686.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village of Chicago Ridge Planning and Development Commission at a meeting to be held the 8th day of April, 2004 at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Village Hall located at 10455 South Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois on the following:

Legal description: Boulevard Subdivision of the South ¼ of the West ½ of the South East ¼ section 17-37-13 Recorded June 30th, 1922.

Permanent Index Numbers: 24-17-406-022

Mrs. Stella Saunoris, represented by her son Leonard Saunoris is requesting a variance to construct a single family home on a sub-standard lot size 40' x 125'

Said Planning and Development Commission will at said time and place hear all persons in support of such matters or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent.

Planning and Development Commission
Donald Cummings, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE
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ATTN: ASSUMED
BUSINESS NAME UNIT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

File No. D04090414 on March 09, 2004. Under the Assumed Name of HAIR WORKS with the place of business located at 8841 W 87th Street, Hickory Hills, IL 60457, (708) 599-4604. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Clarita Samson-Rivera, 8915 Finley Drive, Hickory Hills, IL, 60457.

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March Of Dimes WalkAmerica Sunday, May 2

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2004 will take place on Sunday, May 2nd. The Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, 700 W. North St. in Bradley, will host this year's walk. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the official WalkAmerica will begin at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Lakesha Sanders, Community Director, March of Dimes – Northeastern Illinois Division, at (815) 741-3518.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Clotilde Metoyer

A liturgical wake service was held Tuesday at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors) Evergreen Park, with services and entombment at St. Augustine Masoleum in Melrose, Louisiana, for Clotilde Metoyer, 97, wife of the late Victor Sr. She was a member of St. Augustine Christian Mothers and an avid quilt maker.

She is survived by her children Victor Jr. (Cara), Mary L. (Ovide) Honore and Henry (Lucille); 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sisters Carrie Balthazar, Henrietta Sarpy and Liza Metoyer and a brother Horace Christophe.

Bessie Musil

Services were held Saturday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Bohemian National Cemetery, for Bessie Musil, 100, wife of the late John

She is survived by her children Arthur (Evelyn) and Richard; eight grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Oscar E. Niemi

Services were held Tuesday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Oscar E. Niemi. He fought combat during World War II with the 33rd Division. He was a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580 and retired from Borg-Warner Chemical.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his son Larry; and sister Ruth Cherall.

Russell A. Schonauer

Services were held Monday at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Russell A. Schonauer, 63, retired SFC, U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Maria; his children Capt. Richard (Anneliese), Lynn Stoppa and Sgt. Ray; six grandchildren; and a sister Janis (George) Gutman.

Rita Carney

Mass was said Saturday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rita (Dolores) Carney, wife of the late Harry. She was a Eucharistic Minister and volunteer at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

She is survived by her children Rita M. (Paul Sr.) Stettin, Peggy (Steve) Connor, Tom (Margene), Jim, John (Coleen), and Patty (John) Bergamini; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother Francis E. (Betty) Napleton.

Thomas J. Casper

Services were held Saturday at The Thornridge Funeral Home, (Janusz Family Funeral Service), Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas J. Casper of Orland Park. Mr. Casper was a longtime employee of United Parcel Service.

He is survived by his wife Catherine; his children Mary Ann (Ted) Rake, Thomas and Edward (Karen); and five grandchildren.

Susan Ann Croson

Services were held Monday at Hills Funeral Home Ltd., Palos Hills, for Susan Ann Croson. She was a member and treasurer of VFW 6863 Auxiliary Argo-Summit, the Jitter Bug Club, BPW in Mountain Home, Ark. And a member of Ascend.

She is survived by her children Susan Leasure, Sharon Gomez and Linda (Brian) Meekma; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Frank (Gayle) Neal and sister Judith (Joseph) Principato.

Jeanette M. Barrett

Services were held Monday at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jeanette M. Barrett, wife of the late Steve, Ret. CPD.

She is survived by her niece Marilyn Dufka.

Jacqueline M. Economakos

Services were held Monday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery, for Jacqueline M. Economakos.

She is survived by her husband Michael; her children Connie (Ron) Kraus and Michelle (Jack) Walsh; three grandchildren; sister Virginia Cass and brother Ken (LaVerne) Fanning.

Catherine Ferriter

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Catherine Ferriter, wife of the late John. She was a member of Gaelic Park and Kerryman Association.

She is survived by her children Joan McNicholas, Joseph (Gerry Lea) and John J.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Eileen M. Poland

Mass was said Monday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eileen M. Poland, 49.

She is survived by her brothers Timothy CPD, John (Patricia) and Martin (Judith) Poland; and sisters Elizabeth (Mark) Bailey, Cathleen (James) Waugh, Ann Graffis, Jacqueline, Mary, Nora (Eugene) Carusi, and Margaret.

John T. Hector

Mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John T. Hector, 79, a veteran of World War II US Navy. U.S.S. Bennington. Mr. Hector was a graduate of Leo High School, Class of 1942.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary; his children Marianne (William) Kazan, Katie, John (Laura Merkin) and Brian (Ruth); five grandchildren and a sister Shirley Hector.

Charles R. Bunting

Services were held Tuesday at the Tinley Park United Methodist Church, Tinley Park, for Charles R. "Chuck" Bunting, 74, former City Alderman of Country Club Hills. He was a member of the Masons and Shriners.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his children Debra (Dale) Dittmer, Max and Charles M. (Kimberly); five grandchildren; brother Roger (Shelia) and sisters Dorothy (Leonard) Wood, Eleanor McCoy, Lois (Robert) Lawler and Gail (Richard) Hopkins.

Evelyn L. Follkie

Services were held today, March 25th at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Bradley, IL., with interment in Bourbonnais, for Evelyn L. Follkie, 75, who served as a bookkeepr for the City of Palos Heights and later as secretary to former Palos Heights Mayor Gene Simpson. Mrs. Follkie worked for the city from Sept. 1970 to May 1982.

She is survived by her sons James E. Jr. and Richard; one grandchild; and brothers Melvin (Dorothy) and Robert (Shirley) Axelson.

Marguerite Kaufmann

Mass was said Saturday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, for Marguerite L. "Peg" Kaufmann.

She is survived by her husband Tom C.F.D.; her children Tony Jr. (Mary Kay), Tim, B.F.C., Terry (Michelle), Lisa (Phil) Reed, Chuck (Joan) and Cara (Ron) Rosenthal; nine grandchildren; her mother Lucille Taylor and sisters Elizabeth Taylor, Rosemarie Taylor and Rita (Ron) Fallara.

Joseph V. Kosmala

Mass was said Saturday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Joseph V. Kosmala, 89, a World War II Navy veteran and husband of the late Helen.

He is survived by his children Alvin (Sylvia), David and Marcia (Tom) Dixon; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Edward and Raymond and a sister Sophie Malecha.

Joseph D. Lola

Mass was said Monday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Joseph D. Lola, 54, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Khe Sahn, Vietnam. He was a life member of the VFW.

He is survived by his sisters Carol (Michael) Broadway and Gloria (John) Quirk.

Mary M. Marsh

Services were held Friday at Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment in Burlington, Iowa, for Mary M. Marsh, wife of the late Norris.

She is survived by her children Michael, Thomas and James (Donna); one grandchildren and a sister Doris McCann.

Sophie Nelson

Mass was said Friday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sophie Nelson, wife of the late Steven. She is survived by daughters, Anne Marie Johnson, Diane R. (William) Gibbs and Patricia (Roy) LeFervne; sons, Steven (Claudia0, Leonard (Marilyn); 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a sister, Mary Scerba.

Kazimierz Perkowski

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Kazimierz Perkowski.

He is survived by his wife Lucy; his children Maryanna (Zbigniew) Bochenek and Kazimierz Jr. (Diana); four grandchildren; brother Zygmund (Genia) and a sister Irena (Tadeusz) Poliwczynski.

Lee S. Kubiak Sr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lee S. Kubiak, 70, a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife Dolores; son, Lee Jr. (Tina); six grandchildren; brother Frank and sisters, Barbara Grygierczyk and Helen Kirvenas.

Edward M. Bulow

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward M. Bulow, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children Lynn (Bob) Czuba, Lee (Pete) Althoff, Tom (Barb), Billy (Renee), and Nancy (Dan) Neubaum; and two grandchildren.

Frank L. O'Hara

Mass was said Wednesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Frank L. O'Hara, husband of the late Jane.

He is survived by his children Maureen, Dennis (Kathy) and Carol; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother Robert (Marietta).

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Grant To Host Fulbright Visiting Specialists

St. Xavier University is among the first group of U.S. colleges and universities to be awarded a grant to host a Fulbright Visiting Specialist from Lebanon in order to expand current understanding and knowledge of Islamic societies and cultures both inside and outside the classroom.

Now through April 3rd, Dr. Adnan El-Amine will assist a St. Xavier faculty curriculum development team as it works to develop a new Middle Eastern Studies department. During his stay, Dr. El-Amine also will visit other institutions – including the University of Chicago, Moraine Valley Community College and Morgan Park Academy – with which St. Xavier partnered on the Fulbright grant. Dr. El-Amine comes to St. Xavier through the Fulbright Visiting Specialists: Direct Access to the Muslim World program, a new initiative sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Dept. of State and administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) in Washington, D.C.

This new program is supporting 25 grants at American colleges and universities for two to six-week visits by 23 scholars (two of whom will be teaching at two institutions) and professionals primarily from the Middle East and other Muslim countries who are former visiting Fulbrighters to the U.S. Through the program, the Fulbright alumni are visiting American institutions that desire to enrich their understanding of Islamic, Middle East, North African and South Asian societies and cultures.

While here as a Visiting Specialist, Dr. El-Amine will engage the institution and community in dialogue, learning and mutual understanding, while working in conjunction with St. Xavier's newly opened Center for International Education. In addition to meeting with faculty at St. Xavier and its partner institutions, Dr. El-Amine also will present a lecture, "Education and Politics: Political Socialization in the Arab Countries," at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30th in the Butler Reception Room in the Warde Academic Center on the university's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Due to his experience in education, Dr. El-Amine will be able to supply the St. Xavier faculty committee with the insight it needs to form a curriculum – and community-focused Middle Eastern Studies program, said Laurence Musgrove, associate professor of English and coordinator of Middle Eastern Studies

"We requested when we completed the Fulbright application someone in the field of education to give us perspective in terms of developing this [Middle Eastern Studies] minor," Musgrove said.

Though St. Xavier already has developed some coursework in Middle Eastern religion and the Arabic language, the minor program will cover a full breadth of topics, including history, literature and culture. Students choosing the minor would learn not only in the classroom, but also through outreach projects in the wider St. Xavier community, Musgrove said.

"One of the goals with this program is to connect with the Arab-American community here," Musgrove said. Musgrove said he expects the minor to be available as an official study tract by the 2005-06 school year.

Present Annual Smoker & Final Four Extravaganza

The St. Laurence High School Alumni Association, along with the Fathers' Club, the Mothers' Club, and the Laurenta Club, presents its annual Smoker and Final Four Extravaganza. This big event will take place on Saturday, April 3, from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Billed "An Evening of Baskets and Bucks," this is an opportunity for alumni and friends of St. Laurence to renew their acquaintances with faculty and staff, revel in the Viking Spirit, and relive the wonderful tradition of a Laurence Smoker

This megaevent features the NCAA Division One Men's Basketball Tournament on a giant-screen television. Watch and root on to victory your favorite college hoops team. If there's a gambler in you, take a chance on the big Las Vegas Casino, featuring blackjack, the money wheel, and other games of chance. All the while feast on a delicious menu of foods, and wet your whistle with a cold beverage.

The admission cost is just $50 per person, and includes complimentary food and drink. This entire ticket also enters you into the fabulous raffle taking place, where the top prize is $10,000 in cash. A souvenir of the evening will also be given out to each guest. This extravaganza will take place in the school's cafeteria and main foyer. Plenty of free parking is available in the main school parking lot. St. Laurence is located at 77th and Central in Burbank

"We are excited about the opportunity to welcome back to the school all of those who are familiar with the St. Laurence Smoker of days gone by," said Tom Ondrla, school President. "For nearly two decades, this event was the shining example of the spirit and enthusiasm of the Laurence community," he added

Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Contact Glenn Fancher at the school to find out how you can help by donating your time

For additional information, call the school's Office of Institutional Advancement at (708) 458-6900, ext. 253, or on the web at www.stlaurence.com

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows the Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on the student's overall involvement in the school. The award winners are then selected from those nominated by an award committee. The following students were selected January Mustangs of the Month.

Senior Brett Wolniakowski of Oak Lawn hails from St. Gerald Parish and is a graduate of McGugan Grade School. He is a member of the IHSA 2004 State Champion Wrestling Team and was ranked fourth in the state as an individual wrestler. Brett was a Wayne Tomas Award winner and helps out his former grade school wrestling squad in his spare time.

Senior Dan Larkin of Mt. Greenwood hails from Queen of Martyrs Parish and Grade School. He is currently on the Silver Honor roll and is an Augustinian Peer Minister. Dan was a member of the Football Team all four years at St. Rita. In his spare time, Dan helps out at Queen of Martyrs gym, working the scoreboard.

Junior Marcus Belin of the Wrightwood neighborhood comes to St. Rita from St. Dorothy Parish and Grade School. He is a member of the Silver Honor Roll and received the Presidential Award for Excellence and the Presidential Award for Leadership. Marcus is a member of St. Rita's award-winning Mustang Band, a member of COR (Catholics Opposing Racism), and is a member of the Track Team. In his spare time, Marcus plays piano and drums for his church, is an altar server, and a member of his church teen club. He also received the Archbishop Lyke Male Image Award.

Sophomore Robber Perreira of Posen comes to St. Rita from St. Stanislaus Parish and Grade School. He currently is on the Gold Honor Roll and was a Heeney Award Winner for receiving straight A's last semester. Robert is a member of the Weightlifting club at St. Rita and in his spare time helps coach at his former grade school.

Freshman Daniel Point of Evergreen Park comes to St. Rita from St. Bernadette Parish and Grade School. He is currently on the Silver Honor Roll. Dan is a member of St. Rita's award-winning Mustang Band, the Guitar Club, and is in the Liturgical Choir where he plays the viola for school masses. He is also a member of the Soccer Team, Swim Team, and Water Polo Team. In his spare time, Dan helps run the Beverly Youth String Orchestra.

The Mustangs of the Month Awards were presented at the school's All-School Mass in January.

Pictured from left: Daniel Point, Marcus Belin, Robert Perreira, Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Daniel Larkin and Brett Wolniakowski.

Bail Money

State Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to put a stop to criminals using illegally obtained funds for bail money. Senate Bill 2809 has passed the Senate and now moves to the House. This would allow the State's Attorney to determine the source of bail funds

Under current law, neither the State's Attorney nor the court has the ability to inquire about the source of bail funding or to prevent the use of illegally obtained funds for bail. Illegal money the State's Attorney is concerned with would include money from the sale of drugs, prostitution, identity theft, or any other illegal activity.

Maloney hopes this legislation will help to stop the use of illegally obtained funds from being used for bail money.

"This legislation is a public safety initiative that is necessary to help stop people from using illegally obtained money to get them out of jail," stated Maloney. "This legislation will also give the courts and the State's Attorney's Office more power to curtail a criminal's ability to post bail."

Crochet Class

The Worth Township Seniors are going to have a class in crocheting. This will be on Tuesday afternoons in the senior room of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. The classes will start in April and be from 1 to 3 p.m. If you are interested in this class, call Jean at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Owner: Burbank Park District
Township: Stickney
County: Cook
Project No. 03313

I. TIME AND PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS:

Sealed Proposals for the improvement described herein will be received at the office of the **Burbank Park District, 8050 South Newcastle Avenue, Burbank Il. 60459,** until **10:00 am April 12, 2004**, and publicly opened and read at that time

II. DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The proposed work is officially known as

Sports Field and Parking Lot Lighting Improvements

and includes the work at four park locations (Narragansett Park, Ridgeland Park, Rice Park and MacArthur Park), and consists of the installation of sports field lighting equipment at a total of twelve (12) sports fields, and the installation of parking lot lighting at Narragansett Park and MacArthur Park. This project also includes furnishing all necessary electrical equipment and other appurtenant construction work for a resultant complete lighting improvement.

III. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

A. All work will be in conformance with the "Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction", dated January 1, 2002.

B. Plans and Proposal forms may be obtained from the Project Engineer, **FRANK NOVOTNY & ASSOCIATES, INC., 825 Midway Drive, Willowbrook, Illinois, 60527, (630) 887-8640**, for a non-refundable fee of **$50.00.**

C. Only qualified Contractors who can furnish satisfactory proof that they have performed work of similar nature as Contractors will be entitled to receive Plans and submit Proposals. In order to meet this requirement, at the request of the Engineer, bidders will be required to submit a "Statement of Experience" consisting of a list of previous projects of similar nature in order to receive Plans. The Owner reserves the right to issue Bid Documents only to those Contractors deemed qualified.

D. All Proposals must be accompanied by a Bank Cashier's Check, Bank Draft, Certified Check, or Bid Bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid, or as provided in the applicable sections of the "Standard Specifications".

E. No Bid may be withdrawn after opening of Proposals without the consent of the Owner for a period of forty-five (45) days after the scheduled time of opening of Bids.

F. The Contractor will be required to furnish a labor and material "Performance Bond" in the full amount of the Contract.

IV. REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive technicalities, and to accept the Proposal deemed to be most favorable to the Owner.

V. AWARD CRITERIA AND REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder considering conformity with the terms and conditions established by the Park District in the Proposal and Contract, documents. The issuance of Plans and Proposal forms for bidding based upon a pre-qualification rating shall not be the sole determinant of responsibility. The Park District reserves the right to determine responsibility at the time of award, to reject any and all Proposals, to re-advertise the proposed improvements, and to waive technicalities.

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Dated:_____ **Michael Lenney, President**

Dave Heilmann Will Officially Announce Candidacy

Dave Heilmann will officially announce his candidacy for Oak Lawn Mayor on April 6th at 7 p.m. at Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd.

Heilmann, a lifelong Oak Lawn resident of 41 years, currently serves as Highway Commissioner of Worth Township. He served on the Oak Lawn Park District Board for 13 years including being president in 1994-1995. Heilmann fought for the successful completion of Stony Creek Golf Course, initiated a task force which led to the cleaning up of Stony Creek and development of the wildlife wetlands, founded the Oak Lawn Park District award-winning children's theatre program and created an education scholarship for needy students in our community.

Heilmann is an attorney and lives in Oak Lawn with his wife Erica and 2-year-old daughter Natalie.

Heilmann will be running as a member of The Unity Party of Oak Lawn. The Unity Party is a newly formed non-partisan group of Oak Lawn parents and homeowners who are getting together, much as parents did 30 years ago, to form a party to protect the values of Oak Lawn and provide strong, positive and stable leadership for Oak Lawn.

The Unity Party is dedicated to making Oak Lawn even better for the children of today and the next generation.

Jim Richards has been named as chairman of The Unity Party.

Lt. Farrell Is Named Distinguished Grad

It is with great pride and appreciation that the St. Linus School Community names Casey Farrell, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, as St. Linus School's "Distinguished Graduate."

The "Distinguished Graduate Award" is a citation presented annually to an alumnus of St. Linus School who has exceptionally demonstrated exemplary personal commitment and social responsibility in using their God-given abilities for the understanding and the betterment of others.

Lt. Farrell was chosen by the school's administration and faculty as an excellent representative of many St. Linus graduates who are serving our country during this difficult time.

Casey Farrell was an active student at St. Linus; after graduating in 1993, he continued his education at Marist High School and Loras College. He then joined the United States Marine Corps and has honorably served with the military for the last three and a half years, earning the rank of First Lieutenant. Lt. Farrell's duty has included time in Iraq where he served in the war as a combat engineer. Presently, he is stationed at Fort Pendleton, California, where he is training troops for duty in Iraq.

While in Iraq, Lt. Farrell was very dedicated to corresponding with St. Linus students. This past fall, when he returned on leave, he visited the school to thank the students and to ask for their continued prayers and support of the troops. Lt. Farrell shared many of his experiences with students and taught them of the life, culture and struggle of the people of war-torn Iraq. The school community was quite touched and gratified that he not only accomplished a very dangerous mission, but that he also was very conscientious and proactive in cultivating an understanding of the conflict, another culture *and* the need for prayer within the St. Linus Community.

Avila Will Be Guest Speaker

Commissioner Frank Avila of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors on Thursday, April 1st at 1:15 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt.

Elaine Kardosh, coordinator, announced that Commissioner Avila will discuss the Deep Tunnel project and other functions of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District with a slide presentation. A question and answer session will follow.

The commissioner has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Science from the University of Arizona.

VFW Auxiliary Penny Social

Hometown-Murray VFW Ladies Auxiliary #9773 will be having its annual Penny Social on Sunday, March 28th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Post home, 9092 Main St. Available for bidding will be collectable, antiques, and one of a kind items. There will be raffles and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the VFW National Children's Home.

For more information, call (708) 422-9800 after 3 p.m.

Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church will hold a rummage sale on Friday, April 2nd from 9 a.m. to noon and 7 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon, $3 a bag. The church is at 100th St. & Central Ave. For more information, call (708) 423-1170.

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Chicago – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 15th, St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Homewood – 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, April 10th, Marie Irwin Community Center, 18120 Highland Ave.

Lemont – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 17th, St. Patrick Church, 200 Illinois St.

Lockport – 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 29th, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 529 Madison.

New Lenox – 3 to 7 p.m., April 6th, United Methodist Church, 339 W. Haven; 2 to 7 p.m., April 14th, St. Jude Catholic Church, 240 W. Second St.

Oak Lawn – 4 to 8 p.m., April 12th, Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 101st & Central.

Orland Park – 4 to 8 p.m., April 6th, Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st St.

Palos Heights – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 6th, Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 22nd, United Insurance Services, LTD, 6500 W. College Drive.

Palos Park – 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 19th, Palos South Junior High, 13100 S. 82nd Ave.

Tinley Park – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 18th, St. Stephen's Deacon & Martyr Church, 8400 W. 175th St.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

APRIL 2 – Friday – Fish Fry, Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.

APRIL 2 & 3 – Friday & Saturday – Rummage Sale, First United Methodist Church, 100th and Central Ave.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, $3 a bag, 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 3 – Saturday – Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt and Bake Sale, Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 to 11 a.m.

APRIL 3 – Saturday – Easter Egg Hunts for All Ages, Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St., 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

APRIL 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

APRIL 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Ray-mond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 7 – Wednesday – Rule of the Road, Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

APRIL 8 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 6 p.m.

APRIL 8 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Seek Nominations For Senior Illinoisans 2004 Hall Of Fame

Illinois Dept. on Aging Director Charles D. Johnson recently announced that the Department is seeking nominations for the 2004 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame.

"We have no shortage of older adults who have made remarkable accomplishments and who have enriched our state significantly," Johnson said. "The Hall of Fame is one way to honor these exceptional individuals for giving so selflessly of their time and talents and serving as role models to younger generations."

The Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame was established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1994 to honor older adults who excel in one of four separate areas of endeavor: Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts, and the Labor Force. Thus far, 56 individuals have been inducted.

The Dept. on Aging will accept nomination forms through June 1st. Judges will select one candidate in each of the four categories.

Candidates will be inducted into the 2004 Hall of Fame on Senior Day at the Illinois State Fair on Monday, Aug. 16th. Eligibility is based on the nominee's past and present accomplishments in the category of choice. The candidate must be age 65 or older and a current Illinois citizen or former citizen who has lived in Illinois the majority of his or her life. Posthumous nominees are also considered.

Nomination forms are available from the Dept. on Aging and the state's Area Agencies on Aging. They must be completed and postmarked or faxed to the Department by June 1st to be considered.

Call the Department's Senior HelpLine at 1(800) 252-8966 (voice and TTY) for nomination forms or additional information.

Participants in the Oak Lawn Park District's Introduction to Clay program, finish their clay animals with acrylic paints in preparation for the Budding Artists Spring Art Show, to be held May 6 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Budding Artists Spring Art Show

Get creative this spring and enter your artwork in the Oak Lawn Park District's Budding Artists Spring Art Show, to be held Thursday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The show is a competition for ages six through 18 and an exhibition for adults age 18 and up, organized by Laurie Snaer, an Oak Lawn Park District art instructor and local artist.

"Oak Lawn is home to a large number of creative and talented people," says Snaer. "Many suburban communities nurture their home-grown artists by providing a supportive environment for them to grow and improve. This art show is for every amateur artist in the Oak Lawn area, ages six to 100, who enjoys making art."

Artwork can be entered in several media, including graphite, colored pencil, watercolor, pastels, sketch & wash, pen & ink, charcoal, clay, wire, metal, collage, mosaics, marker, crayon, acrylic paint, oil paint, tempera paint, textile or a combination of media. The art will be judged and awards will be presented in several categories. All entries will be displayed in an art-show format and available for public viewing.

"Please show your support for the kids, the adults and the park district's visual-arts program by becoming a participant or just coming out to see the exhibit," says Snaer.

Entry forms are currently available at the Oak View Center. The entry deadline is Saturday, April 17. For more information, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Library Theatre Trip

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to the Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN for a musical comedy double feature on Sunday, April 25th. The trip begins with a delicious brunch at the theater. Participants will then enjoy matinee performances of "A Day in Hollywood," a musical celebrating the Golden Age of Cinema with dancing and memorable hit songs, and "A Night in the Ukraine," a comedy featuring the Marx Brothers, who reek havoc in Russia in this nutty adventure. The cost of this trip, which includes motor coach transportation, brunch and theater admission, is $52 for Friends members and $57 for others. The bus will depart at noon and return at 5 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett at (815) 439-0075.

Eagle Scholar

Jackie Michalek of Oak Lawn was recently named a scholarship winner at Robert Morris College for academic distinction as an Eagle Scholar.

Easter Church Service Schedules Listed
See Pages 6, 7 and 8

Good Scout Benefit

The Boy Scouts of America are hosting their annual Good Scout Benefit on Thursday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Palermo's Restaurant, 4849 W. 95th St. Award recipients will be joined by dignitaries, business people, community residents, and supporters of scouting. While enjoying refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, and the opportunity to network, they will be helping to raise funds for this worthy cause. The Good Scout Award will be presented to Kevin Joyce, state representative of the 35th district, and William Egan, district chairman for the Arrowhead District. The guest speaker is Father Thomas McCarthy, president and principal of St. Rita High School.

Tickets are $100 per person. Patron sponsors receive five tickets and program recognition with a donation of $500. Guardian sponsors at $1,000 receive a table of ten tickets and program recognition. A silent auction will feature gift certificates for entertainment and restaurants, sports memorabilia, and other merchandise. Contributions of items for the auction are still being accepted. Donations are also encouraged from individuals or businesses who are unable to attend, but want to show their support. Checks should be made payable to the Boy Scouts of America.

Planning the good scout benefit are (left to right, seated) Rita Egan, Jim Adamitis, Michelle Aukstik; (standing) Bauti Yarbrough, Laura Shallow, Dan Davis, Patrick Romcoe, and Terry Vorderer. Proceeds from the event support scouting programs for over 2,300 youth in the southwestern suburbs of Alsip, Blue Island, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Hometown, Merrionette Park, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Robbins, and Worth, as well as the southwestern area of the city of Chicago. The financial support allows the scouts to learn valuable lessons in citizenship, leadership, and character development. Further information can be obtained by calling (312) 421-8800.

LEGAL NOTICE #04-11
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #04-5
VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing was closed on October 20, 2003 and action will be taken by the Oak Lawn Planning & Development Commission on **Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.** in the Municipal Center second floor auditorium, at 9446 Raymond, Oak Lawn, IL, relative to the property commonly known as 5716 West 95th Street, for the purpose of a request for a parking variation, as part of their regular Agenda #04-6. Said property is legally described as follows:

Lots 294 & 295 in Elmore's Terrace, a Subdivision of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Further information may be obtained from the Village's Quality Control Department.

LEGAL NOTICE #04-12
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #04-6
VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing was closed on October 20, 2003 and action will be taken by the Oak Lawn Planning & Development Commission on **Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.** in the Municipal Center second floor auditorium, at 9446 Raymond, Oak Lawn, IL, relative to the property commonly known as 9445 South 69th Avenue, for the purpose of a request to rezone from a C-2 (general service business) to an R-1 (single family) zoned district, as part of their regular Agenda #04-6. Said property is legally described as follows:

Lots 3 in Block 11 (except the North 59.39 Feet thereof) in Fredrick H. Bartlett's 95th Street Acres Subdivision, being a Subdivision of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and also the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Further information may be obtained from the Village's Quality Control Department.

Drunk-Driving Prevention Program

Students at Oak Lawn High School will participate in an innovated "hands-on" drunk-driving prevention program offered by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced.

The "3-D Program", (Drinking + Drugs = Destruction) allows students to participate in a series of interactive simulations designed to give them a whole new perspective of how using drugs or alcohol can affect their ability to drive and perform simple physical tasks.

According to both national and state studies, alcohol-related crashes are the number one cause of death among young people between the ages of 16 and 24. During a typical weekend in the United States, an average of one teen dies every hour in a crash, with almost 50 percent of the accidents involving the use of alcohol.

"This program will certainly not mark the first time that these students are reminded about the grave dangers of drinking and driving and it probably won't be the last, but we think we have developed something special that will capture the attention of teenagers and make a lasting impression," Sheahan said.

Students participating in the program went through a series of hands-on exhibits, including the wearing of so-called "Fatal Vision" goggles, which stimulate the affect of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The goggles were donated to the Sheriff's Office for the program by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization.

The "3-D Program" contains several hands-on exhibits that students go through in a 50-minute time frame. The first is called "The Convincer," which is a mechanism that uses a crash-dummy to simulate an actual auto collision at 7 miles per hour. The display shows that even at a slow rate of speed, injuries in a collision can be severe if safety belts are not worn.

These exhibits involve the use of the "Fatal Vision" goggles, which simulate intoxication at various levels of impairment. Students are asked to perform a wide variety of tasks both with and without the goggles to give them a personal understanding of the different between performing tasks while sober or intoxicated. Wearing the goggles, students walk a straight line, shoot a basketball, and drive a golf cart under simulated road conditions.

In addition, students view a "Dead or Alive" computer simulator, which utilizes their own personal data such as sex, weight, car type and speed to simulate an auto accident and the resulting damage.

"We have all talked to our children repeatedly about the dangers of drinking and driving. With these exhibits, we are actually letting them see, feel and experience how dramatically drugs and alcohol can impact physical skills and thought processes and we think that is what makes this so effective," Sheahan said.

The "3-D Program" is being offered by the Sheriff's Office free of charge to high schools throughout Cook County. For further information on scheduling the 3-D Program, contact the Sheriff's Office of Preventive Programs at (708) 974-6060.

POLICE CALLS

On March 20th Thyshecia Starks, 31, of Blue Island was arrested and charged with theft. Starks, an employee of Beneficial Finance, had been the subject of an internal investigation. It was determined that Starks had been only crediting part of the cash payments received from clients and pocketing the rest of the money. The investigation showed a theft of $1,040 as of March 10th.

On March 22nd Victor Mendez, 22, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis after a traffic stop. During the custodial search of Mendez, who was driving without a license, police discovered a pipe in his jacket pocket. The inventory search revealed a folded paper containing a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis and a baggy of white powder that field tested positive for cocaine.

On March 24th Scott Poplawski, 35, of Worth was arrested and charged with theft. A relative discovered the property identified as belonging to Oak Lawn Community High School, where Poplawski is employed, in Poplawski's home. The relative then brought a computer that had been reported stolen on March 8th, into the Oak Lawn Police Station.

On March 24th Orlando Matorell, 29, of Melrose Park and Barbaro Gonzalez, 48, of Chicago were arrested and charged with theft after a witness reported that two men were removing pallets and loading them onto a truck behind the Jewel at 79th and Cicero. Officers observed the described vehicle, carrying four pallets in the back, driving southbound on 95th St. at Cicero. The officers observed one of the men, Matorell bending down in his seat towards the floor as they stopped the truck. On the floor the officers observed a bag of white powder that field tested positive for cocaine and Matorell was also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Integrate Services

Researchers examining the impact of integrating medical and substance abuse treatment services found that for substance abuse patients as a whole, integrating the two services had little effect on health care utilization or cost. However, among those patients with substance-related medical conditions, integrating medical and substance abuse treatment services resulted in decreases in hospitalization rates, fewer days of inpatient treatment, and fewer emergency room visits. Also, total medical costs per patient per month were halved, from $431.12 to $200.03.

Adult patients entering treatment at the Kaiser Permanente Outpatient Chemical Dependency Recovery Program in Sacramento were randomly assigned to one of two treatment modalities: an integrated care model where medical care was provided with substance abuse treatment and an independent care model where medical care was provided in primary care clinics, independent from substance abuse treatment.

The investigators tracked medical utilization and costs of the 654 patients for 12 months pretreatment and for 12 months following treatment entry. They found that for the full group, there were no statistically significant differences between the two treatment groups over time. However, for those patients with substance abuse-related medical conditions, such as depression, hypertension, asthma, psychoses, pneumonia, cirrhosis, or hepatitis C, integrated care produced significant benefits. They had significant decreases in hospitalization rates, inpatient days, emergency room use, and total medical costs. Patients with substance abuse-related medical conditions who received independent care had a slight reduction in inpatient days and emergency room costs but incurred no significant decrease in total medical cost.

What it means: Integrating substance abuse treatment with primary care may be cost-beneficial and provide a better quality of care for substance abuse patients with medically-related problems.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Address	City	Amount	Buyers	Sellers
8708 S Mobile	Oak Lawn	$124 000	Terrazas Eva Diaz Ricardo Diaz Teresa	Lachut Mariusz,Lachut Bogumila
9824 S 51St Ave	Oak Lawn	$257 000	Murphy Thomas G Murphy Sheila M	Mendes Dorothy M
4925 W 109th St	Oak Lawn	$98 000	Zolkos Monika	Rueda Abraham,Paterson Nicole T Rueda
9821 Minnick	Oak Lawn	$165 000	Kreger Sharon L	Duffing Kathleen M,Baker Kathleen M
10057 S Merrimac	Oak Lawn	$75 000	Connolly Kevin Morgan John H	Np Real Est Dev Inc
4121 W 98th St Unit 1A	Oak Lawn	$118 000	Janik Michael E Janik Tina G	Delfavero Dorothy Tr,Dorothy Delfavero
4901 W 109th St Unit 101	Oak Lawn	$98 500	Hogan Thomas K Vanetten Heather P	Chicago Title Land Tr Co Tr
4616 W 100th Pl	Oak Lawn	$190 000	Stack Michele P	Hamel Marion J
5736 W 89th Pl	Oak Lawn	$331 500	Wijas Helena Wijas Wladyslaw	P & S Bldrs Inc
10132 South 52Nd Avenue	Oak Lawn	$189 000	Zubek Stanislaw Zubek Aniela	Hasan Mike F Hasan Nawal
6212 W 91St	Oak Lawn	$227 000	Hosticka John Hosticka Anna M	Sierzega Kevin C,Sierzega Raquel
10120 S Pulaski	Oak Lawn	$80 000	Boersma Jacob J	Wang Bei Li
9706 S 51St Ave	Oak Lawn	$124 000	Evers William J	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr
4821 W 109th St	Oak Lawn	$71 000	Kuno Ordell P Farwell Thomas	Judicial Sales Corp,Sullivan John L II
4833 W 109th St Unit 102	Oak Lawn	$96 000	Reilly Mary E	Henag'an Thomas J,Henaghan Bridget A
4316 W 103rd St	Oak Lawn	$140 000	Miller James Miller Sherry	Trautmann Gary G Extr,Trautmann
10209 S Kamensky #1E	Oak Lawn	$120 000	Mulcahy William J	Mullene Margaret Extr,Carlan Kathleen
9207 S Tulley Ave	Oak Lawn	$180 000	Finkleson Kenneth	Parkhill Martin W,Parkhill Angela
5932 W 89th St	Oak Lawn	$185 000	Matan Ibrahim	Williams John Wr,John W Williams
5612 W 90th Pl	Oak Lawn	$180 000	Delgadillo Jaime J	Neff James A
10100-10110 S Pulaski Rd	Oak Lawn	$56 000	Host Michelle T	Western Spgs Natl B&T Tr
4001 W 97th St #1S	Oak Lawn	$140 500	Mb Fin Bk Tr	Tatner Vale Tr,Tatnervale Trust,Vale Tatner
9231 S Menard	Oak Lawn	$169 000	Villanueva Katherine L	Speyer Carl F,Speyer Sophie
5317 W 89th St	Oak Lawn	$186 000	Trevino Hortense R Cruz Victoria B	Nowakowski Marek R
9814 S Karlov Ave #122	Oak Lawn	$122 500	Makowski Krzysztof	Arundel William J
10441 S Circle Dr #43C	Oak Lawn	$137 000	Chicago Title Land Tr Co Tr	Hart William P,Fleming Deborah L,Regan
8400 West 93rd St	Oak Lawn	$270 000	Zieman Christopher Zieman Maria	Styrzula Czeslaw,Styrzula Anna
8824 S Merrimac	Oak Lawn	$174 000	Whitney Melanie Francis Omar	Tarczynski Joseph J,Tarczynski Karen C
8941 S 49th Ct	Oak Lawn	$198 000	Santiago Santos P Santiago Zulma Y	Ludtke Robert J Jr,Ludtke Maria
10340 S Mayfield Unit #302	Oak Lawn	$116 000	Wiacekowski Robert	Henry Mary E
9751 S Rutherford	Oak Lawn	$196 000	Bodzuch Wladyslaw,Bodzuch Rafal	Standard B&T Co Tr
9640 S Pulaski #302	Oak Lawn	$77 000	Scarabello Garry A	Huensel Frank
5550W 115th St #302	Oak Lawn	$178 000	Alexander Debra	Cole Taylor Bk Tr
10806 S Kenneth	Oak Lawn	$170 000	Kimak Maria	Sherlock William H
9200 S Monitor Ave	Oak Lawn	$160 000	Skinner Jessica A	Hoban Brian,Hoban Silvia
6901 W 96th Pl	Oak Lawn	$142 000	Alshoweat Naser	Drada Donald,Drada Ann
4735 W 106th Pl Unit 101	Oak Lawn	$122 000	Grelak James I Grelak Helen M	Standard B&T Co Tr
9005 S Major	Oak Lawn	$155 000	Kwak Andrzej,Kwak Beata	Prairie B&T Co Tr
5329 W 102nd Pl	Oak Lawn	$186 000	Kesek Andrzej	Schmid Daniel M
6632 W 99th St #2B	Oak Lawn	$80 000	Kurtzweil Steven	Finnan Gerald A Jr,Finnan Denise L

Require Quarterly Financial Reports

The Illinois Senate on March 25th voted to require Gov. Rod Blagojevich to prepare and submit quarterly financial reports to the Legislature and the public. State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) sponsored Senate Bill 2103, which simply requires a practice long followed by former governors.

"As lawmakers, it is crucial that we have a clear picture of the State's finances as we vote on legislation, pass the budget and respond to constituent concerns," said Radogno. "The reports we received from previous administrations gave us vital information to help us legislate effectively and responsibly."

Following Radogno's introduction of Senate Bill 2103 last November, the governor's Office of Management and Budget began issuing reports, albeit both shorter and less comprehensive versions of the detailed documents issued by previous administrations. The governor also called for quarterly budgets and spending plans from state agencies.

Radogno's bill requires a more comprehensive and detailed quarterly report. Under Senate Bill 2103, the reports would include, at a minimum a review of the economic outlook both nationally and in Illinois, a review of general funds revenue performance, both quarterly and year-to-date, an evaluation of general revenue performance and how it compares to projections, and the outlook for future general funds revenue performance, including projections of future general funds revenues.

Under the bill, the fourth quarter annual report for each fiscal year would include a review of General Assembly action and the financial plan for the completed fiscal year and the upcoming fiscal year including the governor's projections for revenues, spending and end-of-year balances.

Copies of current quarterly financial reports and the fiscal year 2003 year-end review can be found at www.state.il.us/budget/qfr.asp.

Senate Bill 2103 gained unanimous approval in the Senate and now advances to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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Poshard Elected To Board Of Trustees

Former Congressman Glenn Poshard of Carbondale was elected as chairman of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees on March 11.

Poshard, the first three-degree SIU graduate appointed to the Board, said he looks forward to serving as Board Chair. "I want to thank my colleagues for electing me, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together," Poshard said.

Board members also elected Harris Rowe of Jacksonville as vice chairman, Roger Tedrick of Mount Vernon as secretary and John Simmons of East Alton to represent the Board on the State Universities Civil Service System Merit Board.

Dr. Marilyn Jackson of Chicago and A.D. Van Meier of Springfield will serve as the Board's executive committee, along with Poshard.

Poshard appointed all committee chairs. Ed Hightower of Edwardsville will head the Academic Matters Committee, Roger Tedrick will head the Finance Committee, and John Simmons will chair the Architecture and Design Committee.

Other Board assignments are: SIU Foundation Board, Tedrick with Poshard as the alternate. SIU Edwardsville Foundation Board, Hightower with Simmons as the alternate; Joint Trustees Committee for Springfield Medical Education Programs, Jackson and Rowe with Van Meter as the alternate, and SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, Poshard with Tedrick as the alternate

Alumna Of The Year

Kathleen L. Halloran (pictured) of St. Charles, IL, executive vice president and chief risk officer of Nicor, Inc. and Nicor Gas, was named the Adam Smith Honored Alumna of the Year by Lewis University's College of Business. The award was presented on Thursday, March 18 as part of Adam Smith Week, an annual event commemorating the "Father of Economics."

Halloran, a 1974 graduate of Lewis, has been with Nicor, Inc. for 30 years, beginning her career in accounting. She has held several positions with the company, including chief financial officer, corporate secretary, treasurer and controller.

As chief risk officer, she has responsibility for implementing and overseeing enterprise-wide risk management including corporate insurance programs, internal auditing, and compliance.

Halloran holds a bachelor's degree in accountancy from Lewis, and a master's degree in business administration from Northern Illinois University. She has been a member of Lewis University's Board of Trustees since 2000.

She also serves on the boards of Central DuPage Health, Northern Illinois University Executive Club, Voices for America's Children, and Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. She is a member of the American Gas Association, The Chicago Network, The Economic Club of Chicago, The Executives' Club of Chicago, and The Financial Executives Institute.

The Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year Award is presented each year to a graduate of Lewis' College of Business who best exemplifies success, both personally and professionally. The presentation also allows current students the opportunity to meet these alumni and to hear their stories firsthand.

Gambling Open House

Problem gambling has been known as the "hidden addiction." The outward signs are few if any - until it's too late. If someone you know is gambling for more than fun, they may have a problem.

Edgewater Systems Addiction Services will host a Gambling Open House on Monday, April 12th and Tuesday, April 13th from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1100 W. 6th Ave. in Gary, in the Resource Auditorium. Information on how to identify a gambling problem, how to access help, and understanding of the effects on family, friends, employment and health will be provided. A gambling professional will be available to answer individual questions.

Gambling is taking a chance. And we've all taken chances. At least you should know the odds. For more information, contact Pinkie Douglas, Director of Addiction Services, at (219) 885-4264, ext. 4235.

Award Recipient

Larry Ormond, a dedicated English teacher at Marist High School, is the winner of the Marist 2004 Heart of the School Award. Heart of the School is an annual award that is given to a loyal, trustworthy staff/faculty member who goes above and beyond to support the Marist mission

Principal Larry Tucker comments, "Larry Ormond is one of the cornerstones here at Marist High School. Over his 38 years of service he has helped establish the fine academic reputation that the school holds. He is a dedicated educator who consistently works to improve the students in his classes, both spiritually and academically. And I should know because he taught me."

When asked what he likes most about coming to Marist each day, Ormond answered, "It's my second home now, and it's always exhilarating as I walk to my room before first period to listen to the excited conversations of the kids as they prepare for the day."

Fellow staff members vote to choose the Heart of the School nominees and final award winner. Ormond feels that being this year's Heart of the School winner is an honor, but what he loves most is being in the company of the former winners of the award

Philip Watson

Junior guard Philip Watson hit two free throws with nine seconds remaining in the game to help lead the No. 2 seed St. Xavier University men's basketball team over No. 3 seeded Purdue University-Calumet, 62-59, in CCAC semi-finals action on Thursday at the Shannon Center in Chicago.

LEGAL NOTICE

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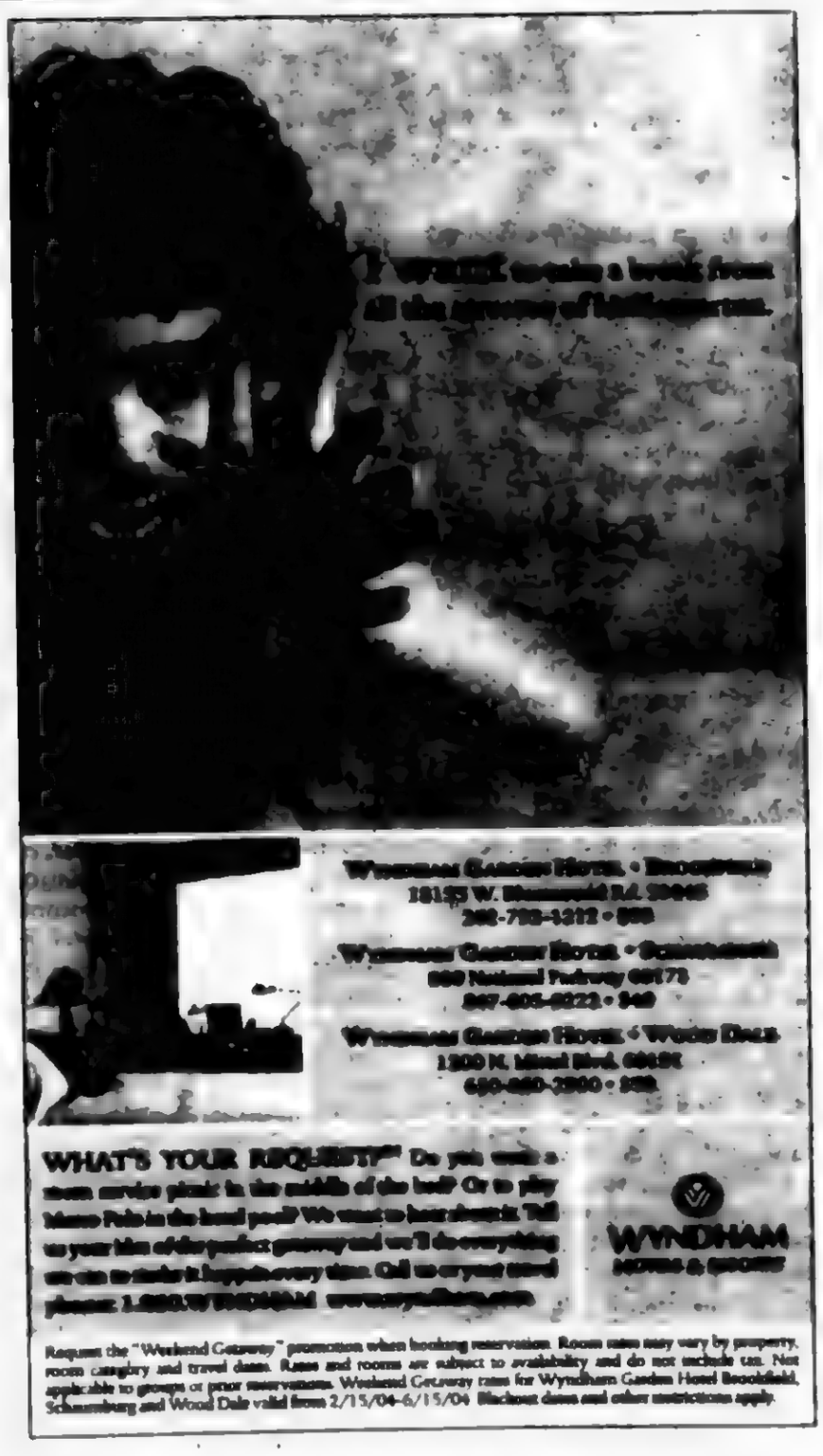
ATTN: ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME UNIT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

File No. D04090831 on March 30, 2004. Under the Assumed Name of Andrew Remodeling with the place of business located at 11301 Bell Road, Lemont, IL 60439. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Andrius Morkeliunas, 11301 Bell Road, Lemont, IL 60439.



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Address The Deficit

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste recently commended House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle (R-Iowa) for proposing a fiscally responsible 2005 budget resolution that will curb spending and cut the deficit.

"Under Chairman Nussle's leadership, Congress appears to finally be serious about addressing the record $521 billion deficit. This budget resolution is a first step in strengthening the economy and protecting taxpayers," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "While President Bush proposed a near-freeze in non-defense spending in his budget, Chairman Nussle's resolution goes further to reduce wasteful spending and keep a lid on federal expenditures."

Elements of the House budget resolution include: freezing non-defense, discretionary spending at fiscal 2004 levels; increasing defense spending by 6.6 percent; increasing homeland security spending by 7.1 percent; holding discretionary spending to $814 billion; cutting the deficit in half over four years; reserving $50 billion for expected increases in the cost of the war on terror; and banning pork-barrel projects for one year. Chairman Nussle will use the waste, fraud and abuse he ordered each House committee chairman to identify last year to determine where to make appropriate cuts.

"Chairman Nussle has proposed a reasonable and innovative budget resolution that will put Congress on a much needed diet. In fiscal 2003, pork-barrel projects cost taxpayers $22.5 billion, and while CAGW is still calculating the final cost for fiscal 2004, the proposed banishment of these projects sends a clear message to members that the feeding frenzy is now over," Schatz continued. "By keeping in mind future costs of the war on terror, Chairman Nussle's budget resolution provides a more accurate long-term picture of government costs. It had been widely anticipated that an emergency supplemental bill would have covered the costs later, distorting the fiscal 2005 deficit."

In addition to the elimination of pork spending, CAGW recommends cutting 548 wasteful programs included in the federal budget that would save $1.2 trillion over the next five years in its annual *Prime Cuts* publication. The combination of cutting these programs, along with earmarks, would lead to a balanced budget even sooner.

"While much more can be done to rein in out-of-control government spending, Chairman Nussle is on the right track," Schatz concluded. "The more than one million members and supporters of CCAGW strongly urge House members to pass this resolution in an effort to decrease waste in the federal government and bring some fiscal responsibility back to Washington."

Ted Street Installed As Vice-Chairman

Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois State Lodge (F.O.P.) President, Ted J. Street, was recently installed as Vice-Chairman of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The Board is a State of Illinois agency charged with maintaining and upgrading professional law enforcement for the State's 40,000 law enforcement personnel through the establishment of standards and training programs.

Street, throughout his career with the FOP, has served on a number of local and state lodge committees, as local and state lodge trustee as well as local and state lodge vice president. Prior to President Street's tenure with the FOP, Ted served as a full-time law enforcement officers from 1977 to 1989.

Stem The Flight Of Physicians

U.S. Senate candidate Jack Ryan recently released the following statement of support for the Chicago Medical Society in their efforts to stem the flight of Illinois physicians from the state who cannot afford skyrocketing liability premiums.

"The loss of quality doctors from the state of Illinois has placed our state in a healthcare crisis. This crisis falls largely on the poorest of the poor as doctors are first forced to leave our lower income communities. It is also a woman's healthcare issue as OBGYNs are leaving this state and taking away access to specified healthcare for women," Jack said. "It is time for our federal government to take action and safeguard access to healthcare for all citizens."

"This is not a partisan issue – Democrats, Independents and Republicans – must all work together with the medical community to solve this crisis. As the next U.S. Senator from Illinois, I am committed to introducing legislation with a $250,000 cap on non-economic damages to create a stable civil justice system," Jack said.

"Last year, the House of Representatives passed legislation to stem this growing crisis but the legislation stalled in the Senate. I would work to gain consensus and pass this important piece of legislation and get it to the President for signature."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anyone concerned with the state of Illinois' economy should be on alert for Pat Quinn's tax increase advisory referendum being introduced as a bill in the legislature. The referendum which passed on March 16th purported to affect only those earning more than $250,000 per year. The truth is that if state taxes on our most productive citizens are doubled as Quinn wants, the objects of Quinn's envy may decide to become productive citizens in other states that don't punish people for their success and they will take their money with them. The result will be a statewide brain drain, loss of capital, closed businesses, higher unemployment and reduced revenue for schools and other government entities. Don't believe the Democrat spin that our budget problems are caused by high income earners paying too little. Quinn's plan is nothing more than a wealth transfer and its long-term negative economic impact will be felt most by middle and low income families. Illinois takes in more than enough revenue to provide necessary services to its citizens. We don't need any new taxes.

Sincerely,
s/s Maureen Murphy
Chairman
Cook County GOP

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has asked All Points to remind our readers that the Annual Cook County Tax Sale is just around the corner. The Annual Tax Sale, at which delinquent property taxes from tax year 2002 go to auction, will be held from May 10th through June 7th.

Treasurer Pappas relates that delinquent taxes on some 54,000 parcels of property will be offered to tax buyers, and property owners will have two years to redeem the taxes with interest and penalties, or face the possible loss of their property.

Registration for the Tax Sale begins April 5th in the Treasurer's Legal Office, Room 222 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago. Qualified tax buyers – individuals, companies or charitable organizations – must pay a minimum collateral of $1,000 at least 10 days prior to the first day of their participation in the sale.

Lists of the Property Index Numbers of the properties on which taxes are owed for tax year 2002 will be available for inspection in the Treasurer's Legal Office, and can be purchased in paper form or on disc for $250 for the Delinquent General Tax List and $100 each for the Delinquent Special Assessment List and the Weekly Update on Generals List.

The sale, mandated by Illinois state law, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each business day from Monday, May 10th through Friday, June 7th in Room B of the Lower Level of the Cook County Administration Building, 69 W. Washington St., Chicago. To maintain the daily schedule, the sale may continue past 4 p.m.

In the Tax Sale, PINs from the Cook County Townships in our circulation area are offered on a scheduled basis: May 11 – Bloom and Bremen; May 12 – Bremen and Calumet; May 13 – Lemont; May 14 – Orland and Palos; May 17 – Stickney; May 18 and 19 – Thornton; and May 20 – Worth.

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Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White kicked off April, National Donate Life! month, by unveiling a new organ donation campaign that highlights the journeys of two young people who are waiting for transplants.

The two children joined White and members of the Illinois Coalition on Donation and Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago during a press conference to unveil the campaign to increase awareness for organ and tissue donation.

"These commercials really put faces and voices on those who are in need and waiting for an organ," White said. "More than 290 people died in Illinois last year while waiting for transplants. Let's give others a second chance at life by signing up to be an organ and tissue donor."

Ian Fitch, a 10-year-old boy from Lake in the Hills, is featured in the new organ donor television commercial.

Ian was born with biliary atresia, a rare bile duct disorder that occurs in about one in 15,000 babies. The disease creates inflammation and blockage of the bile ducts.

Fifteen-year-old Tonisha Daniel of Dolton is featured in a radio commercial. The 60-second commercial, which includes the song *Keep Me In Your Heart* by Warren Zevon, highlights Tonisha, who sufferes from cirrhosis and has been waiting for more than a year for a liver.

Although Illinois has the largest donor registry in the country, there are approximately 5,000 people in Illinois waiting for a transplant. Nationally, more than 83,000 people are waiting for transplant operations and every day 17 people on the waiting list die.

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Last week Governor Rod Blagojevich sent a team of coal development experts to Washington, D.C. to help build momentum for Illinois' bid to land FutureGen, the federal government's ten year, $1 billion demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions power plant.

"Illinois leads the nation in our commitment to expanding and improving markets for America's coal resources," Governor Blagojevich said. "FutureGen represents exactly what we believe in here in Illinois; using cutting edge research to make people healthier, improve our environment, create jobs and expand our economy."

Obviously the Governor believes that Illinois possesses the necessary qualities to make FutureGen a great success and lead to a revitalization of the Illinois coal industry. FutureGen is planned as a public-private partnership to build a mid-sized prototype power plant that employs coal gasification technology to create hydrogen fuel as well as electricity.

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State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) announced Tuesday that Leo Catholic High School was recognized on the Senate Floor for winning the Illinois High School Association Class A 2004 State Basketball Championship in Peoria.

Senator Maloney and the Senate commended the athletic director Edward Adams; head coach Noah Cannon; assistant coaches William Hawkins, Robert Schablaske, James Hawkins, and Daniel McGuire on a job well done.

In addition, the young men, led by team captains Keelan Donald and Terrance Robinson, represented their classmates, school, and community as the best among student-athletes

"Throughout their efforts, the Leo Lions continue to provide young men with a well-rounded educational experience on the South Side of Chicago, and I commend them on their commitment to excellence. As an alumnus and former player, I share with all Leo men, pride in this team, and once again congratulate the team, coaches and administration," stated Maloney.

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The Suburban Area Agency on Aging wishes to remind seniors that if they are 65 or older they may qualify for property tax relief programs from the Cook County Assessor. The Senior Property Tax Exemption is available to homeowners over 65 who occupied the property as their principal residence in 2003.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption, you must be 65 or older and have total household income of no more than $40,000 for the 2002 income tax year. You must own the property and have used it as your principal residence on Jan. 1, 2002 and 2003, and be liable for payment of 2002 and 2003 property taxes.

Booklets and applications are mailed in March allowing seniors six weeks to renew. If you have questions or need an application, call the Cook County Assessor at (312) 603-5300; visit the web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com, or the Suburban Area Agency on Aging at (708) 383-0258.

St. Jude Dream Home Opens Doors

On April 3rd and 4th, Residential Homes of America will open the doors to the St. Jude Dream Home to the public, giving everyone who visits not only the opportunity to buy a $100 ticket to win the brand new $300,000 Dream Home or a 1966 Ford Mustang convertible valued at over $30,000 – but also a free chance to win a $5,000 American Express gift card.

"This is a separate drawing, open only to those who come out to see the St. Jude house," said Ann Danner, President of Residential Homes of America. "No purchase is necessary to win the $5,000 gift card – we just want everyone to come see this beautiful home that has been built with so much talent and love."

100% of the materials and labor to build the house have been donated. Residential Homes of America, in partnership with Hearthstone, donated the lot in their Terra Springs development in Volo, and coordinated construction of the St. Jude Dream Home. The two-bedroom plus loft, three and one-half bath town home features a finished walk-out basement, fireplace, deck and many upgraded features. The Dream Home will be raffled for the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital live on NBC5 Chicago on June 27th.

A limited number of $100 St. Jude Dream Home tickets will be sold at the Dream Home, as well as the following ticket outlets: The Village of Volo, the Volo Auto Museum, and at www.stjudedreamhome.org. Event information and tickets are available 24 hours a day at 1(800) 378-5386.

The St. Jude Dream Home, located in Terra Springs in Volo, IL, will be open every Saturday and Sunday, April 3rd through June 20th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Founded by Danny Thomas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has treated more than 19,000 young cancer patients at no cost to their families.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

With the tax deadline rapidly approaching, we wanted to make sure Illinois taxpayers were aware of a new opportunity. For the first time, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Treatment and Education Fund is among the donation possibilities on the 2003 Form IL-1040.

Administered by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, this newly created fund will further expand existing research and help organizations underwrite new projects aimed at treating and curing blood-related cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to this cause, is among the many bodies that will be able to apply for grants from the new fund.

With a check of the box, Illinois taxpayers pledge a certain amount from their refund checks to the Fund or guarantee adding the donation amount to their payment.

We urge Illinois residents to consult their tax professionals for further information on tax-deductible donations and offer further information via our Web site: www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

Sincerely,
s/s Richard H. Michalik
President, Board of Directors
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

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The Cook County "Unsung Heroine Award" Breakfast was held at the Chicago Cultural Center. The award ceremony honored women from all 17 districts in Cook County. The southland proved they have what it takes with outpouring support and community spirit in the 6th District.

Sixth District Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy stated that she was delighted with the amount of nominations that were received this year. "I was deeply impressed with the strong qualities of leadership and commitment by all the nominees.

Rosalind Wolff of Flossmoor was the 6th District's winner of the "Unsung Heroine" Award. Rosalind has been active with the South Suburban Family Shelter for 18 years as well as a long time member of the National Council of Jewish Women. Shelter Director Diane Bedrosian, sent in her nomination and was thrilled, "that Rosalind received this honorable award."

Commissioner Murphy also gave special thanks to the committee members: Dorthea Hoch, Mary Feerick, Sister Mary Fearon, Judy Grant and Lenore Goodfriend "whose selection process was most difficult due to the wonderful accomplishments of all the nominees."

Honorable Recogaition for community service and dedication were sent to the following nominees: Patricia Haseltine of Crestwood, Kathleen Denk of Midlothian, Frances Stack of Worth, Julia Bartosh of Crestwood, Ernestine Brown of South Holland, Sandy Wartman of Calumet City, Denise Heath of Matteson, Doris Tortorici of Palos Heights, Marueen Shields of Oak Lawn, Cindy Miston of South Holland, Jean Thode of Justice, Rosemaria Genova of Calumet City, Kathryn Straniero of Oak Forest, Jacki Rivera, South Holland, Dolores Miklos of Hickory Hills, Lynn Dillman of Orland Park and Colleen Lambert of Summit.

Pictured left to right are Dorothea Hock, Rosalind Wolff, Dr. Wolff, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and Diane Bedrosian.

Cicero Patching Project

On April 1st, weather permitting, a patching project to improve IL 50 (Cicero Ave.) will begin in the communities of Matteson, Richton Park and University Park. The $4.2 million project will also include the removal of the bridge over Butterfield Creek and replacement with a box culvert. The structure is located one-quarter mile south of Vollmer Rd. The median will also be replaced.

During the project, one lane will be closed in each direction from 207th St. to Vollmer Rd. Motorists should drive with care through the construction zone and watch for workers. The project is expected to be completed in late May of this year.

Senior Wheels

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll-free at 1(800) 246-6010

Family Fun

"Spring Fling," a Sunday Family Fun program especially designed for families with children eight years and younger in age, will be on Sunday, April 4th at 2 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. This Forest Preserve District of Will County program requires a fee of $2 per child or $5 per family.

With spring finally here, many changes are occurring in our environment. Birds are returning to the north, flowers are blooming, reptiles and amphibians are coming out of their winter hiding spots. After a long winter, let's brighten our spirits by doing a craft and taking a hike to see the metamorphosis taking place around us.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Ten Star Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include Champaign, IL and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 anytime.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
10:30 a.m. Children's Procession of the Palms
Cantata "Service of Light and Shadows" by Lani Smith , The Chancel Choir, directed by Jacob Haywood

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
3:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Sacred Music, Solos and Scripture Readings Reflecting The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. All-Church Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration in Music
The Chancel Choir and the Angels of Praise
Dedication of the One Great Hour of Sharing, The Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel

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April 4th – Palm Sunday
10:15 a.m. Special Music, Procession of Palms

April 8th – Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m. – Fellowship The Upper Room Meal
7:30 p.m. – Holy Communion

April 9th – Good Friday
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service of Lights

April 11th – Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service - Youth
8:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast
10:15 a.m. – Easter Worship

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Rev. Paul Ninnemann

APRIL 3, SATURDAY
6:30 p.m. Eve of Palm/Passion Sunday Worship & Holy Communion

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
9:45 a.m Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 p m Meal in the Upper Room, Holy Communion and Stripping of Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Shadows

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
7-11 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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Holy Week & Easter Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Penance Service on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard on
Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 9 (Good Friday) after
The Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer at 8:30
Liturgy of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m.
Our Church will be open until 12:00 a.m. for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets at 1:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Masses will be at 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter

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Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:00 a.m.., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion at all services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. – Holy Communion
Stripping of the Chancel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
11:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
6:30 a.m. Sonrise Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Communion

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ST. DAMIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 8th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:30 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 9th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 10th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 11th

6:45	Church
8:00	Church
8:15	Fr. Shaw Hall
9:30	Church
9:45	Fr. Shaw Hall
11:00	Church
11:15	Fr. Shaw hall
12:30	Church
12:45	Fr. Shaw Hall

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Holy Week and Pascha Program – 2004

Lazarus Saturday, April 3rd
Orthros and Divine Liturgy - 8:15 a m
Great Vespers/Holy Confession - 5.00 p.m

Palm Sunday, April 4th
Orthros - 7:45 a.m.
Two Divine Liturgies
1st Divine Liturgy (Youth Choir Sings) - 8:30 a m
2nd Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a m
There will be no Sunday School Classes.
Parents please bring your children to 1st Liturgy
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service - 7.30 p m

Holy Monday, April 5th
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service - 7.30 p m

Holy Tuesday, April 6th
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service - 7 00 p m
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will officiate

Holy Wednesday, April 7th
Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts - 8 00 a m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction
Koraes School Children and Adults - 10:30 a.m.
All Other Children and Adults - 3 30 p m.
Service of Niptira (Washing) and Anointing with Holy Unction for the Community at large 7 30 p m.

Holy Thursday, April 8th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Divine Liturgy - 6:00 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy - 8:30 a.m.
All School Children to Receive Communion followed by a Lenten Breakfast
Holy Passion Service - Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospel Lessons - 7 00 p m.

Great Friday, April 9th
The Royal Hours - 8 15 a.m.
Apocathelosis (Removal from the Cross) - 3 30 p m.
Lamentations (Epitaphios) - 7 30 p m.

Holy Saturday, April 10th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Divine Liturgy - 6:00 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy - 8 30 a.m.
The Canon with the Proclamation of the Resurrection followed by the Pascal Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning - 11 00 p m (into Sunday morning/Pascha)

Pascha – (Easter) Sunday, April 11th
The Agape (Love) Vesper Service
(With Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 & under following) - 1 00 p m

Bright Friday, May 16th
Feastday of the Life Giving Fountain of the Theotokos/Zoodohou Peges Orthros and Divine Liturgy - 8 15 a.m.

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Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, April 3 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 4: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 8
7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 9
3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM – Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 10
7:30 Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday, April 11
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
9:00 a m. Traditional
11 00 a m. Contemporary

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7 00 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7,00 p.m. Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7 00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Easter Breakfast Between Services

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EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY MASSES:
Palms will be distributed at each mass beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday masses will be at:
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES OF HOLY WEEK
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper – Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
3:00 p.m. Paraliturgy Service
7:00 p.m. The Living Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10
1:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church)
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
5:30 a.m. Sunrise/Polish Mass
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish)

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
6:00 p.m. "The Night Before The Passion" Drama

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
11:00 a.m. Resurrection Service

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EASTER SCHEDULE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Confessions heard during the Triduum (April 8-10) only by appointment.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses, beginning with a procession forming in front of the Parish Center: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Sun. 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

SEDER MEAL
A meal based on the Jewish Seder on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Fullmer Hall. Reservations are required through the Rectory at (773) 434-3313.

TRIDUUM (The Three Holiest Days of the Christian Year)
Each Day – Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th – 7:30 P.M.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
(including washing of feet and Eucharistic Procession). Church will be open until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
1:00 p.m. Ashburn Way of the Cross – beginning at St. Denis Parish Center
7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord
The Church will be remain open until midnight

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10th
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food and Easter Baskets in Church
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Liturgy (gather in front of Parish Center)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the Easter Season from Easter, April 11th through Pentecost Sunday, May 30th..

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Rev. Martha A. Coursey, Pastor

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Cantata "The Thorn Crowned Kind"
8:50 & 10:20 a.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Celebration

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Symbolic Seder

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship led by United Methodist Youth Fellowship
8:00 a.m. All Church Easter Breakfast served by United Methodist Men
8:50 & 10:20 a.m. Easter Celebrations

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: April 3rd - 4-5 PM

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday, April 3rd - 5:30 PM
Sunday, April 4th
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

HOLY WEEK WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday, April 5th, Tuesday, April 6th
Wednesday, April 7th
Masses – 7:00, 8:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight (Oratory)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10th
Blessing of Baskets - 12:00 Noon

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 Noon

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
10:00 a.m. Celebration of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Christ's Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Shadows)
Choir Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:00 a.m. Early Morning Devotional Worship
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Easter Communion Morning Worship

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m. Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (Begins at Ashburn)
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10
7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 a.m. Festive Holy Communion
9-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Festive Holy Communion

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HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SERVICES

APRIL 3, LAZARUS SATURDAY
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Archbishop *[illegible]*
5:00 p.m. Vigil with Blessing of Palm & Willow branches

APRIL 4, PALM SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by coffee social
Bridegroom Matins will be at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral [illegible] W. Leavitt St. Chicago (773) 486-4545

APRIL 5, HOLY MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 6, HOLY TUESDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 7, HOLY WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 8, HOLY THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
7:00 p.m. Matins with the 12 Passion Gospel readings

APRIL 9, HOLY FRIDAY
2:30 p.m. Youth/Church School Activities
5:00 p.m. Vespers with Jesus Christ's Burial Shroud brought out
7:00 p.m. Matins with Lamentations

APRIL 10, HOLY SATURDAY
10:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with 15 Old Testament Readings foretelling Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and the change to white vestments.
11:30 p.m. Nocturn, Paschal Matins with Procession, and Paschal Divine Liturgy. After the services: Blessing of Paschal food baskets.

APRIL 11, PASCHA – EASTER
12:30 p.m. *Agape* Vespers; Pot-luck social; children's Easter Egg Hunt.

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Children's Message
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Easter Egg Hunt for the Children

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4 – PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion
THURSDAY, APRIL 8 MAUNDY THURSDAY
11:00 a.m. – Communion Service
7:00 p.m. – Ceremonial Seder Meal and Holy Communion (we encourage reservations for Seder)
FRIDAY, APRIL 9 – GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 Noon – Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae – Holy Communion
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – EASTER FESTIVAL
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
9:30 a.m. *Children's Pageant*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
6:30 p.m. *Seder Supper*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
7:30 p.m. *The Shadow of the Cross*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service *Readings*
9:30 a.m. Traditional *From Cross, Through Grave, To Glory*

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:45 & 11 a.m. Palm crosses distributed

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Noon to 3 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Communion and private prayer
7:30 p.m. Worship Service, David Peterson, "The Lost Name of God."

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:45 & 11 a.m. Family Festival of the Resurrection Choir at both services.

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PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th
7:00 p.m. – Living Last Supper

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
12 Noon – Via Dolorosa
7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. – Children's Divine Service
10:30 a.m. – Divine Worship Service

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – April 4 - Communion
Jesus Rides to Jerusalem on a Real Donkey
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship "Guess Who is Coming to Town"
11:00 a.m. Family Worship "the Littlest Donkey"

Maundy Thursday – April 8 - Communion
2:00 p.m. Peace Village; 3:00 p.m. Peace Residences
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Good Friday – April 9 – Tennebrae
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Easter Sunday – April 11
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service "Early One Morning"
7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Celebration
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Family Easter Celebration

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Palm Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Hill's Salute To Spring

The Bishop Hill Heritage Assn., in partnership with the local merchants, is opening the doors of the Steeple Building to the public to celebrate the beginning of its 2004 season. This Salute to Spring is planned for Saturday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 4th. Bishop Hill Fiber Arts Guild members will be on hand to demonstrate their time honored crafts on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Throughout the village artisans will be opening their workshops to share their unique talents with interested guests.

The Red Oak Restaurant will sponsor a guest speaker on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Steeple Building. Well-known longtime area resident Kathy Johnson will take her audience on a sentimental journey through Grandma's attic! Using hats and other personal props, Kathy will share a story of history, family and fashion – a salute to the past and the spring ahead. Light refreshments and tea will follow her talk. All are invited so bring a friend and wear your best bonnet!

On Sunday at 2 p.m. P.L. Johnson's Dining Room will sponsor WQAD-TV personality and horticultural specialist Craig Hignight in a special answer session at the Steeple Building. Hignight will provide his expert advice to help avoid planting problems and to insure a perfect plot this season. The public is invited to bring gardening questions to this event and to meet this Master Gardener in person. The program will conclude with tea and refreshments.

On Sunday at 3 p.m. a special gift of heavenly music is planned for visitors. The Heritage Assn. has engaged the talented Northern Illinois graduate student Julie Rabens to perform works from her Masters Program. A harp recital featuring Ms. Rabens on the concert pedal harp will begin at 3 p.m. in the Steeple Building. All are welcome to attend this melodious musical affair.

Most merchants will participate in a seed giveaway as a salute to spring. Folks are encouraged to stop by their favorite shop to pick up a complimentary seed packet of daisy and flax seeds. The combined colors of these blooms (red, white, blue and yellow) represent the American and Swedish flags. The merchants hope that the public will embrace this gesture, plant the seeds and as they bloom remember friends in Bishop Hill, a utopia on the prairie then and now!

All the above-mentioned activities are free to the public. Donations to the Bishop Hall Heritage Assn. are always appreciated and can be made in support of these and other cultural and restorative projects. Bishop Hill is located in the heart of Henry County 20 miles east of Interstate 74 and south of Interstate 80.

The Lewis Story

Kurt Schackmuth (pictured), a Lewis University staff member, will present a multimedia lecture entitled "Land and Limestone: The Story of Lewis University' Co-Founder Michael Fitzpatrick" on Thursday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in Room A133 of the Academic Building on the Lewis main campus, located on Route 53 in Romeoville. The presentation will feature a variety of pictures, stories and anecdotes about the Fitzpatrick family, one of the mot influential families in the history of the I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor. Presented as part of Lewis' Arts & Ideas program, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Schackmuth's lecture will recount the Fitzpatrick family's journey to America from Ireland and describe its long-lasting impact on the Canal Corridor region. The Fitzpatricks were instrumental in the formation of Lewis University, and their limestone farmhouse remains a historic landmark for both the University and the I&M Canal. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Fitzpatrick House is located directly across from the Lewis main campus.

The house is part of the homestead that included the original 160 acres of the Lewis campus, donated to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1920 by philanthropist Michael Fitzpatrick. In 2001, Lewis University acquired the house, which is now home to several of Lewis' staff offices. Most notably, the University's Alumni Center and Office of Development currently reside in the Fitzpatrick House.

Schackmuth is a dual alumnus of Lewis (1998 and 2002) as well as a Lewis historian. He currently serves as Director of Operations for Lewis University's Office of Mission and Planning. In 2002, he co-authored a 128-page pictorial history of Lewis, published by Arcadia Press. The book depicts Lewis' evolution from a small aviation technical school into a comprehensive, co-educational university.

A Joliet resident, Schackmuth is also President of the Cathedral Area Preservation Association of Joliet, a 450-member neighborhood conservation organization. The Association is known locally for its popular "This Olde Housewalk," which takes place each summer.

Premcor's Soil & Water Contamination

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and the owner of a closed refinery in Blue Island have agreed on a plan to investigate the nature and extent of contamination left behind when the facility closed more than two years ago. During decades of operation, numerous releases of crude oil, gasoline and other petroleum products occurred at the site. Just how much of that material remains in the soils and groundwater at and near the site is yet to be fully determined.

The agreement with Premcor Refining Group sets forth specific time frames for the company to conduct soil and groundwater sampling. These samples will determine how much contamination remains at the site and will assist in crafting and implementing a plan for addressing the contamination. Premcor is required by the court order to submit its results and findings to the Attorney General's Office and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for technical review and approval.

The agreement resolves a portion of a complaint filed in January by Madigan that alleged soil and water contamination at Premcor's 131st St. and Kedzie Ave. facility resulting from alleged spills and releases of petroleum and other contaminants dating back through its more than 50 years of operations.

"It's important for area residents to know that steps are being taken that will help restore their community and encourage redevelopment for the benefit of all," Madigan said.

The agreement, entered by a Cook County judge on March 16th, also requires Premcor to reimburse the State of Illinois $191,621.60 for costs incurred by the IEPA in performing investigative, oversight and cleanup actions at the site between April 1997 and June 2003.

Premcor shut down its gasoline refinery operations in January 2001 but still maintains a storage facility at the site. Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Wallace is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 8th in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St (at Crawford/Pulaski) in Matteson. For further information about the group and/or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

On Wednesday, March 10 Marist High School welcomed The Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps from Essex, England. The band, made up of boys and girls from age 10-21, performed a concert at Marist in preparation for their appearance at the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Principal Larry Tucker accepted a commemorative plaque, given to Marist by the band's drum major.

Since their founding in 1957, The Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps has been a competitive group that has always ranked among the top youth bands in the UK. They are very well known in the UK for their musical and marching abilities. This year they will represent Great Britain at music festivals in France.

It was the band's first trip to the United States and they certainly seemed to enjoy it. The British students spent the day at Marist and were able to experience a day in the life of an American student. They also went bowling after school with the Marist band students and attended the Marist St. Patrick's Day Mixer.

In addition, CBS news reporter Vince Gerasole covered the visit of the British group for a feature story, which appeared on Channel 2 News. Gerasole interviewed both British students and Marist students to discover the cultural differences between the two countries. The segment is available for viewing at the CBS Chicago News web site.

Comcast Line-Up Adds HDTV

Effective April 1st, Comcast is adding WGN's high-definition channel to its HDTV offerings. WGN-DT will be added to Comcast line-ups in all areas that currently offer HDTV service, just in time for Cubs and Sox baseball. WGN-DT will be broadcast on digital channel 192.

WGN is the leading over-the-air provider of HD sports in the country, producing all Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls home games in the high-definition television format. Approximately 70 home sporting events will be available in HDTV during the 2004-05 season, including Cubs opening day from Wrigley Field on April 12th. The Chicago White Sox will debut in HDTV from the newly refurbished U.S. Cellular Field on April 14th.

With the addition of the new channels, Comcast continues to build its strong HDTV content offering, which currently includes over 12 networks – more than any other provider in the area. More than 1.2 million homes in the greater Chicago region are able to receive Comcast HDTV programming, with that number increasing by the end of 2004.

WGN-DT also will offer Chicago viewers more than 10 hours of HDTV programming per week on the WB, including hour dramas "Everwood," "Gilmore Girls," "One Tree Hill," "Smallville" and "Angel," and half-hour shows "What I Like About You," "Run of the House," "Reba," "Like Family" and "All about the Andersons."

HDTV service is available to Comcast cable customers in areas where the company's cable plant has been upgraded to accommodate two-way services. In order to receive HDTV signals, customers must have HDTV-ready or HDTV-cable television sets. Comcast will provide a Motorola digital set-top box for a monthly equipment fee of $5. Professional installation of Comcast HDTV service is available.

Digital TV (DTV) is a broadcasting technology that uses digital signals instead of analog signals. This transmission format offers the viewer a wider aspect ratio (16:9) with clearer, sharper images.

New Hope Church Presents "Eyes Of Faith"

Some see with eyes of fear. Others see with eyes of skepticism. But there has always been a small contingency of people that see with faith. When Jesus came to earth 2000 years ago, he became a man to live and walk among us. He made those with faith finally see what they were hoping for.

This dramatic story of Jesus' life on earth that culminated in his crucifixion is captured in the eye-opening Easter musical, *Eyes of Faith*.

Eyes of Faith combines filed characters on DVD (Simeon, Judas, Mary Magdalene and Peter) with live narrator , choir and soloists. These characters were professionally recorded in a "60 Minutes style," all in black, as if they were interviewed shortly after the events to tell their story of Jesus. The audience will view them on a theatre-style, big screen.

"The Easter story and message never changes, but we're excited to present it in a fresh, new way that uses the latest technology," said David Yount, Senior Pastor of New Hope Church. This cantata, or more commonly referred "musical," is an Easter worship experience. The audience will sing about half of the musical with the choir.

The production is headed up by Nila Dimangondayao, New Hope Church's Worship Director. Dimangondavao has been putting on musicals like these for years. "I enjoy the challenge and excitement of these productions. God always does something amazing through them." *Eyes of Faith* is a musical that features a full choir singing four-part harmony to fully orchestrated musical anthems and contemporary worship songs. Choreography has also been added. "We train for about four months to prepare for the final 'performance'," added Dimangondayao. "Telling the story of Jesus, meeting people from our community and making them feel welcome at New Hope is what these productions are all about."

Pastor Yount notes the previous congregation who occupied this building had a tradition of hosting "live" holiday presentations. "This church has had a long-standing reputation of presenting powerful dramas. New Hope Church wants to carry on that tradition but in a contemporary way that touches the people of our community," said Yount.

Eyes of Faith can only be seen at New Hope Church, 5100 W. 115th St. There will be two performances: the first one will be at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 9th; the second will be held on Easter Sunday, April 11th at 10:30 a.m. For more information on New Hope Church, visit the New Hope web site at www.newhope-online.org.

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Park Lawn Tag Days

Can you spare two hours of your time? YOU can make a real difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Park Lawn Tag Days are Friday and Saturday, April 9th and 10th and Saturday, April 16th and 17th. Thousands of individual and group volunteers are needed to collect donations at intersections and store fronts in Chicago and the surrounding suburban communities.

Safety vests, collection buckets and handouts will be provided for volunteers. Convenient time slots and locations are available close to your home or work, for you and your friends and family.

All proceeds from Tag Days benefit Park Lawn, a non-profit agency located in Chicago's southwest suburbs which provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information on Tag Days or to schedule a time and location to Tag, call (708) 425-6867.

Worth Township Seniors Jewelry Class Meets

The Worth Township Seniors will have a Jewelry, Design & Repair Class. This class meets in the Senior Room of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. (starting in April). The cost will be from $5 to $8 depending upon the number of persons in the class each time. For more information, call Jean at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Bremen Presents Comedy "Figments"

Bremen High School will present a Bremen Braves Theatre Production of *Figments*, a comedy by Billy St. John, from April 1st through 4th at the high school, 15203 S. Pulaski in Midlothian. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m. Sunday is a matinee at 2 p.m.

The performance of *Figments*, directed by Matthew Slomka, will be presented in two casts. It is about a playwright with a wild imagination...perhaps too wild! As Rick Jacobs attempts to overcome a massive case of writer's block, the audience sees four figments of his imagination play out the opening scene of his next murder mystery. They are all interrupted by the arrival of Rick's neighbor, Loni, with whom Rick is helplessly (and secretly) in love. When Loni tells Rick about the man she is currently dating, he envisions an eight-armed human spider, as well as doubles for himself and Loni saying to each other the words he'd like them to exchange. Rick's mom also appears carrying an urn with his father's ashes inside. Of course, Pop pops in to comment on life with Mama, and the hereafter. As Rick's thoughts bounce between his frustrating love life and his play, the real people and the figments of his imagination come together and clash in hilarious combinations.

Members of Action Sertoma Club are counting on "The River" to bring a flood of success to their upcoming charitable Texas Holdem poker tournament fund raiser.

Joe Varanauski and Roger Harpold, on a recent Comcast cable show titled "Reaching Out," (Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. in Evergreen Park, Palos Heights, Hometown, Alsip, and Worth; Mondays, 8 p.m. in Orland Park) have announced plans to conduct the card tournament as part of Sertoma Centre Inc. Foundation's BIG EVENT scheduled May 15 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave.

According to Varanauski, a variety of games of chance will be offered in the gaming room to individuals 21-years of age and older. The Texas Holdem poker tournament, which will be hosted by Action Sertoma Club and licensed by the Illinois Gaming Commission, will crown a champion the afternoon of the BIG EVENT. There is a $100 tournament entry fee, only one entry per person. Only the first 100 entries received, in advance, will be eligible to play. Entries must be submitted no later than May 1, to be eligible to participate. Payouts will be made to the last three players remaining in the tournament, totaling up to $5,000.

Prizes shall be determined by the amount of entrants, and shall be according to the sole discretion of Action Sertoma Club. Fifty percent of all funds received will be paid out. Rules will be sent to all participants prior to the tournament.

For more information, contact Joe Varanauski, Action Sertoma Club, 15409 Maple Court, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452, (708) 489-8988.

To register for the poker tournament, forward printed name, address, phone number, e-mail address, birth date, and written signature to the attention of Joe Varanauski at the above address. All entrants are required to be 21-years of age or older. Make checks out to: "Action Sertoma Club." Games rules will be sent to all participants prior to the tournament. Rules available also on game day. By signing entry, all participants agree to abide by the rules and judging of tournament.

Other family activities at the BIG EVENT include a firefighter cook off (12:30 to 3:30 p.m. sampling and voting) with celebrity judges; live auction (4 p.m.); singles auction (4 p.m.); raffles; music; educational sessions for children; and the Unique Boutique shopping experience featuring fine artisan booths, including Charlotte Then and Now jewelry and purses; and, G & L Trophies and Gifts fire/police memorabilia.

Pictured: Melanie Jones, director of advancement and communications (center) and Gus van den Brink, Sertoma Centre executive director (far right), with Action Sertoma's Joe Varanauski (far left), Roger Harpold (second from left), and professional auctioneer Shane Ratliff (fourth from left).

Host Art Exhibit

Franklin Framing & Art Gallery, 13019 S. Western Ave., Blue Island will host an exhibition of art by students from Brother Rice High School, under the direction of instructor Lynda Joras, Saturday, April 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. The exhibit will include an artists' reception, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Admission and parking are free. The public is invited.

For more information, call the gallery at (708) 389-0000.

Single Adult Parties Set

Single adults are invited to three Friday night singles parties at Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs. The next dances will take place from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday, April 9th; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7th; and 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18th.

On a typical Friday night singles party, more than 500 men and women gather to dance to the tunes of a CD disc jockey.

Willowbrook Ballroom's 6,000 square foot dance floor is perfect for dancing to oldies as well as the hits.

All singles warmly welcome. Admission is $7. For more information, call (708) 839-1000.

Orchestra On Tour

CSO Music Director Daniel Barenboim will lead members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on a week-long tour to Berlin, Germany in early April, presenting three performances as part of Berlin's eighth annual Festtage, the annual Easter-week music festival established by Daniel Barenboim in 1996. The CSO's concerts will be performed at the Berlin Philharmonic concert hall on April 7, 8, and 9. These programs – which each include music by Bach, Schoenberg, and Tchaikovsky – will feature solo performances by pianist Peter Serkin, violinist Nikolaj Znaider, and CSO Principal Flute Mathieu Dufour. This tour marks the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's sixth appearance at Festtage and its tenth visit to Berlin.

On Wednesday, April 7th, Mr. Barenboim and the CSO kick off their Berlin residency with a program to include Bach's *Brandenburg* Concerto No. 3, Schoenberg's Piano Concerto, Op. 42 with pianist Peter Serkin as soloist, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Violinist Nikolaj Znaider joins the CSO on Thursday, April 8 for Schoenberg's Violin Concerto, Op. 36. This program also holds Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 2 with CSO Principal Flute Mathieu Dufour as soloist and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. Mr. Serkin returns for the CSO's final Berlin performance on April 9, partnering with Mr. Barendboim for a double keyboard concerto by J.S. Bach.

"THE CORNER"

YOUR Favorite Recipe and/or Helpful Hints

TRINITY'S SHRIMP LOG

- 2 - 8 oz. packages cream cheese (reg. or lite)
- 1 small can (tiny) shrimp drained and rinsed
- 1 or 2 teaspoons dry onion soup mix, use mostly the dried onions or to taste
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

Soften cream cheese, add onion soup mix and garlic powder, then add shrimp and blend together. Place on wax paper and roll into a log. Chill. To serve place on serving plate and cover with shrimp sauce. Surround with crackers.

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To remove grease from stew, soup or gravy drop a few ice cubes in the pot. Spoon the cubes out, as the grease sticks to the ice.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Present Concert

Bassist Josh Abrams is joined by Jeff Parker on guitar, Guillermo Gregorio on alto sax and clarinet and Axel Dörner on trumpet Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Claudia Cassidy Theater at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. The concert is presented as part of the Department of Cultural Affairs' *New Millennium/New Music* series that showcases new and improvised music.

Formerly of the band The Roots from Philadelphia, Abrams went on to join Chicago groups Town And Country and the David Boykin Expanse. The quarter employs Chicago's own guitar boss, Jeff Parker, who is well known for his work with Tortoise, the Chicago Underground projects, as well as his own work as bandleader. Italian reed maestro Guillermo Gregorio has improvised with Fred Lonberg-Holm, Jim O'Rourke and Anthony Braxton, to name just a few. Also featured is European brass journeyman, Axel Dörner, whose work with musicians John Butcher, Alexander von Schlippenbach and Mats Gustafsson as both a free improviser and a composer covers multiple continents.

Performing as a quartet, the musicians completely blur the lines between free improvisation, free jazz and "free composition." They draw from many aspects of the 20th century jazz and improv tradition, building a modern aesthetic out of elements from the past. This concert is in support of their debut album *Cipher* on Delmark Records.

For more information on this free concert, call (312) 744-6630 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalCenter.

Southwest Theatre & Arts Resources, Inc. (S.T.A.R.), a local nonprofit community theatre organizations, will present live performances of the popular comedy/drama, "E/R: Emergency Room." Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at 8 p.m. The production will be held at Home Auditorium, 4400 S. Home Ave., in Stickney. Easily accessible from all parts of the city and suburbs, the theater features comfortable seating and plenty of parking.

Local actors include: Stickney residents Leslie Sage, Joe Kvasnicka, Vanessa Kotrba and Robert Rigler; Westchester resident Dennis Mulvey; Burbank resident Chas Seaton; Bridgeview resident Marilyn Eshoo; Mary Jo Williamson of Oak Lawn; Len Novak of Chicago Ridge; Robert Zett of Hickory Hills; Amber Marie of Oak Forest; Nancy Zable of the Clearing neighborhood; Meg Collins of Gage Park; Cindy Bryk of McKinely Park; Kathleen Dulewicz of West Englewood and Edgewater resident Steve Boardman.

Tickets are $10 at the door, discounts for seniors, students and children are offered, and no reservations are required. For more information on the play or S.T.A.R., which was established in 1988, visit their website at www.chicagostar.org, e-mail info@chicagostar.org, or call (773) 585-5852.

Pictured (top row, left to right) Len Novak, Mary Jo Williamson and Chas Seaton, along with (bottom row) Amber Marie, and Marilyn Eshoo as they rehearse for S.T.A.R.'s production of "E/R: Emergency Room."

Joint Chorus Concert

The Women's Chorus and the Men's Chorus of The Music Conservatory at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts will give a joint performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the University's seventh-floor Ganz Hall, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

The choruses will be co-conducted by Anne Heider, who is the artistic director of the Chicago-based professional choir, His Majestie's Clerkes, and Cheryl Frazes Hill, who is associate conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Both are members of the conducting faculty at CCPA.

Program for the evening, includes: Gustav Holst's, *Songs from Rig-Veda*; David L. Brunner's *Yo Le canto todo el dia*; and selected spirituals.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (312) 341-2238.

Theatre Casting Call

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its summer production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Auditions will be held on Monday, April 5th and Tuesday, April 6th from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for individuals ages 15 years and older. Callbacks, if necessary, will be held on Wednesday, April 7th. All auditions are held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

After months of rehearsals, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* will run at the Oak View Center for two continuous weekends: June 4th to 6th and June 10th to 13th.

In addition to Fett, the show's production staff includes: Josie Nirchi, director; Brad Kisner, assistant director; Dawn Schnolis, choreographer; Diane Madden, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor; and Gil Oliva, lighting and set designer. Executive producers are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Tickets for the June shows are now on sale at the Oak View Center. Prices are $18 for adults and $17 for seniors and children. For more information on the audition or the production, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com.

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District 218 EARLY Start Program Succeeds

District 218 freshmen who completed the three-week summer 2003 program designed to boost math, reading and writing skills outperformed peers who chose not to enroll in the program during the first semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Data analysis of first semester grades revealed that students who enrolled in EARLY Start – for incoming freshmen who scored below average on their high school placement tests – performed better than peers with similar placement test scores.

Severely deficient students who enrolled in EARLY Start recorded 6% fewer F's in English I, 13% fewer F's in Developmental Reading, and 50% fewer F's in Algebra IM than severely deficient students who chose not to enroll.

Moderately deficient students who completed EARLY Start recorded 12% more A's in English I and 12% fewer F's in Developmental Reading than moderately deficient students who did not enroll.

"We're encouraged by their progress. We certainly hope parents of current eighth graders will take advantage of this opportunity next summer. Only about 40 percent of eligible students enrolled in EARLY Start last year. Freshman year in many ways is the most important year of high school. If students learn to succeed as freshmen, we believe that experience will help them fulfill their potential throughout high school. This program accelerates their academic and social preparation for high school," said Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Kevin McCaffrey

The Board of Education on March 8th approved a slight change in the scheduling of EARLY Start for summer 2004. Rather than meet during the first three-week session, EARLY Start will meet during the second three-week block of summer school. This change will diminish the amount of time between the end of EARLY Start and the beginning of the new school year. Hopefully, the shorter interval will help students retain more of what they learn in EARLY Start.

Effects apparent immediately

Prior to the start of the program last summer, students took a pre-test to measure their skill levels. They then took a post-test to measure their progress after completing the program, which was offered for the first time during the summer of 2003. Overall, students demonstrated significant improvement between pre-tests and post-tests in all three academic areas. Achievement highlights included:

- Overall, students' reading rate rose from 159 to 249 words per minute, a 57 percent improvement, on their Timed Reading Lesson exam. Perhaps more significantly, their rate of comprehension on the TRL rose from an average of 69 percent to 78 percent.
- Overall, students' test scores improved by 8.1 percent (58.8 to 66.9) between the pre-test and post-test in the Six-Way Paragraph unit. This instructional unit helps students identify main ideas, subject matter and supporting details while improving reading comprehension.
- Overall, students improved their test scores from 51.7 percent to 61.5 percent (9.8 percent) on the Word Shop exam. Word Shop is an instructional unit designed to enhance vocabulary skills by reinforcing context clues and applying the meaning of new words to everyday language.
- Overall, 94 percent of the EARLY Start students improved their math scores between the pre-test and post-test. On average, students improved by 18.2 percent.

In addition to the positive results from tests, the responses to a district-administered student survey further underscored the success of EARLY Start. When asked if they would participate in a program "like this again," 80 percent said "yes." When asked if they would "recommend this type of program to your friends," 85 percent said "yes." Finally, when asked "Did the EARLY Start program help to prepare you for high school?" 96 percent said "yes."

"We're encouraged by the results. For a first-year program, we feel EARLY Start achieved great success. Hopefully, next year more students who qualify for enrollment in EARLY Start will take advantage of the opportunity to improve their skill levels," said McCaffrey

Despite telephoning or personally visiting with their parents, district officials were somewhat disappointed that only about half of students (134 in total) eligible for EARLY Start chose to enroll. Students qualified for EARLY Start by registering sub-standard scores on high school entrance exams.

Aligned with Illinois Learning Standards, the curricula for EARLY Start immersed students in lessons and activities designed to strengthen their skill foundation for high school. Teachers utilized research-based instructional methods in technology integration, reading, writing, and math to boost skill levels. In addition, social workers met with small groups of students to discuss graduation requirements, using student planners, and answer questions about their new schools.

Global Messengers

Christine Kelly, 32, of Oak Lawn was one of seven Special Olympics Illinois athletes certified as a Special Olympics Global Messenger at a training session Feb. 27-29 at the state headquarters in Normal. Global Messengers are athlete spokespersons for Special Olympics who have completed a three-day training session in communications along with their local speech coach.

Global Messengers are Special Olympics athletes who have been trained in public speaking. They are called upon to give presentations about their involvement with Special Olympics to various groups throughout the state with the goal of increasing awareness about the program. Special Olympics Illinois launched its Global Messenger program in 1997. This year's class of Global Messengers brings Illinois' total number of messengers to 68.

Christine has been participating in Special Olympics for 24 years and competes through Mt. Greenwood Park. She has competed in powerlifting, figure skating, speed skating, swimming, softball, bowling, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball, golfing, track & field, and gymnastics She has attended the World Games in both 1983 and 1997

She is the daughter of Michael and Mary Kelly. Marilyn Cook of Chicago is her speech coach. Christine currently works at Taco Bell.

"Global Messengers have proven to be a popular and successful way to demonstrate the benefits of Special Olympics participation," says Hiram Brownell, Director of Outreach and Athlete Leadership Programs for Special Olympics Illinois. "The People who have benefited directly from Special Olympics indeed make the most credible and effective spokespeople for the organization."

If you are interested in having Christine Kelly speak to your organization, club or gathering, contact Jim Boldt, Area Director for Special Olympics Illinois Chicago/Area 3 at (312) 595-9138.

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Banquet

Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt, is having its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Thursday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. Both girls and boys are welcome to attend. Children should bring along a teddy bear. You may dress up in your fanciest clothes and top it off with a beautiful hat. Several prizes will be awarded. Entertainment will be The Damen Avenue Puppeteers. A roast pork dinner with all the fixings will be served. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, April 25th. The cost is $10 for adults, $5 for children 5-12, and children under 4 are free. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, contact the church office at (708) 422-0193.

O'Donnell Is Named

Kelly O'Donnell, a student at Mother McAuley High School, will join a select group of students representing their school, community and state, as a People to People student leader. O'Donnell has been accepted into a People to People Leadership Summit in Florida from June 10th to 19th. All students accepted into a People to People program must meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements. O'Donnell was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

People to People's Future Leaders Summits on law, medicine and health care, and leadership bring together outstanding student leaders from across the United States to focus on leadership, team building, college, admissions, and professional aspirations. Students can choose to build their courtroom skills, focus on how to enter the medical profession, or work on an action plan to make a difference in their community. Students develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world while earning academic or service-learning credit.

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LCMH Receive Educational Grant

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is once again proud to be named a grant recipient. The Chicagoland Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation generously renewed a $25,000 grant for the third time, to support Breast Cancer Survivor Education Support Services.

"We are pleased to receive the support and monetary tools provided by the Susan G. Komen Foundation to continue our joint efforts to provide education about breast cancer," said Little Company's Cancer Center Director Pat Murphy, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A. "Our Cancer Center shares the Komen Foundation's vision of what can be accomplished through continued education and research."

As part of the grant, the Breast Cancer Survivor Educational Support Services program can continue to provide support and education to the ever-growing number of survivors in order to cope with the physical and emotional effects of a cancer diagnosis and treatment, offering positive and effective guidance and support as they continue their recovery.

The funds help sponsor outside speakers for Integrative Therapy programs at The Cancer Center to educate, encourage and support cancer survivors. In addition, the grant has helped Little Company establish The Lymphedema and Chronic Edema Clinic, which includes specialized manual therapy for lymphatic drainage, compression bandaging, exercise and compression stocking treatment over a series of sessions. Decongestive therapy also is effective in treating other types of edema, such as chronic edema following orthopedic injuries or surgeries. In addition, it helps manage edema caused by chronic venous insufficiency and can help to facilitate wound healing in these patients.

The educational grant will allow Little Company's Breast Cancer Survivor Educational Support Services to provide the following activities:

- "Look Good Feel Better," a free program supported by the American Cancer Society that teaches women to manage hair and wigs, apply makeup and deal with alterations in appearance due to cancer treatment.
- Yoga programs to help bring balance to the body, mind and spirit, providing stress relief, improving flexibility and increasing stamina.
- A weekly lunchtime program providing information about the cancer diagnosis itself as well as treatment, managing the side effects of treatment and spirituality, where attendees can share a meal and socialize with other patients.
- The Y-ME breast cancer support group program meets monthly at Little Company's Cancer Center. This free program is available to the community and began in June of 2001.

Renew Marriage Vows

St. Linus Church was the site recently for over 200 married couples as they gathered at a special Mass to celebrate and renew their wedding vows.

Fr. Bill Corcoran, pastor, celebrated the Mass and guided the congregation as each individual couple held hands, and communally renewed their sacramental marriage vows to each other. The ages of the couples ranged from those in their 20s to those in their 70s.

It was a very moving and powerful celebration as joyful couples firmly repeated their marriage commitment to one another. Prior to the renewal of vows, Fr. Corcoran spoke in his homily about his wanting to have such a celebration to stress the importance of the sacrament of marriage. He defined marriage as a calling for each spouse to mindfully nurture and support God's work through themselves and to lead each other as well as their family and friends to holiness. "You are not only important in the example you provide to each other, to your own children and friends," he said. "Your example is critical to the life of the church and to your community."

A post communion blessing for health was also given to all couples. And the moving music throughout the liturgy provided by parish musicians, Linda Gervain and Carol Zielinski, helped set a tone for the celebration of shared faith and devotion. As each smiling couple recessed hand in hand to "Ode to Joy" and "The Wedding March," they proudly answered Fr. Corcoran's personal inquiry to each of them as to how many years they had been married. This exchange contributed to making all especially cognizant of the thousands of years' strength represented by being united in Christ through the sacrament of marriage. Congratulations were exchanged by all as the newly renewed went off into the evening to dinner dates planned for the special evening.

Hold "Frankenstein" Panel Discussion

The novel "Frankenstein" will be the focus of a panel discussion held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., tonight, Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Admission is free on a first-come, first-seated basis.

This is one of six panel discussion topics offered by nine public libraries hosting events related to "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit that will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library until April 28. For a complete listing of discussions and a film series offered at other participating libraries, visit Moraine Valley's Frankenstein web site at www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer at (708) 422-4990.

Theatre Workshop

McAuley Theatre Dept welcomed 76 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students for its annual Theatre Workshop on Thursday, March 11th. The workshop is specifically designed to provide sessions in acting, improvisation, auditioning, musical theatre and theatre production. With the help of McAuley Thespians, students experienced first-hand the preparation that is needed to produce a live performance. The festival concluded with a live performance for family members that evening, giving students the opportunity to utilize the skills learned at the workshop.

Students from the following schools participated in the event: Morgan Park, Most Holy Redeemer, Queen of Martyrs, St. Barnabas, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Gerald, St. Germaine, St. Linus, St. Michael, St. Paul, St. Simon the Apostle and St. Walter.

Free Tests

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings Wednesday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. At this month's screening event, participants may bring in current prescriptions for a one-on-one consultation at an "Ask the Pharmacist" forum.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

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Although cardiovascular exercise like running or aerobics is essential for a healthy body, strength and flexibility are just as critical – especially as you age. Flexibility training (stretching that improves the range of motion in your joints and muscles) help to prevent cramps, stiffness, and injuries. Exercises like yoga, Pilates and t'ai chi may also help reduce stress levels, blood pressure and cholesterol.

When you improve your strength and add muscle, your body can burn more fat, maintain bone density and possibly lower your levels of LDL ("bad" cholesterol). After age 30, muscles gradually begin to decline; including resistance training in your regular exercise program can slow this process.

Here are three popular strength and flexibility workouts – one may be right for you. Videos, audio tapes and books are available for each of these forms, but it is helpful to attend at least one or two classes with a trained expert to learn the forms properly.

YOGA, which has been practiced in India for thousands of years, is now popular around the world. Rather than using strap-on weights or free weights, yoga postures use the weight of your own body to enhance resistance and build strength. There are many different approaches to yoga. Some styles focus more on spiritual aspects, including meditation, chanting or affirmations while others highlight careful alignment, breathwork or challenging workouts. The Sun Salutation – traditionally performed at dawn – stretches each of the major muscle groups and is commonly used as a warm-up for more difficult poses.

PILATES was developed in the 1920s and popularized in New York and Los Angeles among dance and film stars. Named after its developer, Joseph Pilates, it is now a fad in mainstream America. The goal is to increase strength and flexibility without adding bulk. It is comprised of a smorgasbord of yoga, stretching, and calisthenics.

Pilates focuses on proper breathing, good posture and intense concentration, using slow movements targeting the abdominals, lower back and buttocks. Although you can perform the exercises on a mat, specially designed equipment is used for more advanced forms. Advocates of this program say that it is appropriate for all fitness levels, including people in physical therapy.

T'AI CHI, an ancient Chinese style of exercise, meditation and self-defense, involves controlled movements done very slowly. Students practice a series of forms strung together into one continuous motion, including a defined beginning and end. Many of the positions are derived from the martial arts, which in turn were inspired by the movements of animals and birds. T'ai chi helps stretch and tone muscles, enhance strength, relieve tension and improve balance and circulation. Studies also show strong evidence that is can lower blood pressure and improve heart rates.

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SSM Hospice Care

Pat Ukockis remembers when hospice services were first made available at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center a decade ago. As the program's first field nurse, she recalls the very first patient served and the tiny, yellow house on Irving Ave. that once served as the hospice offices.

The program has since grown to serve more than 200 families a year. And in April, SSM Hospice at St. Francis, Blue Island, will commemorate 10 years of providing compassionate care to terminal patients and support to their families.

"The essence of good patient care has been there from the start and continues to be there now," said Ukockis, an RN and Certified Hospice & Palliative Care Nurse (CHPN). "There are a lot of dedicated people who work for hospice."

SSM Hospice provides care through an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, certified nurse assistants, social workers, a chaplain and volunteers. The hospice approach is comfort care, treating the person and not the disease.

"Most people don't know about hospice until they need it," said hospice administrator LaVera Davis, RN, CHPN. "It is a best-kept secret in healthcare."

SSM Hospice at St. Francis, Blue Island, is licensed in Cook, Will and DuPage counties, and provides care for adult and geriatric patients within their homes and at alternate living sites.

"People should not feel alone during these extremely difficult times and should utilize these services to the fullest," said Nancy Roesner, hospice volunteer coordinator, RN, CHPN. "Hospice is a Medicare and Medicaid benefit and is covered by most private insurance."

SSM Hospice at St. Francis, Blue Island, is planning several activities in honor of its 10-year history. Details of those events will be announced in the near future.

Uninsured Charged Exorbitant Prices

The Illinois Senate unanimously passed legislation recently that could bring much needed relief to the 1.8 million uninsured Illinois residents plagued by hospital price gouging and predatory collection practices. The bill will now go to the Illinois House of Representatives for consideration.

Research and advocacy by the Hospital Accountability Project led to the introduction of the legislation. The Project studied 59 hospitals in the Chicago area and found that Advocate Health Care charged uninsured patients exorbitant prices. Advocate, the largest provider of medical services in metropolitan Chicago, expected the uninsured to pay 139% more for their medical treatment than it expected from insurance companies. In addition, Advocate sued former patients to collect unpaid bills at a rate three times greater than other hospitals in Cook County.

The research sparked investigations by the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Senate Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Sen. Barack Obama. After conducting hearings in the fall, Sen. Obama introduced SB 2579 which requires hospitals to provide free and reduced price health care for low-income uninsured patients, to curb predatory debt collection practices, and to publicize the availability of charity care. Nonprofit hospitals were already expected to provide charity care in exchange for generous tax benefits. However, many former patients criticized hospitals for not informing them about the availability of charity care.

"As a former nurse, I knew how charity care programs worked and even informed patients about them. That's why I was shocked when Advocate Lutheran General Hospital told me they did not have charity care," said Zida Perez, whose uninsured husband was overcharged and then sued for $12,000. Perez visited Sen. Obama in Springfield to express her support for the bill. "Even if it is too late to help me, I'll be happy to know that others will not suffer like my family has."

"This bill establishes a minimum expectation for all hospitals, but large hospital chains with greater financial resources, such as Advocate Health Care, should do even more," said Joseph Geevarghese, director of the project. "For too long, hard-working Illinois residents with the least have been forced to pay the most by large hospital chains more concerned with the bottom-line than meeting community needs."

The proposed legislation will require that all hospitals to:

- Provide a 100% discount for medically necessary services for uninsured patients earning less than the federal poverty level ($18,850 for a family of four).
- Provide discounts equal to costs for uninsured patients earning less than 200% of the federal poverty level ($37,700 for a family of four).
- Wait 70 days before filing a lawsuit against uninsured patients for unpaid medical bills. This safe harbor would be extended as long as the patient is cooperating with the hospital.
- Notify patients of Medicare, Medicaid, Kid Care, Family Care and charity care in the primary languages spoken by patients.
- Make the hospital's charity assistance policy available to the public.

Sens. Jacqueline Collins, Jeffery Schoenberg, Don Harmon and Iris Martinez are co-sponsors in the Senate. Reps. Mary Flowers, Harry Osterman and Michael McAuliffe are co-sponsors in the House.

The Hospital Accountability Project is a Chicago-based research and advocacy initiative of the Service Employees International Union.

Annual Penikoff Research Symposium

Remyelination, or repairing the fatty tissue (myelin) that insulates the nerve fibers in the central nervous system, is the topic of the ninth annual Fannie and Charles Penikoff Research Symposium to be presented on Saturday, April 17th by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Destruction of myelin is the primary cause of MS symptoms including impaired mobility, fatigue and muscle spasticity. Ultimately, remyelination may translate to a return of function for many people with MS.

The event will feature a keynote address by Bruce D. Trapp, Ph.D., chairman of the Dept. of Neurosciences at the Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Professor of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University and Ohio State University, as well as an interactive discussion by a panel of expert MS neurologists and researchers.

Open to people with MS, their families and friends, as well as healthcare professionals, the symposium will be held live from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at three locations throughout the state in the Chicago, Peoria and Springfield areas. The Marriott Chicago Downtown Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., will host the event with satellite locations linked live via web conference in the Peoria area at the Ashland House and Convention Center, 201 E. Ashland in Morton, and Springfield at the Renaissance Springfield Hotel, 701 E. Adams St. The symposium will also be webcast in real time via the web site at www.msillinois.org.

Registration is required by April 9th – visit www.msillinois.org or call 1(800) FIGHT MS. The fees are as follows – space is limited at each site: Chicago - $25 includes lunch at the Marriott Chicago Downtown Hotel. The hotel is readily accessible by public transportation. Parking is $11 at North Bridge Self Park (5 hours).

This program is sponsored by educational grants from Biogen idec, Serono, Inc., Pfizer, Inc., and Teva Neuroscience. Gold level vendors include Berlex Laboratories, Independence Technology, and Medtronics, Inc. Additional vendors will be onsite.

New Drug Coated Stent Is Now Available

A new drug-coated stent just approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for effective treatment of diseased heart arteries is available to patients now at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

Call the TAXUS™ Express2™ Paclitaxel-Eluting Coronary Stent System, the tiny, metal, mesh-like device, which is coated with the drug paclitaxel, is placed in a patient's heart blood vessel after an angioplasty procedure to open up the clogged vessel, Christ Medical Center cardiologists explained. The stent helps prop open the blood vessel and releases its drug into the vessel walls, thereby minimizing the risk of the vessel narrowing and becoming clogged again – a process called restenosis.

The new stent system, developed by Boston Scientific Corporation, is expected to lead to lower costs for hospitals and patients, because it provides a competitive option in a health-care market that, until now, has been dominated by one type of drug-coated stent produced by another major company, experts say. That stent, which uses the drug sirolimus, was introduced to the United States market in April 2003 following FDA approval. Advocate Christ Medical Center was the first hospital in the Chicago area to use the sirolimus-eluting stent in the spring of 2003.

The FDA's approval of a second drug-coated stent system ensures increased availability of drug-coated stents to meet growing demand, according to Christ Medical Center interventional cardiologists who are using both devices.

Coronary artery disease affects approximately 11 million Americans and represents the single leading killer of American men and women, causing an estimated 500,000 deaths annually. The disease attacks the arteries that surround the heart and that supply oxygen-carrying blood to the heart muscle so that the heart functions properly. As the disease develops, the inner walls of the coronary arteries thicken with an accumulation of cholesterol, fats, calcium and other elements carried in the blood. This buildup, called plaque, narrows the vessels and restricts blood flow.

Using a minimally invasive technique in which a catheter is inserted through a patient's leg artery and threaded through the vessel system to the heart, interventional cardiologists are able to use inflated balloons or devices to open the clogged vessel. However, until the introduction of the drug-coated stents, re-narrowing of the diseased vessel occurred within six months to a year in as many as 30 percent of the patients who underwent angioplasty.

The growing use and popularity of drug-coated stents should have a revolutionary impact on the treatment of coronary artery disease by reducing the number of patients who either must undergo repeat angioplasty procedures or who eventually require open-heart surgery, said the Christ Medical Center cardiologists.

In clinical trials, the TAXUS Paclitaxel-Elutnig Coronary Stent System proved more effective and safe than the bare metal stents in general use prior to the introduction of the drug-coated devices. The Boston Scientific system also demonstrated uniform healing across lesion types and vessel sizes.

Hold Sleep Disorders Panel Discussion At MVCC

Moraine Valley Community College and Northwestern Memorial Hospital will co-sponsor a Medical Education Series panel discussion on sleep disorders entitled "Sleep: Implications for Health" Wednesday, April 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The discussion will take place on the Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., in Moraine Rooms 1 and 2 on the second floor of the College Center. There is no charge for admission.

Dr. Phyllis Zee, professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, will give the presentation, which will address the following topics:

- What is normal sleep and how does sleep change with age?
- Signs of insufficient or poor sleep quality
- Relationship between sleep and quality and health
- Common sleep disorders and treatments
- What you can do to improve sleep quality

The Medical Education Series is a cooperative offering between Moraine Valley and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For more information or to register, call Sharon Kennedy, dean of Career Programs at Moraine Valley, at (708) 974-5708.

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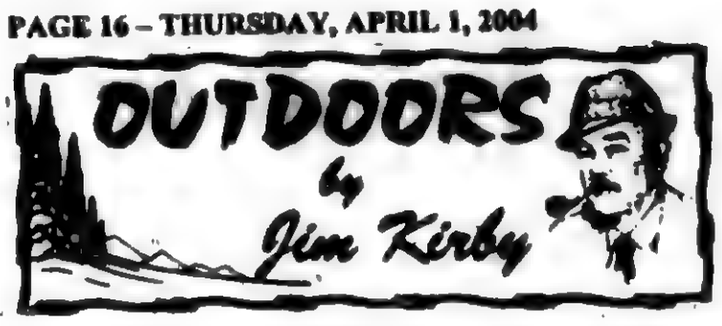

NO APRIL FOOD JOKE: Illinois fishing regulations for the new season are outlined in the 2004 edition of the *Illinois Fishing Information* guide, a free publication from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources detailing statewide and site-specific regulations beginning April 1.

The fishing information booklet is available at hundreds of locations throughout the state where Illinois fishing licenses are sold, including bait shops and sporting goods stores. The text of the guide is also available on-the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us (click on "fishing" on the right side of the home page). New regulations being implemented for the 2004 season take effect on April 1 and are highlighted throughout the text of the guide.

One change in regulations of interest this year involves the bass fishery in Lake Michigan. Anglers will be allowed to keep up to one bass per day if the fish is at least 21 inches, in length. Previous regulations have permitted catch-and-release only for all largemouth and smallmouth bass to help boost their populations in the Illinois waters of Lake Michigan.

Lake Michigan anglers are also reminded that yellow perch fishing is closed in July. At other times, anglers have a daily limit of 15 perch and no perch may be taken by those fishing from charter boats.

The guide also includes a list of places to fish in Illinois, a review of fishing prospects, meal advice for eating fish caught in Illinois waters and details on North American and Illinois state record fish.

Anglers are required to have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession at all times while fishing in the state. An annual resident sportfishing license is $13 ($6.75 for anglers age 65 and older). Those under 16 years of age, blind or disabled, or those residents home on leave from active military service do not need a fishing license. Fishing licenses and stamps may also be purchased on-line with a credit card through IDNR.

■**SHOOTING SPORTS WILL AGAIN REACH MILLIONS ON TV:** Television viewers will again witness the fun and excitement of competitive target sports this summer when some of the best shooting sports athletes face off in unique, made-for-TV rifle and shotgun competitions as part of ESPN's fifth annual "Great Outdoor Games."

The four-day competition will be held July 8-11 and will be broadcast on ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC no later in the summer, reaching outdoor-minded viewers with more than 20 hours of original programming. In addition to shooting events, the Games feature fishing, sporting dog and timber sports competitions.

For info about this year's Great Outdoor Games V, including TV schedules, visit the Web site www.greatoutdoorgames.com.

■**COOLING LAKES OPEN:** April Food's Day will also mark the opening of Heidecke Lake, the last of the three local cooling lakes to open to boat and shore fishing. Braidwood Lake was the first to open on March 1, with operating hours from 6 a.m. to sunset. LaSalle Lake opened March 17 on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule, but is expected to go to a seven day schedule on April 1st. Heicecke Lake has hours of 6 a.m. to sunset for the boat ramp and a 6:30 a.m. opening for bank fishing. These dates and times are subject to change based on weather and ongoing security issues.

■**GOOD NEWS FOR RAMP USERS:** All of the Great lakes are currently above last year's water levels including Lake Michigan at seven inches. At the same time, however, the lake is 14 inches below its long-time average.

■**LAST "LET'S TALK FISHING SHOW" FOR THE YEAR:** If you haven't had a chance to attend one of these winter-time get togethers, this is your last opportunity until next year. These Saturday afternoon sessions give the entire family a place to gather, see outdoor movies, enjoy a free shore lunch and listen to seminars presented by outdoor personalities.

If you fish the Cook County Forest Preserve Lakes, this Saturday's speaker should be of particular interest to you. **Scott Bullard**, Forest Preserve Biologist will speak on "What's happening in the Forest Preserve Lakes," and will be on hand to answer your questions about specific bodies of water.

Show runs from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Edge Lounge, 147th and Cicero, Midlothian, in the Mid Oak Plaza. Phone (708) 687-4244 – see you there!!

LaChiana Pitches For Loyola

Lindsey LaChiana, a sophomore pitcher from Richards High School in Oak Lawn, was almost unhittable in four appearances for Loyola University Chicago last week. The right-hander went 3-0, allowing only one earned run (0.33 ERA) in 21.0 innings of work, while striking out 28 and missing only nine hits and five walks. She has now prevailed in her last four decisions.

LaChiana struck out seven in a 7-1 victory over Northern Illinois on March 23rd. In her next start, she tossed a two-hitter, striking out 11 in the Ramblers' 2-0 decision over Cleveland State on March 27th. In an 8-0 victory over the Vikings on March 28th, LaChiana was the star, going 1 for 3 with three RBI while throwing a complete-game one-hitter and striking out eight.

For the year, LaChiana is 8-6 with a 2.58 ERA and 82 strikeouts in 94.1 innings. She has posted four shutouts already this season.

Loyola is 12-14 overall and 2-1 in the Horizon League.

Brother Rice Head Tennis Coach Marty Grogan, who is entering his 16th year at the helm for the Crusaders, introduced the concept of "synergy" to his team as a motivational tool last season. Having a solid core of returnees to his varsity squad this year, Grogan plans to expand his concept of teamwork to emphasize fitness as a prime motivator. "I believe that if players get themselves in top physical shape it will be easier to handle the mental toughness of the game," he said.

The team returns two conferences singles champions in sophomore Patrick McCarthy (left) of Beverly and senior Scott Olenak (right) of Evergreen Park. McCarthy was an All-State honorable mention who qualified for the state tournament as a freshman. Olenak is a solid number two who, according to Grogan, made significant progress as a junior and will give the Crusaders a strong one-two punch in singles.

Grogan is also encouraged by the promise of returning sophomores Steve Broderick of Oak Lawn and Tim Mulry of Evergreen Park. The addition of freshman Spencer Hayne of Beverly should also help the team, Grogan noted.

Grogan foresees Brother Rice making a run in the Chicago Catholic League, challenging top teams like Loyola Academy and Fenwick. The squad begins its season at the Oak Park-River Forest Tournament April 3.

Cougars End Season With 25-11 Record

Despite a game-high 20 points and a team-high six rebounds by senior forward Raphael Morris, the St. Xavier University men's basketball team had no answer for a tough Concordia University frontcourt falling to the Eagles, 82-72, in first round action of the 2004 Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship late Wednesday night at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

Originally scheduled for a 10:30 p.m. start, the game did not get underway until after 11 p.m. central time and lasted until 1:15 a.m. Thursday morning. However, playing late was not the only obstacle SXU had to overcome, the Cougars also had to deal with 6-10 senior center Nick Vanderlaan, who finished with a team-high 17 points and a game-high 15 rebounds, as well as 6-6 junior forward Tanner Luster, who turned in 16 points and 14 boards for the No. 6 seeded and No. 4 ranked Eagles. Concordia out-rebounded SXU, 49-28, in the game, including 17 offensive rebounds to the Cougars' five.

SXU fell behind early in the game and had trouble recovering from a double-digit deficit. Down 41-30 at the half, Concordia was able to build on its lead going ahead by as many as 18 points in the second half. SXU made things interesting late in the game, thanks in part to a rare four-point play by senior guard Mark Telander which brought the Cougars within nine points, 70-61, with 6:36 remaining in regulation. However, Concordia was able to keep SXU at bay by hitting shots down the stretch and held on to earn the10-point victory.

Junior forward Mike Rojas finished with 16 points and five rebounds for SXU, but fouled out of the game with 7:11 left in the second half. Telander chipped in 15 points and four assists for the Cougars, while junior guard Rick Romeli rounded out SXU's double-figure scorers with 11 points.

The Cougars end their season with a record of 25-11. The game marked SXU's fifth trip to the NAIA National Tournament in the last six seasons. Concordia University won the NAIA National Championship last season.

"Be A Hero To A Hero"

"Be a Hero to a Hero" Breakfast with Chicago Cubs Manager Dusty Baker on Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 a.m. at the Mid-America Club, 200 E. Randolph St. Hear Dusty's preview of the Cubs' 2004 season and how the critical keys for the team's success are similar to those character-developing traits found in youth programs, such as Boys & Girls Clubs. Reservations are required. The event is free. Contributions will be welcome. Call (312) 235-8000 for reservations or more information. An event of Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and WGN Radio 720 Neediest Kids Fund, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

St. Laurence Vikings Win

The St. Laurence Viking hockey team won the Amateur Hockey Assn. of Illinois White Division state championship held last Tuesday (3/23) at the Edge Hockey Rink in Bensenville, defeating Hinsdale Central 2-1. Viking goalie recorded 30 saves in the shutout victory. Kevin Zudycki scored both goals and Andrew Gross contributed one assist.

ThunderBolts Hire Staffing Firm

The Windy City ThunderBolts announced that they have reached an agreement with St. Louis, MO-based Keystone Event Staffing to provide their staffing needs for the upcoming 2004 season. Keystone Event Staffing will be hiring all seasonal gameday staff at Hawkinson Ford Field. Anyone interested in a gameday position can complete an online application at www.keystoneeventstaffing.com or call 1(800) 844-2664 for further information. Gameday staff members include ticket takers, ushers, concessionaires, vendors, security, wait staff, press box employees, as well as many other positions are available.

"We are extremely excited to bring Keystone Event Staffing in for the 2004 season. We need to provide excellent customer service and make sure we have a properly trained staff to take care of our fans during the 2004 season. Keystone will ensure that we accomplish this," said Matt Wilson, the new Assistant General Manager for the ThunderBolts.

"I'm very excited that we will have the opportunity to recruit for the ThunderBolts in the south suburbs of Chicago," Jake Carr of Keystone Event Staffing exclaimed. Kevin Rhomberg, President of the Windy City ThunderBolts, said, "The entire Frontier League has had nothing to say but good things about Keystone. They are an excellent organization and we hope they do as well with us as they have with other teams in our league."

Keystone Event Staffing currently handles the complete staffing needs of the Gateway Grizzlies, River City Rascals, and the Florence Freedom, all of the Frontier League. The ThunderBolts will give Keystone 1/3 of the staffing business in the Frontier League, which consists of 12 teams.

The Windy City ThunderBolts have full season tickets, group packages, and 10-game mini plans available for purchase. Group packages include the executive suites, pre-game picnics, birthday parties, and our Field of Dreams Team. For tickets or more information, call (708) 489-2255, send an e-mail to info@wcthunderbolts.com, visit the team offices at Hawkinson Ford Field or visit the team on-line at www.wcthunderbolts.com.

Santos Martinez Leads Team To Victory

Junior forward Santos Martinez registered a game-high 25 points, including 17 in the first half, to lead unseeded Barber-Scotia College (N.C.) to a 74-61 upset victory over No. 4 Robert Morris College (Ill.) in the second round of the 67th annual Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship on Friday at Municipal Auditorium.

Robert Morris, which scored 102 points in its opening-round victory on Thursday against Langston University (Okla.), was limited to just 33.9 percent shooting (20-of-59) by Barber-Scotia. The loss also snapped the Eagles' 26-game winning streak, which was the longest in NAIA Division I this season. This was the Sabers' second victory of the year against Robert Morris. Back on Nov. 14th in Wilberforce, Ohio, Barber-Scotia edged the Eagles in overtime, 84-83.

Barber-Scotia made 7-of-12 attempts from three-point range, while Robert Morris was held to just 2-of-22 from beyond the arc.

Junior guard Carlos Hurt led Robert Morris with 15 points, while junior center Brandon Bender posted a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore guard R.J. Williams came off the bench to pick up a game-high six steals for the Eagles.

Annual D-Final Event

Tickets are now available for De La Salle Institute's 13th annual D-Final Event. All are welcome to attend the D-Final Event on Monday, April 5th in the school's Parmer Activity Center, 3455 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The D-Final Event features the NCAA men's basketball championship game on four oversized 9 x 12 foot television screens, as well as numerous other televisions. Also offered to those in attendance will be a buffet dinner, beverages and a silent auction, along with the opportunity to win cash and prizes through several contests.

In addition, $26,000 will be given away through the D-Final Super Raffle. Super Raffle tickets are $50 each and now available at the school. There will be only 1,500 tickets sold with 75 guaranteed winners. Individuals who purchase four or more Super Raffle tickets prior to the D-Final Event will earn a complimentary admission ticket.

Admission tickets for the event are $30 if purchased in advance and $35 at the door and include the dinner buffet and beverages. Online registration is available at www.dls.org. Free parking will be available in the Illinois Institute of Technology parking lot located adjacent to the Parmer Activity Center. All proceeds from the D-Final Event benefit De La Salle's students.

The silent auction will feature an interesting array of sports memorabilia, including authentically autographed items from Brian Urlacher, Walter Payton, Joe Montana, Ryne Sandberg, Bobby Hull, Kerry Wood, Pete Rose, Dick Butkus, Corey Patterson, Maggio Ordonez and Mark Prior.

For admission tickets, sponsorship opportunities, Super Raffle tickets or more information, contact Ms. Colleen Kruse in the Office of Advancement at (312) 842-7355, ext. 146.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BASEBALL
Monday, 3-22-04
Ag Science 11, Hancock 4
Argo 6, Evergreen Park 2
Hinsdale Central 5, Oak Lawn 4
Hinsdale South 4, Lemont 2
Lane Tech 8, De La Salle 1
Mount Carmel 4, Young 0
Oak Forest 9, Shepard 3
Richards 7, St. Laurence 3
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Andrew 8, Kankakee 0 6 inn.
Bogan 11, Kennedy 4
Bremen 5, Thornridge 0
Chicago Christian 7, St. Francis de Sales 1
De La Salle 8, Morton 6
Hillcrest 12, Morgan Park 3
Illiana Christian 6, Grant Park 5
Mount Carmel 11, Simeon 5
Shepard 11, Evergreen Park 0
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Brooks 11, Leo 5
Stagg 7, Reavis 2
Richards 4-2, Bremen 0-0
Thursday, 3-25-04
Harlan 17, Morgan Park 2
Morton 3, Argo 0
St. Ignatius 3, Clemente 0
St. Laurence 8, Kenwood 2
St. Rita 12, Reavis 2
Stagg 9, Chicago Christian 6
Friday 3-26-04
Marist 15, Bremen 4 (5 inn)
Minooka 4, Andrew 3
Thornton 6, Morgan Park 3
Saturday, 3-27-04
Andrew 7, Willowbrook 3
Bremen 2, Bolingbrook 1 (10 inn)
Eisenhower 14-11, Ag Science 0-1
Hillcrest 13-11, Thornton 1-1
Joliet 11, St. Laurence 1 (6 inn)
Joliet Catholic 7, De La Salle 3
Leo 15, Hancock 2 (5 inn)
Lincoln-Way East 12, Argo 2 (7 inn)
Lockport 7, Downers North 3
Lyons 6, Brother Rice 2
Marist 11, T.F. South 0
Minooka 8, Providence 3
Oak Lawn 7-11, Rich South 3-1
Reavis 5, Downers Grove South 3
Richards 8, Oak Forest 2
St. Rita 16, Morton 4
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BOYS TENNIS
Monday, 3-22-04
Illiana Christian 5, St. Laurence 0
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Illiana Christian 5, Crete-Monee 0
Thursday, 3-25-04
Walther Lutheran 3, Illiana Christian 2
Saturday, 3-27-04
Lincoln-Way East 15, Plainfield South 0
Lincoln-Way Central Quad
Lincoln-Way Central 5, Rich South 0
Lincoln-Way Central 5, Providence 0

BOYS TRACK
Friday, 3-26-04
Proviso East Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Glenbard South 101. 2, Glenbard North 87. 3, Leo 67. 4, Buffalo Grove 66. 5, Lake Park 51. 6, Crown Point (Ind.) 48. 7, Jacobs 46½. 8, Proviso East 41. 9, Loyola 32½. 10, Schaumburg 30. 11, Palatine 20. 12, Springfield Lamphier 16. 13, Vernon Hills 10. 14, Fenton 4
Saturday, 3-27-04
Illinois Top Times Meet
(No team results kept - Class A Local Winners)
Triple Jump – Josh DeJong, Illiana Christian, 43-1¾
Class AA Local Winners
800 Run – Tim Pierie, Lincoln-Way East. 1:56.32. **55 Hurdles** – Keith Hopkins, Thornwood, 7.44. **High Jump** – Blair Majcina, Lincoln-way East, 6-8. **Pole Vault** – Jake Winder, Plainfield South, 14-6. **Long Jump** – Leslie Majors, Thornwood, 21-11. **Triple Jump** – Travis Jackson, Thornwood, 45-6.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 3-22-04
St. Rita d. Reavis 25-20, 25-14
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Ag Science d. Harper 25-20, 24-26, 26-24
Andrew d. Richards 25-18, 25-14
Brother Rice d. Evanston 25-22, 25-19
Gage Park d. Morgan Park 25-14, 25-21
Illiana Christian d. Oak Forest 25-19, 25-17
Kennedy d. Vocational 25-3, 25-8
Mount Carmel d. Young 25-11, 25-5
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Kennedy d. Hancock 25-13, 9-25, 25-12
Riverside-Brookfld d. De La Salle 25-17, 25-15
Stagg d. Reavis 21-25, 25-17, 25-21
Holy Trinity
Marian Catholic d. Gordon Tech 25-11, 25-12
Marian Catholic d. Holy Trinity 25-3, 25-11
Thursday, 3-25-04
Ag Science d. Kelly 25-15, 25-23
Brother Rice d. St. Rita 25-22, 25-18
Illiana Christian d. T.F.North 25-14, 25-11
Joliet Catholic d. St. Joseph 25-6, 25-9
Kennedy d. Hubbard 25-22, 25-16
Mt. Carmel d. St. Ignatius 24-26, 25-13, 25-12
Providence d. Fenwick 25-8, 25-14
Waubonsie Val. D. Reavis 23-25, 25-18, 25-16
Friday, 3-26-04
Marist Tournament
Pools One
Marist d. Lockport 25-17, 18-25, 25-20
Shepard d. St. Laurence 25-15, 25-16
Marist d. St. Laurence 25-7, 25-8
Lockport d. Shepard 25-9, 24-26, 25-22
Pool Four
Brother Rice d. Stagg 25-17, 25-17
Neuqua Valley d. Andrew 25-22, 23-25, 31-29
Stagg d. Neuqua Valley 25-16, 25-17
Pool Two
Mt. Carmel d. Eisenhower 25-6, 25-9
Lincoln-Way East d. Richards 25-7, 25-13
Mt. Carmel d. Richards 25-13, 31-29
Lincoln-Way East d. Eisenhower 25-6, 25-9
Pool Three
Lincoln-Way C. d. Waubonsie V. 25-15, 25-22
Niles North d. Providence 25-6, 25-9
Saturday, 3-27-04
Buffalo Grove Tournament
Sandburg d. Hinsdale C. 25-20, 25-19
Wheaton South d. Sandburg 25-19, 25-23 (title)
Holy Trinity Invitational
Gold
Kelvyn Park d. St. Ignatius 25-14, 25-19
Marian Catholic d. St. Patrick 25-16, 25-22
St. Ignatius d. St. Patrick 25-18, 23-25, 17-16 (3rd)
Marian Catholic d. Kelvyn Park 19-25, 25-13, 25-11 (title)
Marist Tournament
Copper Division
Andrew d. Providence 17-25, 25-21, 25-16
St. Laurence d. Eisenhower 25-19, 25-15
Andrew d. St. Laurence 25-22, 25-17
Providence d. Eisenhower 25-13, 25-16
Bronze Division
Neuqua Valley d. Niles N. 25-17, 18-25, 26-24
Shepard d. Richards 25-15, 25-15
Neuqua Valley d. Shepard 25-20, 25-20
Niles North d. Richards 25-17, 25-17
Silver Division
Stagg d. Lincoln-Way E. 13-25, 25-21, 25-14
Lockport d. Waubonsie V. 25-22, 20-25, 29-27
Stagg d. Lockport 25-14, 28-30, 25-22
Lincoln-Way E. d. Waubonsie V. 25-22, 25-18
Championship Division
Brother Rice d. Marist 25-22, 25-21
Lincoln-Way C. d. Mt. Carmel 19-25, 25-17, 25-17
Marist d. Mt. Carmel 21-25, 25-20, 25-18 (3rd)
Brother Rice d. Lincoln-Way C. 21-25, 25-13, 25-13 (title)
All Tournament Team
Sr., OH – Marist, Matt Konow
S – Mt. Carmel, Scott Pederson
Sr., OH – Lincoln-Way Central, Drew Brown
MH – Stagg, Dan Collado
OH – Waubonsie Valley, Jake Meyers
S – Lockport – Brian Van Ness
Most Valuable Player
RS – Robbie Coughlin, Brother Rice

BOYS WATER POLO
Monday, 3-22-04
Andrew 13, Stagg 10
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Lincoln-way East 26, Bremen 15
Loyola 14, St. Ignatius 4
St. Rita 18, Mount Carmel 7
Sandburg 13, Lincoln-way Central 4
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Lincoln-way Central 11, Hinsdale South 5
Thursday, 3-25-04
Morgan Park 17, Northside Prep 9
St. Rita 9, St. Ignatius 5
Sandburg 23, Stagg 5
Friday, 3-26-04
Lincoln-Way East 13, Andrew 10
St. Patrick Tournament
Brother Rice 12, St. Rita 3
Fenwick 15, Loyola 2
St. Patrick 7, Evanston 6
Oak Park 12, Mundelein 6
Saturday, 3-27-04
St. Patrick Tournament
Brother Rice 12, Loyola 7
Fenwick 10, St. Rita 8
Evanston 10, Mundelein 7
St. Patrick 11, Oak Park 4
St. Rita 8, Loyola 4
St. Patrick 9, Mundelein 2
Evanston 14, Oak Park 9
Brother Rice 11, Fenwick 6
Loyola 7, Mundelein 6 (7th)
St. Rita 8, Oak Park 7 (OT, 5th)
Fenwick 9, Evanston 7 (3rd)
Brother Rice 7, St. Patrick 4 (title)
Waubonsie Valley Tournament
Morgan Park 13, Northside Prep 11
Hinsdale South 14, Northside Prep 10
Hinsdale South 17, Morgan Park 11
Waubonsie Valley, 17, Northside Prep 4
Waubonsie Valley, 13, Hinsdale South 0
Waubonsie Valley, 14, Morgan Park 4

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 3-22-04
Illiana Christian 8, Reavis 0
Joliet Catholic 2, Minooka 2
Lemont 2, Andrew 0
Bremen
Joliet 8, Richards 0
Marist 8, Tinley Park 2
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Joliet 5, Beecher 0
Loyola 6, Queen of Peace 0
Maria 5, St. Scholastica 1
Morgan Park 8, Bowen 0
Resurrection 1, Mt. Assisi 0
St. Ignatius 5, Tinity 0
Shepard 1, Chicago Christian 0
Stagg 4, Marian Catholic 1
Bremen
Marist 4, Illiana Christian 2
Reavis 4, Tinley Park 3
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Argo 3, Maria 0
Benet 3, Mother McAuley 1
Chicago Christian 4, Oak Lawn 0
De La Salle 9, Cristo Rey 1
Mt. Assisi 5, St. Benedict 0
Thursday, 3-25-04
Brooks 4, Ag Science 0
Maria Catholic 3, Joliet Catholic 2
Morgan Park 7, Kenwood 0
Oak Forest 2, Romeoville 1
Rosary 3, IMSA 1
St. Ignatius 5, Queen of Peace 0
Bremen
Marist 3, Joliet 2, title
Reavis 6, Bremen 1
Friday, 3-26-04
Chicago Christian 3, Richards 0
De La Salle 7, Bronzeville 0
Maria 3, Bremen 0
St. Scholastica 1, Mt. Assisi 0
Lemont Tournament
St. Ignatius 3, Providence 0
Saturday, 3-27-04
Mother McAuley 2, Marist 0
Plainfield Central 2, Joliet 0
Rosary 6, East Aurora 0
Lemont Tournament
Lemont 2, Providence 0
Lincoln-way East 2, St. Ignatius 1
Lyons 1, Evanston 1
Reavis Tournament
Reavis 4, Bremen 0
Chicago Christian 3, Maria 1
Maria 2, Nazareth 1 (3rd)
Chicago Christian 3, Queen of Peace 2 (penalty kicks, title)

SOFTBALL
Monday, 3-22-04
Evergreen Park 6, Argo 4
Minooka 8, Oak Forest 0
Mount Assisi 15, Seton 0
Stagg 2, Maria 1
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Andrew 3, Oak Forest 2
Bremen 20, Thornton 1
Brooks 26, Bogan 11
Illiana Christian 11, Maria 0
Kennedy 20, Curie 5
Mt. Assisi 4, Trinity 2
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Andrew 2, Marian Catholic 0
Queen of Peace 5, Stagg 0
Thursday, 3-25-04
Kennedy 24, Kelly 4
Lockport 9, Lemont 1
Marist 6, Bremen 1
Oak Forest 2, Argo 1
St. Ignatius 4, Regina 2
Friday, 3-26-04
Evergreen Park 5, Thornwood 2
Marian Catholic 5, Mother McAuley 0
St. Francis de Sales 10, De La Salle 4
Saturday, 3-27-04
Joliet 8, Bremen 0
Lincoln-way Central 5-5, Bradley 0-2
Marist 1-1, Queen of Peace 0-0
Minooka 10-15, Providence 0-2
Morton 5-1, Joliet Catholic 2-5
Mother McAuley 5-0, Plainfield South 0-5
Oak Forest 2, Stagg 1
Reavis 4-1, T.F. South 2-0
Reed-Custer 2-0, Evergreen Park 1-1
Tinley Park 6-4, Peotone 1-6

GIRLS TRACK
Friday, 3-26-04
SICA West Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Lockport 156.5. 2, Lincoln-Way East 140. 3, Sandburg 61. 4, Stagg 47. 5, Joliet 37. Andrew 34/5. 7, Lincoln-way Central 18.
Winners: LONG JUMP – Kelly Laas, Lincoln-Way East, 16-4 ¼. SHOT PUT – Christine Nagel, Lockport, 34-7. HIGH JUMP – Tina Lindroth, Sandburg, 5-3. POLE VAULT – Dianne Noonan, Lincoln-Way East, 9-0. 800 – Lauren Brynda, Lincoln-Way East, 2:26.9. 800 RELAY – Lockport (Rachelle Szwed, Joanna Wubben, Aquila Jones, Courtney Jones) 1:51.5. 400 – Caitlin Finnegan, Lockport, 1:01.0. THROWERS RELAY – Lincoln-Way East (Laura Sues, Brittany Mohammed, Kim Breakey, Elyse Lorez). 1600 RELAY – Lockport – 4:23.70. TRIPLE JUMP – Stacy Prodehl, Lockport, 32.05. 32—RELAY – Sandburg (Frisby, Brennan, Archer, Klaczynski) 9:55.6. 3200 Kathleen Coverick, Stagg, 12:06.2. 55 HURDLES – Megan Thompson, Joliet 8.1. 55 DASH – Thompson, Joliet 7.1. 55 LOW HURDLES – Finnegan, Lockport 8.8. 1,600 – Lindsay Kotovsky, Lincoln-Way E. 5:32.4. 200 – Courtney Jones, Lockport, 27.1
Saturday, 3-27-04
Bloom Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Crete-Monee 105. 2, Lake Zurich 85. 3, Rich Central 53. 4, Thornton 52. 5, Marist 38. 6, Marian Catholic 32. 7, Bloom 30. 8, Rich East 1. **Winners:** 3200 Run, E. Stott, Lake Zurich, 12:41.42. 60 HURDLES Hoover Crete-Monee, 8.28. 55 DASH – Neal, Thorntonm 7.15. 300 DASH – Neal, Thornton, 39.58. 1600 RUN – H. Mitchell, Marist, 5:59.42. 4x400 RELAY – Crete-Monee, Central, 15-6 ¾. HIGH JUMP – Peters, Lake Zurich, 4-8. 4x4x20 RELAY – Crete-Monee 1:53.04. 440 DASH – Hoover, Crete-Monee, 1:00.98.
Illinois Top Times Meet
(No Team Results Kept. Class A Winners – Local)
LONG JUMP – Ryann Hendricks, Chicago Christian, 17 ¾. TRIPLE JUMP – Hendricks, Chicago Christian, 35-3 ½.

GIRLS WATER POLO
Monday, 3-22-04
Andrew 11, Stagg 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 17, Lockport 5
Sandburg 10, Lincoln-Way Central 3
Tuesday, 3-23-04
St. Ignatius 6, Loyola 4, OT
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Andrew 18, Lockport 3
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Lincoln-Way E 12
Lincoln-Way Central 10, Stagg 4
Thursday, 3-25-04
Mother McAuley 12, Marian Catholic 6
Northside Prep 16, Morgan Park 6
Sandburg 16, Stagg 0
Friday, 3-26-04
Andrew 8, Lincoln-Way East 1
Lincoln-Way Central 19, Lockport 5
Fenwick Invite
Fenwick 13, New Trier 2
Mother McAuley 4, Oak Park 2

BADMINTON
Monday, 3-22-04
Stagg 13, Argo 2
Tuesday, 3-23-04
Lincoln-Way Central 14, Oak Forest 1
Naperville Central 9, Sandburg 6
Wednesday, 3-24-04
Reavis 10, Stagg 5
Friday, 3-26-04
Joliet 11, Argo 4
Lincoln-Way Invitational
Lincoln-Way Central 25, Glenbard 20, Waubonsie Valley 20, Plainfield 15.

Saturday, 3-27-04
Stagg 11, Morton 4
Shepard Quad
Evanston 8, Lockport 7
Andrew 14, Lockport 1
Lockport 12, Shepard 3
Andrew 12, Shepard 3
Evanston 12, Shepard 3
Andrew 12, Evanston 3

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7743 S. Nashville Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $200,303.41.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8745.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33629.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Midfirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. James L. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-4899.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56293

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2003.

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $159,932.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

206578C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Janet E. Blake, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7319 W. 114th St., Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $177,001.75.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 30161.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

196706C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York, Plaintiff, vs. Alton Smith, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6814.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57387

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/04/2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 8, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at outside of the door of the Northeast corner of the lobby of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9527 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the Opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $163,804.50.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

205283C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Mortgage Co., d/b/a Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Dean M. Abusharif, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-8072.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 10024 S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $156,582.94.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198279C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for GN Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dia Rowls, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-4706

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14625-27 S. Campbell, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $224,380.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-2653.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198251C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., as successor by corporate merger to Home Savings of America, F.S.B., Plaintiff, vs. Chad F. Catuara, Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-1197.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14540 S. Lavergne Ave., Midlothian, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $278,894.96.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198280C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. G.E. Mortgage Services, LLC f/k/a G.E. Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dana L. Rampick, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15435

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8345 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $114,304.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9009.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

197302C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Cheryl A. Libner a/k/a Cheryl Libner, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-14610.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/17/2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 4/19/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 11343 S. Normandy, Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,148.18.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-02090.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198533C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Wieczorek a/k/a Richard B. Wieczorek, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4826.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56043

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2004.

I, Frank Cohen, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 20, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the front door of the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8545 S. Latrobe, Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $169,435.28.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

200547C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Eric Patterson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18310.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3619 W. 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,972.61.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-7131.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198172C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Manfre, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11954

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11719 Carolyn Ln., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,902.00.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Godell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 98Ch-4994.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 8800 Corcoran Rd., Hometown, IL 60456

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $118,501.92

Sale Terms. 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 27084.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198282C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Alice M. Parlich, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14456.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 5, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4133 W. 148th St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,983.39

Sale Terms. 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33947.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Sell Your Unwanted Items In The Classifieds Call 708-388-2425

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, NA, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Amos Clay, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-4301.

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on 01/14/04, a Foreclosure Sale will be held on April 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at southwest corner of Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602, the person appointed to conduct the sale will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described premises and real estate:

7744 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements of the property are as follows: one story, brick constructed, single family with separate garage.

The property is NOT open for inspection.

For information regarding this property contact the Special Commissioner, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 644-1620.

The Law Office of: Keren R. Anderson & Associates, 540 N. Lake Shore Dr., Suite 204, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 644-1620. Fax (312) 644-6420. 06193869-ARDC, File No. MCO-3763.

202096C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Household Finance Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Richard Gerdes, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10975.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 20, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3626 W. 80th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single family residence with approximately 1,429 sq. ft.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Lee Scott Perres at Plaintiff's Attorney, Marcus, Perres, Campanale & Wigoda, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 641-2233.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Eduardo Daneo, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-10246.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 26, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5238 W. 87th St., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story white frame/alum or vyl and green trim w/detached 1½ car garage.

The judgment amount was $172,880.06.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0210391.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198572C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Delores C. Smith, Defendant. Case No. 00C-7374

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 42150

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Michael Polelle, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 23, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at entrance, Room 701, Cook County, Sheriff, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/K/A 3143 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,804.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1996, Series 1996-D, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Borvan, Jr. a/k/a Joseph M. Borvan, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15235.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as. 13535 S. Lamon, Crestwood, IL 60445

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200.

197137C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., Successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Lendex, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. George R. Catanzaro, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14013.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7827 S. Parkside Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $67,615.99.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

197253C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Norden, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-18793.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property.

Commonly known as. 9723 S. Keeler Ave., Unit # 308, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence with no garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $74,890.85.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0208774.

197923C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth G. Janik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14731.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8845 S. 50th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $105,700.74.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8757.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

198255C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. James R. Widlacki, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14990

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5453 W. 137th St., Crestwood, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $111,575.60.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8614.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

197777C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Citifinancial Mtge. Co., Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Grant E. Owens a/k/a Grantland Owens, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6801.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 37146

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on December 19, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 15, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Outside the Northeast entrance of the Lobby, Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 8841 S. Fairfield Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $149,259.67

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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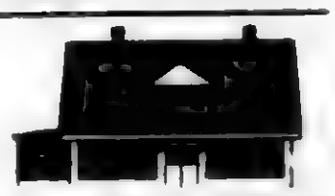

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Louis A. Santiago, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8507

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 9221 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,313.83.

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-4961.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

197767C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, et al., Defendants. No 03Ch-14885

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds

The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney Stitt, Klein, Daday & Aretos 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 590-8700

197220C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Aguirre, et al., Defendants. No 02Ch-22701.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 25, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St. Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 2323 W. 144th Place, Posen, IL 60469

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection

The judgment amount was $137,907.34

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197276C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citizens Financial Services, FSB, a federally chartered Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Alsip Motel Limited Partnership, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13990.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 24, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 5150 W. 127th Street, Alsip, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a 114 room motel which may be made available for inspection by arrangement with Ms. Paula Neff at (219) 769-1313.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Michael R. Mulcahy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, 222 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 609-7500.

197206C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Dennis Mayberry, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10176

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 27, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property

Commonly known as: 13950 S. Lydia Ave. Robbins, IL 60472

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds

The judgment amount was $52,181.30

The property will NOT be open for inspection

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305015

197157C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald R. Demaski, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11456

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 3716 S. Avers Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection

The judgment amount was $180,794.75.

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Todd Causley, et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-11625.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 6, 2001, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 8811 Nida Ct., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, IL 60123. (847) 888-1820.

198036C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William McKenna a/k/a William S. McKenna, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-8966.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 53595

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building, near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 2711 W. 98th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection

The judgment amount was $130,590.67

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 372-4784 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

198405C

Sell Your Used Sports Equipment In The Classifieds

Call 708-388-2425 To Place An Ad

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. George A. Triantafilou, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-6863

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 10906 S. Lombard Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $115,353.29

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303374.

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NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section [illegible]

The 27th Annual High School Drafting Contest proved to be another successful outing for Marist's top draftsmen in Engineering/Graphics/CAD and Architecture. . On Friday, March 4 the regional competition was held at Moraine Valley Community College with over 100 students from the area participating in the event.

Competition was held in six different categories, such as Intro Board and CAD, Architecture CAD and Machine CAD.&rbsp;. First and second place winners in each division advance to the State Finals at Southern Illinois University on April 17.

Placing first and second in the "Architecture CAD" division and going to the State finals were seniors Joe Derbas (Chicago Ridge) and Brad O'Connell (Chicago) .&rbsp;. Another senior, Matt Mahay (Chicago) took third in the "Board" division of the architectural drawings .&rbsp;. In the Engineering/Graphics, "Intro Board" division it was juniors Patrick Condron (Oak Lawn) and Kyle Henry (Alsip), who took second and third respectively, earning a chance to go down state.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence Marist High School in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Two Killed On Motorcycle

Joseph Perlikiewicz, 42, of Midlothian and a friend Cynthia Dietrich, 42, of Worth were killed about 5:24 p.m. Sunday when their motorcycle slammed into the rear passenger side of a GMC Suburban at 127th and I-83 in Alsip, said police

According to the police Perlikiewicz and Dietrich were traveling south on I-83 as they approached the traffic light at 127th St. at the same time an SUV was turning left from northbound I-83 onto 127th St. The motorcycle, a 1998 Harley-Davidson, hit the 1996 GMC Suburban on the rear passenger side

Reportedly the crash is under investigation. The driver of the SUV is a 17 year old Lemont man. Police said it did not appear the young man was driving recklessly

Both victims grew up in Oak Forest. Perlikiewicz attended Marist High School and Dietrich went to Tinley Park High School

Perlikiewicz is survived by a daughter; his parents, Ron and Lorae Perlikiewicz of Oak Forest; two sisters and a brother

Dietrich is survived by her husband, Paul; son, Josh; parents, Sharon and Ted Prillwitz, of Midlothian and a brother, TJ Prillwitz, of Midlothian.

Moraine Valley Survey

Despite economic conditions in the state, nearly 90 percent of Moraine Valley's occupational graduates in 2002 responding to the college's annual survey said they are employed with 54 percent working within the Moraine Valley district.

The annual Moraine Valley survey conducted in spring 2003 found that 64 percent of the 238 survey respondents were employed full time and 24 percent were employed part time. The Industrial Technology program area had the highest proportion of graduates employed full time with 72 percent. Seventy-three percent of the respondents said they were employed in jobs related to their Moraine Valley degree.

The median annual salary for full-time, entry-level graduates who provided information was $36,608, according to the survey.

Graduates rated the course content and various projects in their major program of study as the most satisfying aspects of Moraine Valley and the graduates stated they were satisfied with their educational experience. Along with personal contacts, the respondents stated that a faculty member or program coordinator was the most helpful in getting a job.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

CLASS REUNIONS

Farragut High School class of 1949 – Reunion dinner on April 24th at 5 p.m. - $25. Deadline is April 17th. Bohemian Garden, 980 W. 75th St., Downers Grove. Call (708) 447-9265

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Lindblom Technical High School class of 1979 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call (773) 374-7592 or (847) 490-8697

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Sacred Heart High School class of 1954 is looking for classmates for an April 25th reunion. Deadline is April 10th. Call (708) 423-6763

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St. Albe's School class of 1964 - June 5th reunion, Rosewood West, Crestwood. Call (708) 535-7991

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St. Turibius Grammar School class of 1974 is looking for graduates. Call (708) 258-9096.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, Notice is given of receipt of an application for permit for a proposed construction and/or modification project (Project #04-004) from Samland Health Care d/b/a Diamond Dialysis and Signature Health Care d/b/a Diamond Dialysis-Oak Lawn, 9115 S. Cicero Avenue, Suite B, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The applicants propose to establish a 19-station End Stage Renal Disease facility in new construction to be known as Diamond Dialysis-Oak Lawn located at 9115 S. Cicero Avenue, Suite B, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The total estimated project cost is $741,902.

The application was declared complete on March 24, 2004, and a copy of the application may be viewed at the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board Office, address below. To obtain a copy of an application phone the office for details and copying fees at the number listed below. Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the June 16, 2004, State Board Meeting. Any person wanting a public hearing on the proposed project must submit a written request for such hearing to:

Donald Jones, Acting Supervisor Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield, Illinois 62761
(217) 782-3516
(TTY # 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only)

Requests for hearing must be received by the Agency no later than April 16, 2004. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by May 27, 2004.

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Ann G. Malinowski

Services were held Saturday at the McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Ann G. Malinowski, wife of the late Martin. She was a retired employee of Johnson and Johnson Company.

She is survived by her sisters Marie Loszach and Dolly (Bill) Holdt and brother Lionel (Anne) Gindorf.

Wesley R. Omiecinski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Wesley R. "Wes/Gramps" Omiecinski, 93, of Oak Lawn. Mr. Omiecinski was retired from Federal Sign and Signal Corp. with 50 years of service. He was a member of IBEW Local 134 and an associate member of Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post 991.

He is survived by his wife Julia, his children Rich, Bob (Mary Win) and Carol (Lee) Meyer, 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and a brother Victor.

Lillian Rice

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Rita of Cascia High School Shrine Chapel, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Lillian M. Rice, wife of the late Jerome. She was a long time member of the Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580.

She is survived by her children Frederick (Penny), Michael (Anne), Susan Boyd and Douglass (Catherine), seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Bernice C. Lager

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bernice C. Lager, wife of the late John.

She is survived by her children Shirley (Daniel) Maslowski and Mary Therese (Audrius) Krygeris; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister Dolores Mayher and brothers Bernard (Jean), John (Christine), Donald (Nancy) and William Blake.

Eugene O. McCaffery

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eugene O. McCaffery, 79, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife Loretta M.; his children Patrick, Karen (Don) House, Mary Nance and Timothy, stepchildren Susan (Dr. Dave) Rosi, Kathy Clarke, Maureen (Mark) Condon, Thomas (Melissa) Clarke and Jack (Cindy) Clarke; 16 grandchildren; sister Katherine Donnelly and brother Bernard (Claudia).

Frank MacLean

Services were held Saturday at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, for Frank MacLean, 83, Army Air Force World War II veteran. Mr. MacLean was a longtime employee of Johnson and Johnson and a member of McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 1[illegible] and Amvets Post 192.

He is survived by children Mickey (Greg) Kogut, Joann (Jeff) Juracka and Peter (Linda); and seven grandchildren.

Kevin J. Clewer

Services were held Sunday at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Greenview Cemetery in Elmwood, Il., for Kevin J. Clewer, 31, a devoted employee of Flextronics.

He is survived by his parents James (Marilyn) and Pamela Cunningham; and a brother Ronald (Delice).

Mary C. Cusic

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 1st, at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., to 11 a.m. mass at Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 Central Park Ave., with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary C. Cusic, wife of the late John J. Cusic and the late Thomas J. Slattery. Mrs. Cusic was a former Block Promoter of Queen of Martyrs Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her children Margaret (Joseph, retired C.F.D.) Geraghty, Mary Jane (Michael) McGinnis, Catherine Cusic, Patricia J. Cusic and Nancy (Thomas) Richardson; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a brother Bernard (Joan) Doyle.

Rose M. Damal

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Rose M. Damal, 81, retired 35 year employee of Crown Cork and Seal.

She is survived by her sister Dolores C. Forrestal.

Marie E. Firestone

Services were held Saturday at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Marie K. Firestone, 89, of Orland Park, wife of the late Emil.

She is survived by her niece Dawn Smith and nephews Chip (Rona) King and Jeffrey (Nancy) King.

William O. Butzke

Visitation took place Saturday and Sunday at the Damar Funeral Home, Justice, for William O. Butzke, a World War II Navy veteran. Funeral and interment services were private.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Margaret; his children Barbara (Terry) Miller, Patricia (Dean) Odekirk, Bonnie and William (Mary Ann); and three grandchildren.

Betty E. Charles

Services and interment were private for Betty E. Charles, 82, wife of the late Clarence. Mrs. Charles was a retired school administrator for North Palos School District 117.

She is survived by her son John (Janet); and one grandchild.

Mary Ellen Zilvitis

Services were held Saturday at the McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Mary Ellen Zilvitis.

She is survived by her nieces Julia Bagdonas and Mary Feltenstein.

Willard Isenberg

Services were held Monday at the Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Willard Isenberg, 88, a veteran and husband of the late Ruth Edith.

He is survived by his daughter Diane Sue; and a brother Richard.

Grace Jennings

Services were held Monday at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chicago, for Grace Jennings.

She is survived by her husband James; her daughter Joy Alice; and three grandchildren.

Leroy E. Klotz

Services will be held Thursday, April 1st, at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 Harlem Ave., for Leroy E. "Porky" Klotz, 74, of Crestwood, husband of the late Audrey Jean. Mr. Klotz was a spray painter for 19½ years for Andrew Corporation in Orland Park.

He is survived by his children Betty (James) Kimmer and Cindy (Denny) Neuis; three grand-children; one great-grandchild and sisters Irene Lent, Alma Franks, and Dolores "Sissy" Koltz.

Edward E. Taylor Jr.

Mass was said Monday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edward E. Taylor Jr., 50, a 31 year member of IBEW Local 134, Harmony Club of Chicago and St. Patricia Holy Name Society.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his children Edward III and David; his mother Mary; sisters Maureen (Robert) Fitzgibbons, Nancy (Daniel) Ryan, Eileen (Patrick) Knighly and Therese (Carmen) Provenzano; and brothers John (Cindy) and Thomas (Diane).

Amelia Uchison

Mass was said Saturday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Amelia "Molly" Uchison, wife of the late Joseph, formerly of Oak Lawn.

She is survived by her children Joseph (Treasure), Thomas (Lynn), Margaret (Anthony) Tadin, and Rita Hillard; 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Sophie H. Graczyk

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sophie H. Graczyk, 78, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children Gary and Wayne (Debbie); three grandchildren and a brother Edward (Carol) Synaki.

Robert L. Huffman

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Robert L. Huffman, 69, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, his son Theodore (Lenora); step-daughter Karen (Scott) Fournier; and three grandchildren.

Irene R. Kostkiewicz

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills with interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery, for Irene R. Kostkiewicz, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her grandchildren Michael, Mitchell, Cheryl and Matthew (Michelle) Atkinson; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Lillian May Wamsley

Services were held Saturday at the Hass Funeral Home, Bridgeview, for Lillian May Wamsley, wife of the late Edward. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 110.

She is survived by her children Edward Russell and Linda D. (Roy) Larey; seven grandchildren and a sister Elizabeth Abbott.

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Frank J. Flores Sr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Dominic Church, Blue Island, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Frank J. Flores Sr., 78, a U.S. Navy veteran of Posen. He was a retired crane operator for U.S. Steel Southworks.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; daughter Anna Maria Tulloss; sons, Louis, Frank Jr., and Rudolph; two grandchildren and sisters Rae Gomez and Theresa Soria.

Ann D. Altieri

Mass was said Monday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Ann D. Altieri, wife of the late William.

She is survived by her children Patricia (William) Blake, — and — Donna (William) Scholz; two grandchildren; sister Neda Roscich and brother Michael (Lucy) Bratich.

Cecilia H. Giblin

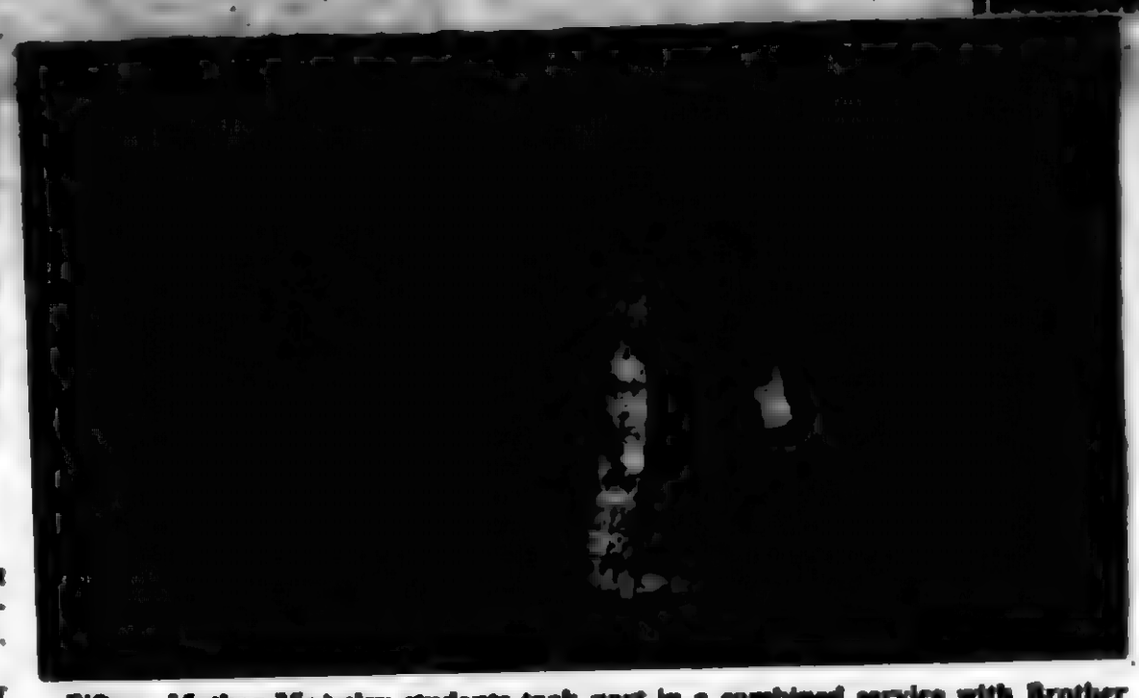
Mass was said Monday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Cecilia H. Giblin, wife of the late Michael.

She is survived by her children Thomas "T.J." (Robin), Brian (Mary Agnes), Timothy, Monica (Dennis) Reck, and Michael (Diane); 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Noreen Fulton

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, for Noreen Fulton, wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her children Walter (Susan), Patricia (Robert) Farrell, James (Kathryn), Brian (Linda), Nancy (Richard) Gagliano, Robert (Kathryn), Mary Lou, Donna Oliver and Noreen (John) Brooks; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and sisters Catherine and Rita Murray



Fifteen Mother McAuley students took part in a combined service with Brother Rice, St. Laurence and Marist schools to confirm their faith on Feb. 24, at Holy Redeemer Church. The Presider of the services were Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Miller, M.Sp.S. along with Con-Celebrants Reverend Michael Foley, Reverend Mark Walter, Reverend Albert Adamich, Reverend Norman Treis and Reverend Leo J. Lyons.

To prepare students for the sacrament of confirmation, McAuley faculty members Therese Le Compte and Sister Sue Seeby coordinated confirmation classes at McAuley. Students who participated in the confirmation process met on a bi-weekly basis from December to February. Therese Le Compte, Theology Chair, commented that "it was inspiring to work with the students as they were enthusiastic and self-motivated."

McAuley students confirmed included: senior Brooke Citro (Alsip); juniors Karlayne Cozzie (Evergreen Park) and Sarah Hively (Blue Island); sophomores Liona David (Gresham), Esperanza Rodriguez (Brighton Park) and Vanessa Sanchez (Oak Forest); freshmen Lisa Adams (Blue Island), Sasha Brenecki (Blue Island), Alissa Foss (Alsip), Stephanie Gedrimas (Justice), Angelica Hernandez (Beverly), Katherine Hively (Blue Island), Marissa Mathis (Blue Island), Mary Mitsdarffer (Blue Island) and Maricarr Stubbs (Roseland).

Custer's Last Stand

The 32nd Annual Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts, a not-for-profit arts organization, is accepting exhibitor applications from artists, crafts people, antique dealers, food vendors and selected retail businesses. This show, which won the 2001 *Northshore Magazine* prestigious Annual Reader's Poll for "Best Art Fair" will take place on June 19th and 20th in Evanston. The festival starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 9 p.m. each day

In addition to national arts and crafts exhibits this festival features three show stages, twenty-eight restaurants, and an antique fair. Every year 60,000 people attend the fair.

For an application call (847) 328-2204 or write to: Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts, P.O. Box 6013, Evanston, IL 60204-6013 or visit www.custerfair.com

Sertoma Gets Grant

Sertoma Centre, Inc. has been awarded a $57,000 grant from the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The funding is earmarked to provide training and certification for economically disadvantaged individuals and individuals with disabilities in the security guard industry

Gus van den Brink, executive director of the Centre, said, "We are very pleased to be awarded this grant and provided with an opportunity to work together with DCEO to help individuals who need some assistance in getting a job and achieving their goal of employment."

Sertoma Centre, Inc., through a partnership with Digby's Detective & Security Agency Training Academy in Chicago; Security Training Center, Inc. in Chicago; and A&R Security Services, Inc. in Blue Island, will provide both armed and unarmed certified security guard training, job placement, and retention services to individuals enrolled in the program. Funding also has been made available for uniforms, PERC card, and employment-related costs.

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact Deanna Willis, program coordinator at Sertoma Centre, Inc., at (708) 371-9000, ext. 207

Holder Appointed To Gaming Board

One week after calling for a full and open review of concerns surrounding the location of Illinois' 10th casino license, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich has announced his appointment of former Deputy U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., as Special Investigator to the Illinois Gaming Board.

The governor's action came in response to a flood of questions and criticisms that followed the Gaming Board's selection of the Isle of Capri Corp. – which intends to build a casino in the Village of Rosemont – as the winning bidder in the auction for the state's last casino license.

"Last Wednesday, I called on the Gaming Board to conduct a full, open, and public review of all the facts surrounding the issue of gaming in the Village of Rosemont. I also said that I would name a special investigator to work with the Gaming Board to help oversee that review and ensure the integrity of the review process," said the governor. "For that reason, it is essential to find an outsider – someone with no connections with the parties involved, or with any of the proceedings that have taken place."

Holder has an impressive record spanning nearly three decades as a public prosecutor and federal investigator.

After earning his law degree from Columbia Law School in New York City, Holder moved to the nation's capital, joined the U.S. Attorney General's Honors Program, and was assigned to the Public Integrity Section where he investigated and prosecuted official corruption at the local, state and federal levels, including corruption related to organized crime.

In 1997, President Clinton appointed him as the first African American to serve as Deputy Attorney General, the number two position in the U.S. Dept. of Justice. He served as Acting Attorney General briefly under President George W. Bush while John Ashcroft was awaiting confirmation. Prior to joining the Justice Dept. Holder served for four years as the U.S. State's Attorney for the District of Columbia, the largest U.S. State's Attorneys' office in the nation. From 1988 to 1993, he was Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, appointed by President Reagan.

Holder is now a litigation partner with the D.C. law firm Covington & Burling, handling internal corporate investigations, civil and criminal cases and domestic and international advisory matters.

As Special Investigator, Holder will work with the Gaming Board to conduct a full, open and public review of all of the facts, problems and concerns surrounding gaming in the Village of Rosemont, including the problems associated with Emerald Casino, the previous owner of the 10th license. The review will examine the Isle of Capri's negotiations with the Village of Rosemont, and determine whether any of the concerns that caused the Gaming Board to take revocation actions against Emerald Casino Inc. are still present in any way.

Neil Hartigan Is Guest Speaker

Neil F. Hartigan (pictured), Justice of the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court and Chairman of the World Trade Center, Chicago, will be the featured speaker at the Lewis University Graduate School of Management Executive Breakfast to be held Wednesday, April 21 at the Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus, 3815 Jorie Boulevard in Oak Brook. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast being served at 8 a.m. and the program beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Graduate School of Management Executive Breakfast annually features a prestigious keynote speaker, with a message applicable to any business person. Justice Hartigan, a former Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and a former Illinois Attorney General, is no exception. His address, entitled "International Trade and Globalization and the Effect on Jobs in Illinois," will particularly benefit professionals engaged in international trade, development, investment and management.

Prior to taking his seat on the Illinois Appellate Court, Hartigan was a partner at the law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery. He served two terms as the Attorney General for the State of Illinois and also was Illinois' Lieutenant Governor from 1973-77.

In Chicago, Hartigan was general counsel for the Chicago Park District; legislative counsel for the City of Chicago; legal counsel for the Chicago Board of Health; and Deputy Mayor for the City of Chicago.

As Chairman of the World Trade Center Chicago, he has worked to promote international services and education to the local business community, and to help make Chicago a leading international destination. He served in various international relations roles under Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton.

Admission to the event is $25 per person or $175 for a table of eight, and includes breakfast and the program. For information or to register to attend, call (815) 836-5330.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Same-sex marriage is defended on the grounds that it hurts no one. Actually, that statement is far from the truth. Homosexuality hurts those involved and the surrounding culture.

Traditional marriage provides a bounty of benefits to both the individual and the culture at large. Recent decades have produced a mountain of research which documents that married people and their children fare better on a wide range of factors including physical and mental health, crime rates and substance abuse. Conversely, homosexuality is scientifically documented to put individuals at a far greater risk of many harmful factors including life-threatening diseases and mental health problems that result both in a greatly reduced life expectancy and a higher suicide rate.

Law and culture have long protected marriage because it has been recognized that marriage is critical to the stability of families and that strong families are the backbone of the culture. No other group can duplicate the benefits that marriage and family provide. History has repeatedly demonstrated that, without exception, when marriage and family break down and sexual immorality becomes widespread, the entire civilization soon fails and ceases to exist.

Almost every dollar our country spends on welfare programs can be traced to marriage failing or never occurring in the first place. The cost to government and business of providing insurance and pension benefits to same-sex couples will be crippling. Heterosexual couples that choose to live together without the commitment and responsibilities of marriage will clamor for those same economic benefits if homosexuals succeed in breaking down the definition of marriage and its appropriate boundaries.

Individual choices always impact the wider community. Same-sex marriage or civil unions hurt all of us. It is critical that we protect traditional marriage; the very survival of American life is at stake.

Sincerely,

Karen Brocksieby, Legislative Liaison
Edinburg, Illinois
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Seek Award Nominees

The Community Bankers Assn. of Illinois (CBAI) and BKD, LLP (BKD) are seeking nominations for the sixth annual BKD Award for Excellence & Innovation. The award program serves as a platform to share ideas among community financial institutions and to fulfill our mission to help community banks and thrifts succeed.

Nominations should demonstrate the key factors for success in today's banking environment: high performance, community leadership and entrepreneurial spirit. Past winners have been honored for a variety of reasons, including:

- An innovative product with creative marketing support.
- Extremely successful philanthropic efforts.
- Targeted community improvement projects.

Any CBAI member bank or thrift is eligible to participate. Nominations will be judged on the financial impact or overall value of the program to the institution, its community or both and must be received by CBAI no later than June 4th.

The winner will be announced at CBAI's annual convention in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, Sept. 25th. It will receive an engraved crystal award, symbolizing the level of innovation and excellence the CBAI member has achieved.

For more information and to obtain a nomination form, visit the BKD web site at www.bkd.com/industry/financialinstitutions.htm, or the CBAI web site at www.cbai.com, click on "Public Relations," then "BKD Award." You may also call Andrea Cusick, CBAI senior vice-president of communications, at (800) 736-2226 or e-mail [illegible]@cbai.com.

Sixth Annual "Hop For Hope"

More than 300 children are expected to participate in the sixth annual "Hop for Hope" event on Saturday, April 17, to raise funds for the pediatric rehabilitation and development program at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn.

The yearly carnival to be held at the Hilton Oak Lawn at Cicero Ave. and 94th St., from 3 to 6 p.m., will offer a variety of activities for children and families such as arts and crafts with representatives from the Children's Museum of Oak Lawn; tie-dying T-shirts with All-Tyed Up and a karate demonstration from Joon Lee Academy's master team. The event will also include games, prizes, arts, magic shows and special appearances by characters from the Rugrats. The featured Hop contest will begin at 4 p.m.

The spring carnival and the Hop contest are organized by Hearts for Hope, a volunteer organization that raises community awareness and funds to support Hope Children's Hospital.

The Hop contest is open to children from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. All contestants hop to music for two minutes with other children at their grade level. Children who participate in the contest raise pledges in advance from friends, families and neighbors. Pledges are made according to the number of hops that a child makes in the competition. The boy and girl who raises the most pledges will be named king and queen of the hop.

Admission to "Hop for Hope" is $12 and participants will receive a free "Hop for Hope" T-shirt and goodie bag. Additional prizes will be awarded for the most money raised and the greatest number of hops. To register a child for the Hop contest or to purchase tickets to the spring carnival, families should call (708) 361-9347.

Rita Fights For Gaming Package

In the wake of the state's awarding of a new gambling license to Rosemont, state Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island) recently said he will fight to pass the newly restructured gaming package unveiled earlier this spring, a package that includes an additional license to southern Cook County.

Joining chief sponsor state Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie) and south side colleague Bob Molaro (D-Chicago), the Blue Island lawmaker believes the comprehensive package will restructure state gaming operations, boosting state tax revenues and easing the $2 billion budget deficit Illinois faces.

The new proposal increases gaming positions at existing riverboats, adds slot machines at horse tracks, legalizes video poker and authorizes riverboat licenses for the city of Chicago and southern Cook County.

According to estimates, the complete package would generate between $1.16 billion to $2.35 billion additionally in fiscal year 2005 and additionally between $989 million to $1.70 billion recurring annually.

"We must continue to find new sources of revenue," Rita said. "While the economy has picked up a little, we're still facing declining revenues and a gap that threatens important programs and services for the people. I will continue to work with Rep. Lang, Rep. Molaro and the governor to get these important bills out of the General Assembly. It's going to take negotiation and compromise and a lot of diligent work during budget talks, but ultimately we have to take action on this issue."

Among its provisions, the package includes the following:

- Provides each of the 10 Illinois riverboat licenses with 2,000 gaming positions, up from 1,200.
- Provides 3,200 slot positions to Illinois horseracing tracks, giving purse accounts 15% of revenue.
- Protects and grows the 37,000 agribusiness jobs associated with the horseracing industry.
- Directs $5 million to compulsive gambling programs.
- Legalizes video gaming but reduces number of machines from 65,000 to 47,000.
- Gives city of Chicago license with up to 4,000 positions.
- Authorizes license with up to 2,000 positions to be located in Bloom, Thornton, Rich, Orland, Calumet, Worth, Palos, Bremen or Lemont Townships.

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Oak Lawn Library Closed

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Easter Sunday, April 11. Regular hours on all other dates. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., mid-September through mid-May.

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Candidates For Village Offices

Just when you thought the primary election excitement was in your rearview mirror, prospective candidates for the Mayor's office in Oak Lawn are gearing up for the April 2005 election.

Presently, former senior trustee Ron Stancik was selected by his peers as Acting Mayor to complete the unexpired term of the now deceased Mayor Ernest Kolb. Stancik has done a fine job leading Oak Lawn during this difficult transition.

However, Acting Mayor Stancik and veteran Village Clerk Jayne Powers, with the unified support of the membership of the Mayor's Coalition Party, presently plan to flip-flop positions in the April 2005 municipal election. Jayne Powers will head the ticket for Mayor and Ron Stancik will seek the Clerk's spot.

Powers has capably served the village as Clerk since 1977. She was elected with Mayor Ernie Kolb on his first ticket. Stancik was likewise on that winning ticket as an elected trustee in the 2nd District.

The first challenger to announce his intent to unseat the Mayor's Coalition Party hold on Oak Lawn offices is candidate Dave Heilmann. Presently, Heilmann serves as the Worth Township Highway Commissioner and is a past president and 13-year board member of the Oak Lawn Park District. Heilmann, who has worked on many Coalition campaigns over the past two and a half decades, formally announced Tuesday that he will seek the Mayor's office. The 41-year-old attorney feels that it is time for a new generation of leaders to step forward to run the Village of Oak Lawn. Heilmann will head the ticket of the Unity Party, a new local party presently in formation. His literature suggests the Unity Party will be a non-partisan collection of homeowners and parents who will strive to protect the values of Oak Lawn and improve the quality of life for its residents. Campaign issues include the redevelopment of 95th Street, Cicero Avenue and Southwest Highway. Heilmann has not indicated any other candidates who might also be running under the Unity Party banner at this time.

Since candidates for village offices will not be circulating petitions until October, it's rumored that a number of other notables are also considering entering the Mayor's race. They include Park District Commissioner Terry Vorderer and former state representative John McNamara.

President Terrence J. O'Brien (right) and General Superintendent John C. Farnan (left) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, are pictured thanking Chief Engineer Joseph Zurad for his many years of service to the MWRD, and wishing him well in his retirement.

Home Energy Assistance

Throughout the spring, Peoples Energy is offering a variety of programs and services to help customers manage their gas bills and keep their service on year-round.

"We want to ensure that customers have the information they need to maintain gas service and apply for financial assistance;" said Rodrigo Sierra, vice-president of Corporate and Government Relations at Peoples Energy. "Customers are urged to take action today to manage their gas bill and avoid disconnection of service."

Currently, the number of eligible customers for disconnection is dramatically lower than at this time last year. Customers are eligible for disconnection if they have a balance of more than $180 and are more than two months in arrears.

Peoples Energy has been alerting customers about the numerous ways to keep their gas service on by following the steps listed below:

Make payment arrangements to pay a portion of past due balance while also making payments toward current bills. Eligible customers can now enroll automatically via their bills or through our convenient automated phone system by calling 1(866) 556-6001.

Residential customers with financial difficulties are strongly encouraged to apply for financial assistance. Customers with outstanding balances after all financial assistance has been applied are responsible for the remaining balance of their bill.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides an annual grant to individuals who are 150% below the poverty level. Call CEDA at (312) 456-4100.

The Peoples Energy Share the Warmth program offers matching grants up to $200. Customers who remain current on their bills for six months may be eligible for another $200 matching grant. Contact the Salvation Army at (773) 725-1100.

Customers may also be eligible for tax relief and other assistance programs administered by the city, state and federal governments to help them meet all their household financial needs. Contact the Chicago Tax Assistance Center at (312) 744-1000 or 311.

To pay by credit card, call 1(888) 256-6445. There is a $4.95 fee per $400 transaction.

Enroll in our popular Budget Payment Plan. By making even payments throughout the year, customers build credit for the winter when they use more gas. Visit www.PeoplesEnergy.com to enroll.

Disconnection of service is the company's last resort to collect unpaid arrearages and is costly for customers. Reconnections are scheduled for customers who pay the full balance of their account in addition to a deposit and a reconnection fee.

Information is provided in *Energize!*, the monthly newsletter sent to all customers and posted on www.PeoplesEnergy.com The company is distributing materials such as the "Financial Assistance Directory" and the "Keeping Gas Service On" brochure that focus on maintaining gas service and financial assistance.

The company also attends numerous heating assistance fairs and community meetings to provide customers with an opportunity to discuss managing gas bills and ways to maintain service.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 9 – Friday – Fish Fry, Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 5 to 8 p.m.
APRIL 10 – Saturday – EASTER ON THE GREEN!
APRIL 12 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
APRIL 12 – Monday – Blood Drive, Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 101st and Central Ave., 4 to 8 p.m.
APRIL 12 – Monday – District 5 " Meet with Marge," Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
APRIL 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
APRIL 12 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
APRIL 13 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
APRIL 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
APRIL 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
APRIL 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
APRIL 14 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.
APRIL 15 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

Morning Circle Meet

Askia Abdullah, press secretary and public relations liaison for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Morning Circle Seniors, Thursday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave.

Kathy Faulkner, announced Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

In his position, Askia is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI.

Library Offers DVD's For Check Out

The Audio Visual Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., now offers DVDs for check out to patrons age 18 and up for five day loan periods. Limit two per patron. The cost is 50 cents for Oak Lawn residents and $1 for non-residents.

To view a list of the library's DVD holdings via the Internet, go to the SWAN Online Catalog (http://swan.sis.lib.il.us) and conduct a "Keyword" search. Use "DVD" as the keyword term, limit your search to items at "Oak Lawn" and select "DVD/VIDEODISC" as the format.

For additional information, call Audio Visual, (708) 422-4990.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

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NAMI Holds Free Seminar

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn. The speaker will be Connie Rakitan, chair and founding member of the Commission on Mental Illness for the Archdiocese of Chicago, an agency for education and advocacy with and on behalf of people with mental illness and their families.

Ms. Rakitan is also co-founder and current Program Director of Faith and Fellowship, an interfaith program of spiritual and social support for adults with persistent mental illness. She is the author of *The People of God: Reflections on Communities of Faith and Fellowship* and *The Faith and Fellowship Training Manual*.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. We hold weekly support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness on Tuesdays at 7:45 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ.

For more information on the upcoming seminar and our other support services, contact Mike Guilfoyle at (708) 425-0925.

The new Soldier Field Stadium is celebrating the beginning of spring with an Egg-stravaganza, the largest free candy grab in Chicago, Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to noon.

"The new Soldier Field was created to be an entertainment venue for Chicago, so this springtime event is a perfect opportunity for Chicagoans to enjoy the new stadium and parklands," said Timothy J. Mitchell, the general superintendent of the Chicago Park District.

Approximately 6,000 adults and children of all ages are expected to attend a day filled with a variety of events. Children younger than 10 years old are invited to participate in the first annual candy grab on the stadium field. This will be the first time the public will be allowed on the field. The fun will be broadcast on the two new super-sized 23' X 82' video boards for parents to cheer from the sidelines.

In addition, the first 4,000 children who participate in the candy grab will be given a commemorative wooden egg designed by Gallery 37 Guild Artist Marci Roesch. Gallery 37 is a City of Chicago program that provides young people with quality education and on-the-job training in the visual, literary, media, culinary and performing arts.

Guests are asked to enter the stadium on the south end at Gate O. The event is presented by Dominick's. For more information call (312) 235-7244 or visit www.soldierfield.net.

Work Zones Open For Easter

The Illinois Dept. of Transportation recently announced that highway construction work will be suspended, where possible, on state highways to give motorists a break during the Easter holiday period.

Work zone areas will be opened for normal traffic patterns during the afternoon of Friday, April 9th and will remain open until midnight, Sunday, April 11th.

However, there will be a number of work zones that will continue to have lane closures. Motorists are advised to slow down and be alert in those work zones, and are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect. Motorists are advised to check IDOT's traveler web site, www.illinoisroads.info for road construction information. Interstate road information is also available at 1(800) 452-4368.

In the greater Chicago area there will be work on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

Temporary closures at night may occur from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. weekdays, 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday and 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday. These closures will be in relation to the 170th St. bridge work and the temporary shoulder creation along the expressway.

Southbound traffic over the Wentworth Ave. bridge that has been closed since the beginning of March will be detoured. One lane of northbound traffic is still open.

The 170th St. bridge over the Kingery will be reduced to one lane in each direction for bridge work.

Blagojevich Signs Overtime Legislation

Just two days after the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation protecting hundreds of thousands of Illinois workers from new federal rules that would strip them of their right to overtime pay, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich signed the measure into law.

Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes, who drafted the House version of the overtime legislation, explained, "I initiated this legislation more than a month ago because the way the Bush Administration is treating middle class wage earners in this country is simply not fair. With one hand the White House wants to take money away from working men and women. With the other, he wants to fatten corporate bottom lines. To me, that sounds like some perverse form of trickle-up economics."

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act that was originally adopted in 1938, most workers are guaranteed the right to compensation equaling time and a half for every hour worked beyond the normal 40-hour work week.

The new rules proposed by the U.S. Labor Department, and scheduled to take effect this month, redefine the three job classifications that are exempt from overtime pay. More workers would be classified as "professional," "administrative," or "executive," and as a result, an estimated 375,000 Illinois workers would no longer qualify for overtime compensation. Among the types of workers that could lose the right to overtime pay are: licensed practical nurses, emergency medical technicians, retail and food service workers, secretaries and dental hygienists.

The bill signed by the Governor rejects the federal changes and keeps the current job classification definitions in place, preserving overtime rights for Illinois workers who currently qualify.

The new Illinois law also raises the overtime eligibility level so that most employees who make less than $425 a week, or $22,100 a year, will be entitled to overtime pay. The previous limit of $155 a week, or $8,060 a year, had been unchanged since 1975.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1645, goes into effect immediately.

St. Laurence freshman Chris Wozniak (pictured) was awarded his Eagle Rank in Scouting in a ceremony held on Sunday, March 12. Wozniak fulfilled the requirements for the Eagle Rank on Dec. 13, 2003 and the Eagle Court officially recognized his achievement. Wozniak joined Troop 475 in June of 2000. He has held the positions of Patrol Leader, Troop Instructor, Assistant Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Wozniak has also received the World Conservation Award, Den Chief Service Award and has been trained in OKPIK (Extreme Cold Weather Camping). Only about 2% of all those involved in Scouting achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Wozniak becomes the 20th St. Laurence student to achieve this high honor.

On Track Singles Hold Several Events

On Track Singles, from St. Mary Star of the Sea, will meet for the Living Stations on Friday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 5300 S. Nashville. For more information, call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242.

A dinner and karaoke get-together will take place on Saturday, April 17th at Durbin's, 5506 W. 79th St. The group will leave St. Mary's south parking lot, 6435 Kilbourn, at 7 p.m. or meet at the restaurant at 7:30. To register or for more information, call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m. or Steve Doyle at (708) 268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

A social and dinner will be held on Saturday, April 24th at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. Meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. or at St. Mary's south parking lot at 6 p.m. For details, call John at (773) 585-8242 or Mark at (773) 485-3112.

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Womens Lunch

Beverly South Christian Women's Club cordially invites you and your friends to its "Happy Ever After" Luncheon. It will be Thursday, April 15th at 12 Noon at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills. The cost is $10 per person, inclusive.

Pat Hemminger will speak on finding contentment in her life. Jim Moore will present the music. Wedding gowns of yesterday and today will be a special feature. Reservations are needed by April 12th. Call (708) 430-5062.

Dwyer's Inauguration

Dr. Judith A. Dwyer will be inaugurated at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 23rd as the 17th president of St. Xavier University in ceremonies at the university's south side campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. Dwyer, the first laywoman president of the university, assumed her post last October at the 158-year-old institution, today regarded among the fastest-growing universities in the Midwest. Current enrollment tops 5,500 students.

Present for her investiture will be high-ranking officials from the state and city, the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Sisters of Mercy, plus university marshals, faculty, deans, staff, past presidents of the university and its board of trustees. Dr. Steven Murphy, St. Xavier's vice-president for enrollment and student services, serves as master of ceremonies and university board chair John P. Sweeney will officially present Dwyer with the university's charter and place on her shoulders the St. Xavier seal suspended from a chain.

One of the day's highlights will be a procession of some 200 St. Xavier VIPs and their counterparts from other U.S. colleges and universities – most of them robed – up 103rd St. from the Warde Academic Center on the campus' east end to the Shannon Convocation and Athletic Center three blocks west.

The inauguration keynote chosen by Dwyer is "Call to Service: The Social Responsibility of a Catholic University" to convey both the school's mission and that it prepares students for lives of service. Many graduates became educators, nurses and public servants, or continue their studies to become members of the clergy.

Several events and festivities based on that theme will lead up to the inaugural ceremonies.

These include:

- Wednesday, April 14th at 7:30 a.m. in the Chicago Club at 81 E. Van Buren St.: invited business, civic and philanthropic leaders welcome Dwyer to Chicago, with a program led by Mesirow Financial chair and CEO James C. Tyree, a trustee of St Xavier.
- Thursday, April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. in McGuire Hall on campus: faculty members and students participate in a colloquium on Ethics and the Professions led by St. Xavier trustee R. Scott Appleby, director of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.
- Thursday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Shannon Center on campus: "Catholic Identity, Institutions and Ideals" is the topic of a talk by Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Th.D., president of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Boston and a professor of the practice of religion and public life at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. A reception will be held after the lecture.
- Friday, April 23rd at 8 a.m. in McDonough Chapel on campus: morning prayer and vigil for members of the university's extended community.
- Friday, April 23rd at 2 p.m. in the Shannon Convocation and Athletic Center: inauguration ceremonies, with more than 1,500 attending. A reception will be held after the ceremonies.

Dwyer was executive vice-president and chief operating officer of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. from 1998 until last fall. Previously, she served as an administrator at Villanova University in Pennsylvania and at St. John's University in New York. Dwyer holds a Ph.D. in theology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany, and has completed post-doctoral work at both Harvard and Oxford universities.

File Your Taxes Electronically

Even though April 15th is near, taxpayers who file their tax returns electronically won't have any trouble beating the deadline. Electronically filing is fast, easy, and you get a confirmation number as proof that you filed on time.

"Electronic filing is easy. The programs do the work for you and take the anxiety out of filing a return," said Illinois Revenue Director Brian Hamer. "Once it's finished, you can submit it with a click of the mouse and you'll know immediately it's been filed. There's nothing to mail."

ELECTRONIC FILING

The Illinois Dept. of Revenue offers four electronic filing options:

I-File – Free Internet filing through the department's Web site at www.ILtax.com, available to 5 million taxpayers.

Telefile – Free federal and state filing by touch-tone phone for taxpayers with simple returns, available to 670,000 taxpayers who received a telefile booklet.

PC File – Online filing with tax preparation software, available to 5.5 million taxpayers.

e-File – Filing with a tax professional, available to 5.5 million taxpayers.

TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE

In preparation for the rush leading up to April 15th, the department will extend its taxpayer assistance hours. Taxpayer assistance personnel will be available on the department's toll-free lines and at the Springfield office.

PHONES

Beginning April 5th, the hours for toll-free telephone service was extended. Service hours are: now through April 9th – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 12th through 14th – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 15th (Thursday only) – 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The toll-free tax assistance telephone number is (800) 732-8866.

INTERNET HELP

Taxpayers can find answers to many of their filing season questions on the department's Web site at www.ILtax.com. Taxpayers can use the site to download forms, access frequently asked questions, check the status of their refund, pay electronically, get more detailed information on bills and notices, and even file their return through the department's I-File program.

Investment Fraud

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is urging senior citizens to beware of investment fraud on the Internet.

"These are dangerous economic times for seniors," White said. "By educating and informing the public, we can put an end to those who try to bilk investors out of their hard earned dollars."

State securities regulators are very concerned that the nation's 35 million seniors are at the most risk for Internet securities fraud, said Secretary of State Securities Director Tanya Solov during testimony recently in Washington D.C. before the United States Senate's Special Committee on Aging.

"The Internet has made it simple for a con artist to reach millions of potential victims at minimal cost – turning the information superhighway into a road of ruin for victims of cyber fraud," Solov said.

According to a 2002 SeniorNet2 survey, 13 percent of senior Internet users are performing investment transactions online.

In Illinois, seniors and other investors were solicited to send small sums of money to invest in developing countries. In the end, the Internet con artist collected over $20 million. He and 12 others were convicted and went to jail.

White reminds investors they should always check with the securities department if they suspect they have been the victims of an investment fraud. They can call (800) 628-7937 or go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

If seniors are interested in researching an investment, they should visit the North American Securities Administrators Assn. (NASAA) web site at-www.nasaa.org.

Overtime Rules Bill

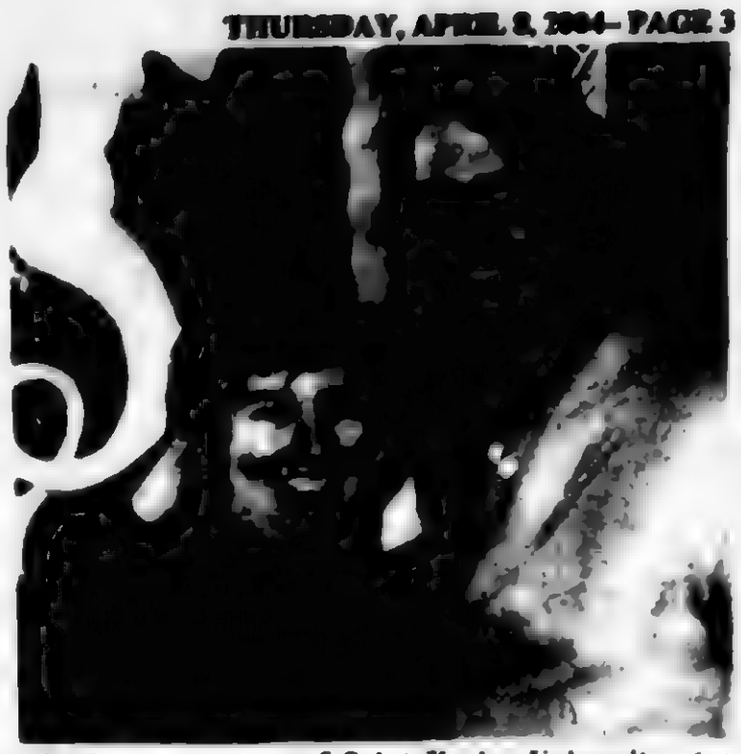
State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes' bill overriding punitive new federal overtime rules proposed by the Bush Administration was approved with bipartisan support by the Illinois House recently.

The Hynes bill, sponsored by State Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-118th) would bypass the more restrictive federal standards set to go into effect in favor of Illinois standards that are fairer to workers. "The House vote sends a message to President Bush that we are not going to sit idly by and let as many as 375,000 Illinois employees in the state lose their right to collect overtime pay," said Hynes.

The new federal rules, expected to go into effect April 1st, remove certain workers who had previously met requirements for overtime pay after a 40-hour workweek with eligibility due to their classification as "executive or administrative" employees. Workers with minimal supervisory duties or who use reference manuals as part of their job would no longer be eligible for overtime pay. Another change broadens the exemption for professionals like doctors and lawyers to now include nurses, military veterans, chefs and other workers without advanced academic degrees. Even news reporters and editors could be subject to these changes in the law.

The Hynes bill would incorporate the new federal guideline that makes overtime eligibility automatic for workers making less than $425 a week – up from $155 per week under current rules. Otherwise, it would keep the existing overtime rules for determining which workers are exempt.

SB 1645, sponsored by State Sen. Barack Obama (D-13), now moves to the Illinois Senate for concurrence before proceeding to the governor's desk for his signature.



Joining supporters of Saint Xavier University at a preview party for the President's Ball hosted by impresario Stanley Paul in his residence were (left to right) Sister Susan Sanders, R.S.M., Ph.D., Director of Saint Xavier's new Center for Religion and Public Discourse and a member of the President's Cabinet with 35th District State Rep. Kevin Joyce of Beverly. The annual President's Scholarship Ball was held on Saturday, March 20, in the Cadillac Club of the new Soldier's Field. The event, co-chaired by Terry G. Hillard and alumna Sheila King, honored James and Ellen O'Connor with the Shield of Saint Xavier. Saint Xavier University is a Catholic, co-educational, undergraduate and master's comprehensive institution founded in Chicago by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846. Mercy core values – respect, justice and caring – have contributed significantly to its growth and development, as well as to the diversification of its student body. Recognized as one of the fastest growing universities in the Midwest, the university creates a supportive learning environment, especially for the majority of undergraduates who are among the first in their family to graduate from college. Saint Xavier alumni use their education and talents to contribute to the betterment of communities where they live and work. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu or telephone (773) 298-3000.

Worth Seniors Hold Crocheting Class

The Worth Township Seniors are going to have a class in crocheting. This will be on Tuesday afternoons in the senior room of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. The classes will start in April and be from 1 to 3 p.m. If you are interested in this class, call Jean at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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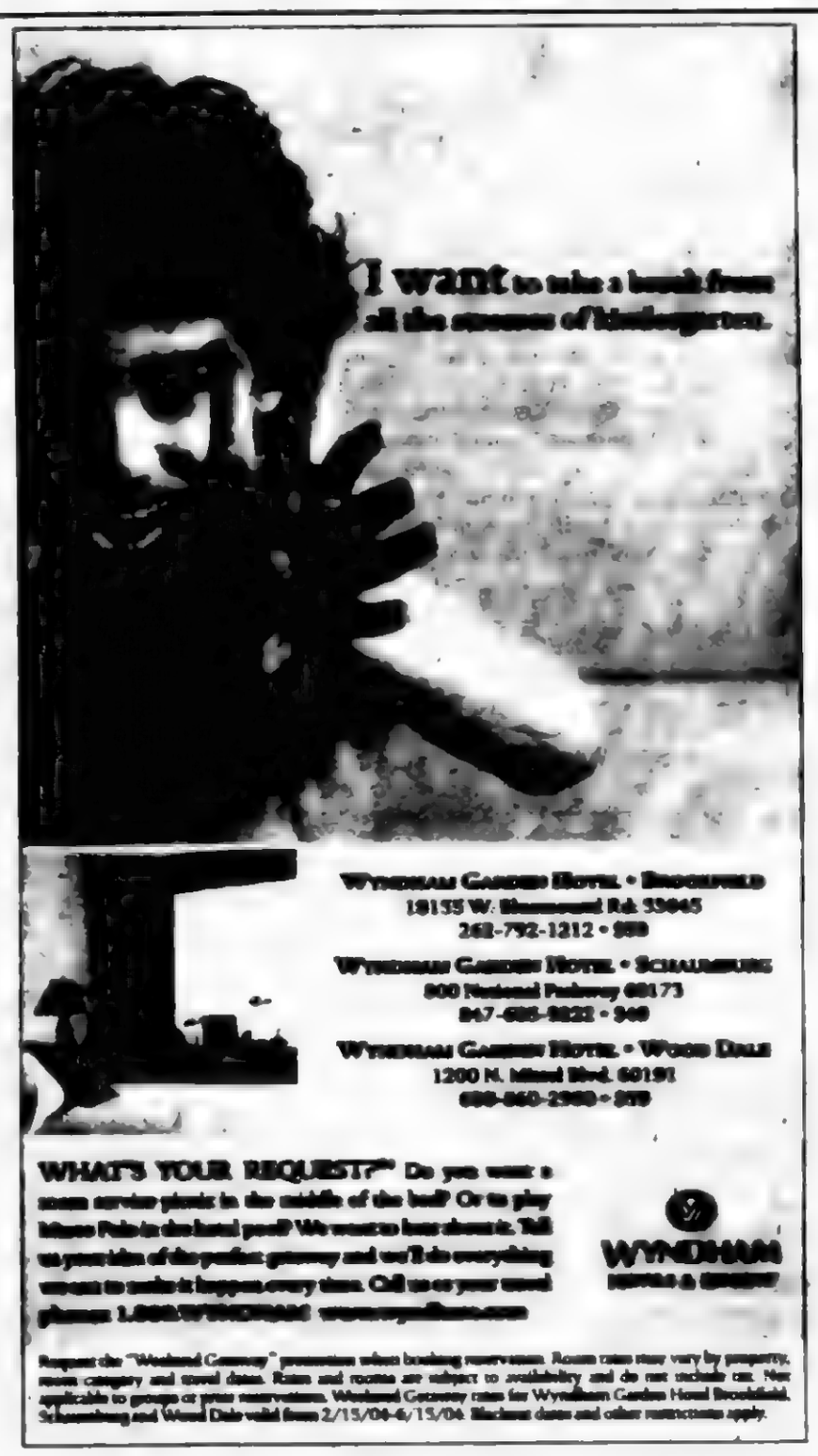
Southland Chamber After Hours

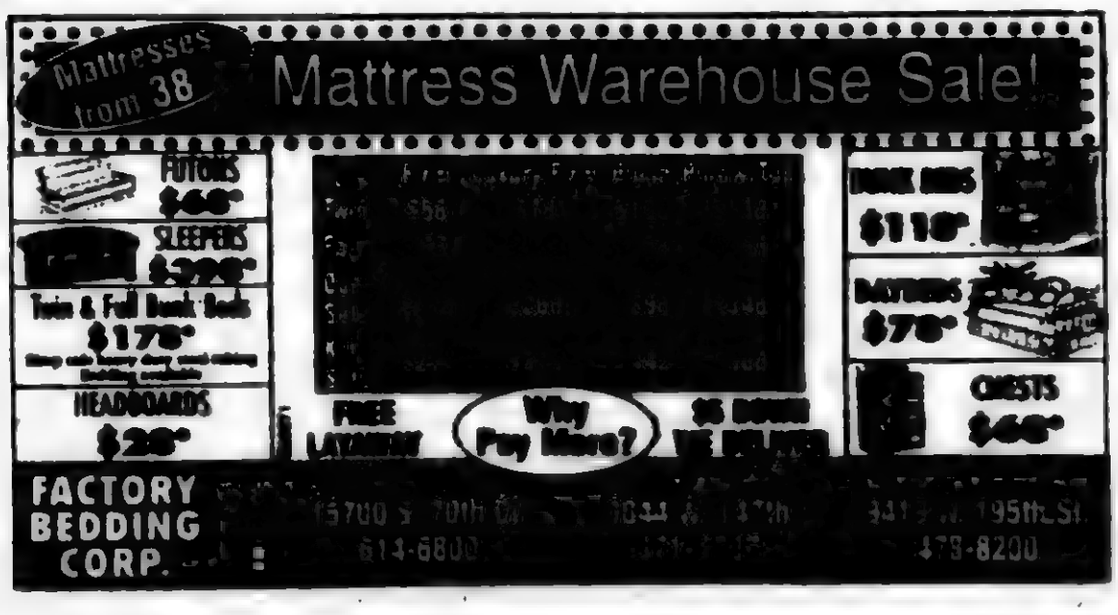
Bamboo Blue, Asian Style Restaurant and Bar, 18147 Harwood Ave. in Homewood, will serve as the host of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Wednesday, April 14th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Individuals are invited to enjoy food and refreshments in a relaxed networking atmosphere while they check out the host's facilities and learn more about their services.

Admission to the BAH, which is open to the business community, is $5 for Chamber members and $15 for non-members. Admission fee is payable at the door.

For reservations or further information, call (708) 957-6950, ext. 118.





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Animal and Domestic Abuse
By Dan G. Parmer, D.V.M., Administrator
Cook County Dept. of Animal & Rabies Control

Interpersonal violence has many connections more than people realize. The connection between animal abuse and domestic violence has been proven without a doubt. We know that in 80-85% of the homes where women or children are being abused a pet is also suffering abuse.

Another important factor is that 40% of battered women will not go to a shelter because of the fear of abuse to their pets left behind. Domestic violence crosses all socio-economic boundaries. Understanding this dynamic of domestic and animal violence can help us understand the need to intervene.

Many times pets are used to establish dominance by the abuser. Simply saying, this same thing will happen to you if you don't adhere to my wishes. The most reliable predictors of adult violence are animal abuse as a child. Jeffrey Dahmer and Ted Bundy are examples of this terrible fact.

Observing violence has a great impact on children. A child who watches his or her mother or pet being abused grows up thinking this is the norm. Often children are spectators at dog or chicken fights an illegal practice that is very prevalent in this area. Children can become sensitized to violence and this is truly a very bad thing.

Animal abuse laws are getting much stricter which means that this is being taken much more seriously. We know that in many instances a woman will not go to a shelter when being abused because they don't want to leave their pet with the abuser. Therefore, we also need a solution for the pets endangerment thus helping the pet and the abused person. More veterinarians are now being trained to deal with suspected cases of domestic violence.

Working together veterinarians, social workers and law enforcement officers can be much more effective in combating animal abuse and domestic violence. Cook County Board President John H. Stroger requests that you report animal and domestic abuse.

Plan Old Orland Historic District

The Village of Orland Park hosted the third in a series of meetings to develop a comprehensive plan for the **Old Orland Historical District** in the community's only nationally registered landmark yesterday evening, April 7th.

The village's Community Development Department used the basement meeting room of the Twin Towers Chapel and Meeting Facility, located at 9967 W. 144th St., to discuss plans for the identification of community priorities. Built in 1898, the restored Twin Towers Chapel was rededicated in 2002 and is now used as a non-denominational wedding chapel.

Village of Orland Park Planner Eva-Marie Tropper said "The Twin Towers was the perfect setting to discuss plans for the Old Orland Historic District. Over the last two months, community meetings have been held to discuss issues related to parking and traffic circulation, new development in and near the historic district, business viability and building rehabilitation."

Topics discussed included land use scale, building preservation, open space, architectural styles and street-scaping and community affairs.

Additional information is available by calling the Village of Orland Park Community Development Department at (708) 403-6115.

Y-Me Meeting

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME of Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, April 10th, in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature a lecture entitled "Updates on Silicone Breast Impants and Cosmetic Surgery" by Dr. David Robinson, MD, F.A.C.P.S. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free and reservations are not necessary.

Y-Me offers peer support to breast cancer patients via 24-hour Hotlines, (800) 221-2141 (English), (800) 986-9505 (Spanish) and educational Open Door Meetings throughout the Chicago Metropolitan Area, South Central Illinois and Northwestern Indiana. Y-ME also provides information on what to do if a breast lump is detected.

For information about the meeting or Y-ME call Dorothy Gillespie at (219) 838-6111.

State Fair Mega Pass

The Illinois State Fair is offering fairgoers an opportunity to enjoy all the thrills of the carnival midway at a great price.

"Our State Fair offers something for everyone and certainly the carnival midway is one of the most exciting areas on the grounds," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "The Mega Pass is a great value and we want to be able to provide families a savings as they enjoy the midway rides."

The State Fair Mega Pass is available for $50 through Monday, May 31st. On June 1st, the price will increase to $60 and may be purchased through the run of the Fair. Passes are not valid for admission to the fairgrounds or rides on the Skyglider and Giant Slide.

Mega Passes may be purchased at the Emmerson Building located on Main St. north of Ethnic Village. Office hours are weekdays, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is (217) 782 0775. Mail order forms also are available on the Illinois State Fair web site at www.illinoisstatefair.info.

The 2004 Illinois State Fair runs from Aug. 13th to 22nd in Springfield.

CUB Board Celebrates

Sunday, March 28th, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) held its 20th Anniversary Celebration. CUB honored Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan with its 2003 Consumer Protection Award.

CUB, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting residential and small business utility customers, honored Madigan because of her work to protect Illinois consumers.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications (ICCT) has sent All Points an updated study on consumer savings resulting from local phone competition. The study shows Illinois consumers have saved $500 million on local phone bills since January 2002. The study also calculated average household savings from new "all-distance" services exceed $400 a year, and savings from local phone competition during 2003 were equivalent to a 5% reduction in the state income tax. These savings on local telephone services effectively increased household incomes, and thereby added at least $800 million to the gross product of the state of Illinois.

"The tremendous consumer savings and economic benefits that stem from local phone competition are a result of the policies established by the Illinois 2001 Telecom Reform Act," said Melia Carter, director of the ICCT. "Each year, savings increase significantly as competition in the phone market continues to grow.

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is currently reviewing existing state telecom policy. SBC has petitioned the ICC to raise the wholesale rates it charges competitors to lease parts of the phone network in order to provide local phone service. The wholesale rates set by the ICC have allowed competition to emerge in the local phone market, producing broad consumer benefits.

"Maintaining fair wholesale rates is essential to ensuring that consumers and small businesses continue to enjoy the savings and choices that come with vibrant competition in local phone service," said Carter. "We are hopeful that, under the Governor's leadership, the ICC will prudently uphold the policies that have delivered valuable benefits to consumers across Illinois."

The study derived consumer savings statistics from two sources: the comparatively lower prices offered by new local market competitors; and rate reductions made by SBC in response to competition. In 2003, savings were roughly double the savings realized in 2002.

According to the study, Illinois households served by SBC's competitors saved nearly $90 million on phone bills in 2003, compared to just over $50 million in 2002. And, as a result of local phone competition, SBC was forced to reduce its monopoly-era rates over 75 times. SBC's rate reductions saved its customers over $200 million in 2003, compared to less than $100 million in 2002. These projections are based on the number of SBC and competitor-served customers in Illinois.

"Current telecommunications policies are allowing SBC's competitors to enter the local market, forcing considerable price reductions that have resulted in significant savings for SBC's customers and those who chose alternative phone carriers. If the current policies stand, Illinois consumers will continue to see a downward trend in prices and an upward trend in savings," said Carter.

To view a copy of the study online, visit www.ilcct.org.

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Cook County Board President John Stroger and Chief Financial Officer Thomas Glaser recently announced that the County will save $11.1 million in future debt service payments through a refinancing of bonds that date back to 1993. Under an agreement negotiated by the County, a package of $225 million in general obligation bonds will be refinanced at lower interest rates saving taxpayers $11.1 million, officials said.

"This is our sixth refinancing effort since 1996 and part of our overall financial strategy," said Stroger, "To date, we have saved more than $50 million through these types of efforts alone."

Under the leadership of the Stroger administration, the County's bond rating is at its highest in more than 25 years. "This is an important third party endorsement of our approach to managing taxpayer dollars, especially as other units of government are experiencing downgrades to their ratings," said Glaser.

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As a variety of bills are being considered in the Senate and the House of Representatives, we though we might give readers a glimpse of a few of them. State Senator Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac) legislation to protect small communities,' senior citizen groups' and church organizations' potlucks from unnecessary regulation gained unanimous approval in the Illinois Senate recently.

"Potluck dinners are a community tradition and one that should not fall under the broad scope of regulators," said Rutheford, who introduced the bill after a number of community potlucks were closed down by local health departments.

Senate Bill 2944 amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Specifically, the bill defines a potluck as an event at which people are gathered to share food; people are not compensated for bringing food to the event; there is no charge for food and beverages at the event; and the event is not conducted for commercial purposes. Under the bill, state and local health departments could not regulate such potluck dinners.

"Potluck dinners are a community tradition throughout Illinois and one that should not fall under the broad scope of regulators," he said. "Today it's the church potlucks and community senior gatherings that are being shut down. Someday it might be the neighborhood Super Bowl party because friends are bringing in the hot wings."

Senate Bill 2944 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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Last week the Illinois House unanimously approved legislation written by State Rep. Robin Kelly (D-Matteson), ensuring customers are aware of automatic renewal clauses in service contracts.

Kelly drafted the measure in response to complaints from constituents who signed one year membership contracts with a local health club. The contracts called for membership fees to be automatically deducted from the members' bank accounts monthly. Much to the members' anger, the health club continued to charge the customers after the initial year because of an automatic renewal clause in the contract's fine print.

"Whether this practice is intentional or simply a communication error, businesses must be up front with consumers to ensure good relationships," said Kelly.

House Bill 4450 requires companies to notify customers in writing 30 days before their contract ends that the contract is about to be automatically renewed. The notice must explain what they can do to cancel the contract.

House Bill 4450 now goes to the Senate and then must be signed by the Governor before it can become law.

Top Public Works Leader

John P. Kos, P.E., District Engineer, Illinois Dept. of Transportation, has been selected by the American Public Works Assn. as one of its Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. The award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing outstanding career service achievements of individuals from both the public and private sectors. The award is announced in conjunction with National Public Works Week, May 16th to 22nd.

For the past 24 years, John Kos has made a tremendous impact on the transportation policy and growth of the State of Illinois. He has served the citizens of Illinois through his untiring dedication to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation in a variety of progressively responsible roles, beginning in the Location Studies Dept. in 1980, working his way up to the highest level in the District, named District Engineer for District One in 1998.

District One encompasses six counties in northeastern Illinois, including the City of Chicago, suburban Cook County, and the five collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will. The state highway system in District One consists of 3,068 miles of highway and 1,744 bridges, supporting more than 97.8 million miles of travel daily. The capital program for the District for the period of FY 2004 to 2008 is estimated at $2.86 billion.

John has been involved in the reconstruction of every major expressway in the Chicago area, and has been a pioneer in developing techniques to appropriately deal with these extremely large urban reconstruction projects. These have included the $450 million reconstruction of the I-90/94 Kennedy Expressway from downtown Chicago to O'Hare Airport; the reconstruction of a 3-mile section of the Dan Ryan Expressway in Chicago which included two miles of elevated structure, complex geometrics and some of the heaviest traffic volumes in the Chicago area; the construction of the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, the reconstruction of the I-55 Stevenson Expressway, as well as the reconstruction of the I-94 Bishop Ford Expressway bridges and the reconstruction of the I-80 Interstate in Will County.

Jesse White Hosts Free Public Seminar On May 18th

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that the Illinois State Library will host a free, full-day public seminar on May 18th entitled "Researching Patent & Trademark Information: A Free Seminar for Inventors and Entrepreneurs."

White said the staff of the Patent & Trademark Depository Library Program of the United States Patent & Trademark Office will conduct the event. The seminar will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Illinois State Library, 300 S. 2nd St. in Springfield.

The seminar will include sessions on how to conduct a patent search, effective trademark searching, resources for inventors, an overview of patents, trademarks, copyrights & grade secrets and patent and trademark services at the Illinois State Library.

Persons may register for the seminar by calling (217) 782-5659 or online at http://www.islcleo.org. While the seminar is free and open to the public, advance registration is required by May 4th.

Leo High School 1954 graduates are busy at work, culling through old yearbooks, telephone directories and anything else they can get their hands on, to find their fellow graduates for a Golden Jubilee Reunion scheduled for the weekend of April 16-17. The celebration will include mass, special reception and dinner with spouses. The cornerstone of the weekend is the annual alumni dinner on Friday night, April 16, at Rosewood West, 131st and Cicero Ave. in Crestwood. Busy at work are (from left) Jim Kenney of Hickory Hills, Dan McGrath of Orland Park, Tom Jacques and Pat McCullough, both of Oak Lawn.

Anyone fitting the description should call George Nedved at (773) 445-3967 or Jim McKeever at (773) 239-0862.

Chicagoland Parade Of Ponds

Burbling waterfalls, colorful koi and cooling waterscapes await at the 12th annual Chicagoland Parade of Ponds this summer. The weekend-long tour of water gardens will be held on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th. During the two-day event, visitors are invited to tour some of the country's most beautiful private ponds and water gardens.

The Chicagoland Parade of Pools is the world's largest and best known water garden tour, featuring more than 200 lush, relaxing and fish-filled waterscapes. The tour is sponsored by Aquascape Designs, Inc. of Batavia, the country's leading manufacturer and innovator of water garden systems. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit local charities.

The tour is self-guided. The $15 price of admission includes a guidebook with a handy map and concise descriptions, locations and directions for every water garden on the tour. Each booklet serves as a weekend-long pass that allows ticket holders to explore at their leisure on both days of the event. The tour area extends north to Lake County, west to Kane County and as far south as Will County. Gardens will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Parade of Ponds tickets are $15. Admission for children 12 and under is free. To purchase tickets by phone, call (630) 326-2400. Or, find the location of nearby garden and pond centers where tickets are also available by visiting www.aquascapedesigns.com.

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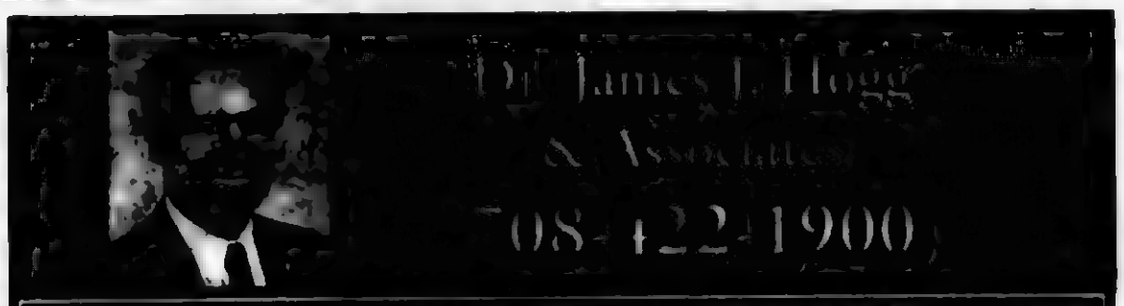

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Evening Of Dance

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago brings a breath taking evening of dance to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University, Saturday, April 17 at 8 p.m. This performance marks the company's first appearance at the Center since April 2000. The scheduled program includes Robert Joffrey's *Pas des Déesses*, Sir Frederick Ashton's *Monotones II*, and Gerald Arpino's *Confetti* and *Light Rain*. This performance is sponsored by the Chicago Community Foundation and sponsored in part by St. James Hospital and Health Centers – Chicago Heights-Olympia Fields.

Artistic Director, Gerald Arpino established The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago in 1995 to carry on the traditions and legacy of The Joffrey Ballet, which he co-founded with Robert Joffrey in 1956. Most dance historians have acknowledged that these two men set a new standard in ballet, both accessible and meaningful, classically disciplined, and brimming with infectious spirit. They have been pioneers whose innovations and discoveries have influenced many ballet companies around the world.

In honor of The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's appearance at the Center, the American Dance Center in Orland Park will host an advanced level master class taught by a Joffrey Ballet master class instructor Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants must be at least 14 years of age and possess an appropriate level of technical ability. Reservations are required. For more information call (708) 747-4969 or (708) 349-4964.

Tickets are $44/$39/$35. For ticket information call The Center Box Office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center. Two-for-one tickets are available two hours prior to curtain for one hour only based on availability and must be purchased in person at the box office. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free. For more information on The Center for Performing Arts, visit The Center's website at www.govst.edu/center.

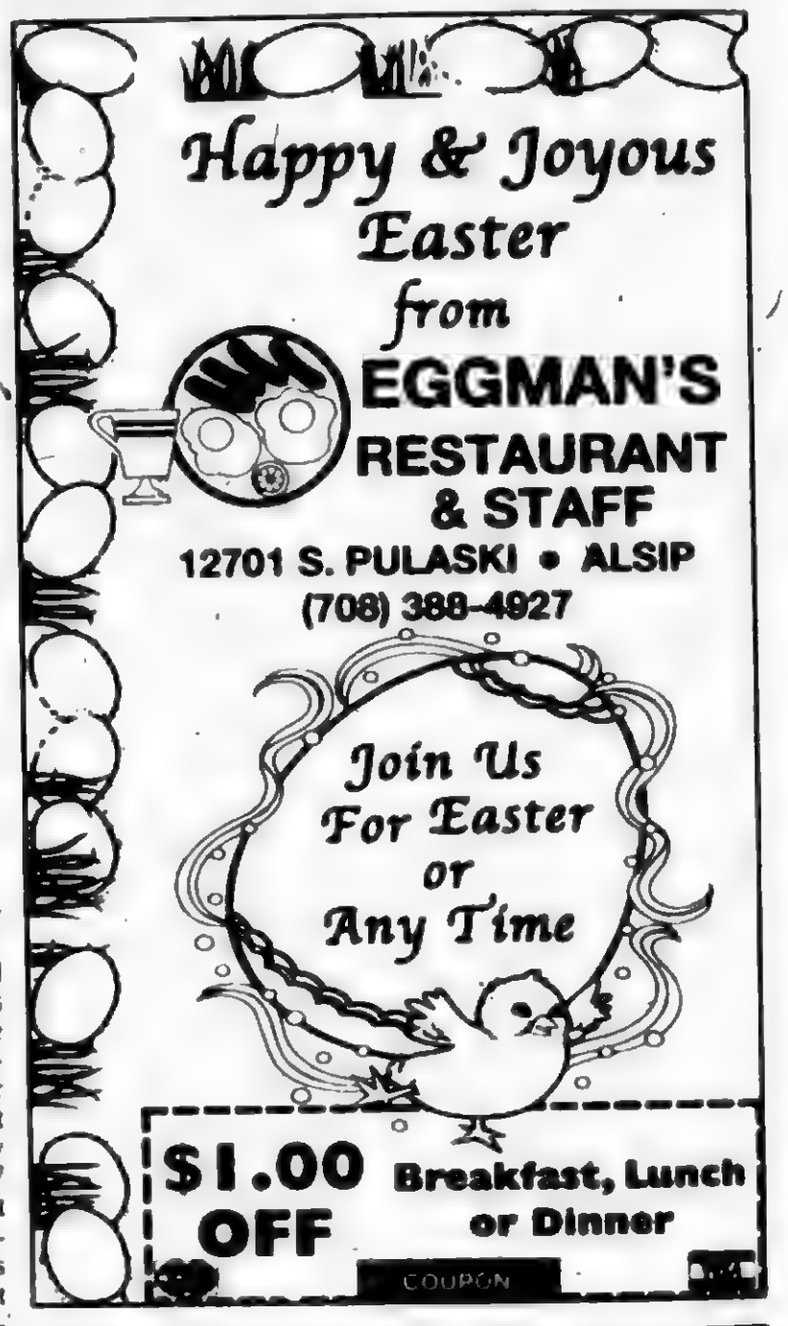
A great time was had by the hundreds of celebrants the recent Saint Xavier University President's Ball, including (left to right) Sister Sue Sanders, R.S.M., Ph.D., Director of the Center for Religion and Public Discourse and a member of the President's Cabinet, with Oak Lawn resident Sister Irenaeus Chekouras, R.S.M., President Emeritus of Saint Xavier, with Sister Marion Johnson, also of Oak Lawn. The annual President's Scholarship Ball was held in the Cadillac Club of the new Soldier Field and honored James and Ellen O'Connor with the Shield of Saint Xavier. The event attracted nearly 700 guests and raised more than $325,000 to underwrite scholarships at the University. Saint Xavier University is a Catholic co-educational, undergraduate and master's comprehensive institution founded in Chicago by the Sister's of Mercy in 1846. Mercy core values – respect, justice and caring – have contributed significantly to its growth and development, as well as to the diversification of its student body. Recognized as one of the fastest-growing universities in the Midwest, the university creates a supportive learning environment, especially for the majority of undergraduates who are among the first in their family to graduate from college. Saint Xavier alumni use their education and talents to contribute to the betterment of communities where they live and work. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu or telephone (773) 298-3000.

Traveling Exhibit

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's "Impressions: A Gallery of Art Inspired by Music," a traveling fine art exhibit of bowls, platters and vases, will be on display through April 17th at Wisdom Artist Gallery, 18100 Martin Ave., Homewood, as part of the gallery's "Musical Journey's Exhibit." Wisdom Artist Gallery is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The exhibit is compiled of fine art works created by 11 Chicago Southland artists. Following last year's successful hand-painted violins, Impressions represents a new blend of art and music since the artists created their work while listening to a specific selection of romantic orchestral music, according to Tomas Vitek, executive director of the Illinois Philharmonic.

"The exhibit features portable CD players, so as you admire each artwork, you can listen to the music it was inspired by," said Vitek. "The goal of Impressions is to blend music and art, and each and every work in this exhibit has a story to tell."



Order Of Lincoln Medallion Ceremony

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that six world-famous Illinoisans who have excelled in communications, business, education and social service will receive the Order of Lincoln Medallion at a special ceremony on Saturday, April 24th at 6 p.m. at the Chicago Historical Society.

The award will be presented to the six individuals, who will become Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois, the highest honor the state can bestow to persons for outstanding achievement who were born or have resided in Illinois. The 2004 Laureates include Studs Terkel, Michael Beschloss, David Broder, George Ranney, Jr., Harry L. Crisp II and Ernest R. Wish.

Lincoln Academy Chancellor John B. Simon of Chicago will preside over the April 24th ceremony. The traditional reception, banquet and ball will follow the ceremony.

The Lincoln Academy, unique among the 50 states, was established in 1965 to honor Illinois' most distinguished citizens, either by birth or residence, who have brought honor to the state by their achievements. Past honorees have included John Chancellor, Paul Harvey, Walter Payton, Mike Royko, Ronald Reagan, Ann Landers, Lester Crown, Gwendolyn Brooks and Roger Ebert.

Fashions

Dominican University's fashion department will present its annual fashion extravaganza on Saturday, April 24 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest.

Lights! Camera! Fashion! will bring a taste of Hollywood to campus. Fashion design students will create over 100 garments for the red carpet runway and other students in the fashion department will produce the show and serve as models. Don't miss this opportunity to preview the designs of the future.

Tickets are $7 in advance and $10 at the door. Call (708) 488-5030 for ticket information.

Songs From The Swing Dance Era

Vocal quintet Five by Design brings *Club Swing*, their dazzling staged musical revue of America's best loved songs from the swing dance era (1937-1955) to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Sunday, April 25th at 7 p.m. The 13-piece Robert Baca Orchestra will provide the live music for this performance funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest

Club Swing, a soon-to-be-shuttered nightclub built during the heyday of swing, provides the setting for the show. As the show begins construction sounds filter through the Hotel Crosby, and a news report echoes the impending demise of the once popular nightspot. But before the wrecking ball falls, Joe Sullivan, the club's longtime bartender, visits the establishment one last time. As he reminisces, the club comes to life in a series of vignettes featuring the most popular songs of the 30s, 40s and 50s such as Cole Porter's "Begin the Beguine," Spike Jones' "Cocktails for Two," Joe Garland's and Andy Razaf's "In the Mood" and Louis Prima's "Sing, Sing, Sing."

Tickets are $38/$33/$29. For ticket information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222. The Center is located at Governors Highway & University Parkway, 45 minutes south of the Loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

New Comedy Show

Chicago Style Standups, a unique new comedy show, brings the excitement and interaction of an ensemble and the fast-paced dynamic of standup to the Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, 2407 W. 111th St., for one night only. Together in one high-energy package six comics take off in a rapid rotation during this hilarious show on Saturday, April 17th at 7:30 and 10 p.m..

Featuring Paul Kelly, James Wesley Jackson, Kev Sevara, Leslie Norris, Bill Gorgo, Scot Wickmann and Jim McHugh, *Chicago Style Standups* return to the Beverly Arts Center after a brief stint as auctioneers at the 33rd annual Benefit Auction. This time, the six comics take the stage with high-speed, vibrant antics, standup, audience participation games such as "Let 's Make a Joke" and much more.

Chicago Style Standups was created by south side natice Paul Kelly as a way to make standup more exciting a year and a half ago. Kelly is a master storyteller, quick ad-libber and holds the title of WGN Comedy Bowl champion. With a unique sense of humor and a physical style, he has a successful career as a solo comedian. From there, things could only get funnier. Kelly formed *Chicago Style Standups* by joining forces with five other talented and intelligent comediennes, Gorgo, Jackson, Sevara, Norris, Wickmann and McHugh. *Chicago Style Standups* performed together for the first time in Blue Island and they have been touring the Chicago area and leaving audiences in hysterics ever since.

"We have a different look and a different style," says Kelly. "Audiences are used to seeing a solo comic on stage with one mic. We all rotate to the mic and collaborate to make people laugh. We finish each other's jokes, add on or switch things up entirely. You never know what to expect, which is what makes it fun."

Tickets are $25. For tickets and more information, call the BAC box office at (773) 445-3838 or visit them online at www.beverlyartscenter.org.

Joining the hundreds of attendees at the recent Saint Xavier University President's Ball were (left to right) Palos Hills residents Joanne and Art Velasquez of Azteca Foods with Saint Xavier President Judith A. Dwyer. The annual President's Scholarship Ball was held in the Cadillac Club of the new Soldier Field. The event attracted nearly 700 guests and raised more than $325,000 to underwrite scholarships at the University. Saint Xavier University is a Catholic co-educational, undergraduate and master's comprehensive institution founded in Chicago by the Sister's of Mercy in 1846. Mercy core values – respect, justice and caring – have contributed significantly to its growth and development, as well as to the diversification of its student body. Recognized as one of the fastest-growing universities in the Midwest, the university creates a supportive learning environment, especially for the majority of undergraduates who are among the first in their family to graduate from college. Saint Xavier alumni use their education and talents to contribute to the betterment of communities where they live and work. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu or telephone (773) 298-3000.

Host Easter Brunch

On Easter morning, Sunday, April 11th, the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., will host a special brunch. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. families can enjoy an all-you-can-eat, elegant breakfast buffet featuring chocolate-chip pancakes, strawberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, yogurt, cereal, pastries, desserts, plus carved ham and turkey. Also, a special appearance will be made by the Easter Bunny. Adult cost is $12.99, kids ages 6-10 are $6.99, and ages 5 and under eat for free Reservations are strongly recommended

For more information, call (708) 857-2433

Shuffle Card Game

Shuffle your way into spring with food, friends and fun and your favorite card or dice game. Bring your own group of four or Park Lawn will place you in a group to enjoy bridge, canasta, bunch, or the game of your choice while supporting Park Lawn.

On Saturday, April 24th Park Lawn will be holding its second annual Spring Shuffle Card Game and Luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park.

Tickets are $30. Cash bar opens at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Cards and games will immediately follow. The Debs Bridge Club and Friends are sponsoring the event.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Park Lawn. Park Lawn is a non-profit agency located in Chicago's Southwest Suburbs that provides vocational services, supported employment, adult developmental training and residential services for individuals with developmental disabilities

For more information or to make reservations, call Park Lawn at (708) 425-6867

Vietnam Vets Art Museum

The National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum (NVVAM) located at 1801 S. Indiana Ave. in Chicago will have a reception and opening of a unique exhibit of works by selected Vietnam veterans called *Trauma and Metamorphosis*. The show runs through Sept. 30th

The exhibit will feature works by seven contemporary artists who have served their country and survived their war experience in Vietnam. The work of Ron Mann will be the centerpiece of this exhibit. His paintings have not been exhibited before and will be presented in a narrative format as they tell the story of the artist and his trauma Other artists included are Randolph Evans, Joseph Clarence Fornelli, Stephen Ham, Michael Helbing, Karl Michel and Helen P White.

Trauma and Metamorphosis will focus on the effects of trauma and war as it relates to the artist in the years subsequent to the time spent in Vietnam. Through their artwork the exhibit will explore issues of life after the war, the manifestation of repressed feelings and PTSD

Admission is $6 for adults and $5 for students, senior citizens and veterans. Free admission for NVVAM members. Activities will feature Michael Toahty, Native American Ceremonial Man, who will conduct a Blessing Ceremony at the NVVAM. This event will be followed by discussion of traditional healing practices in Native American Culture. Michael Toahty's discussion is the first of several lectures on PTSD and healing alternatives Lectures on PTSD and symposiums on healing are planned throughout the run of the exhibit. Contact the museum for specific dates, times and fees for these events

Annual Trade Show

The Midwest Pond and Koi Society announces that its annual Trade Show will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on May 7th from noon until 9 p.m. and May 8th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m

The Trade Show is an excellent opportunity for both pond enthusiasts and those who want to learn more about water gardening to contact pond supply vendors This year's Trade Show will not only have many more vendors than last year but also feature seminars held throughout the event on topics such as pond filtration, care of water plants, and other topics of interest to water gardeners. Both local and national vendors have reserved space where knowledgeable salespeople will offer products and services at "Wholesale to the public" prices Both salespeople and club members will be available both days to help water gardeners find practical ways to prepare water gardens and fish ponds for the summer

Vendors will offer the following items for sale goldfish and koi; fish food; pond supplies, liners, pumps and accessories; pond design and construction; water plants and yard plants; garden design; lawn ornaments; and more

Admission is $5 per adult, both parking and children are free. Interested parties can get information from the Midwest Pond and Koi Society web site at http www.mpks.org or by calling the Trade Show chairman, Niels Christensen; at (630) 654-8971 or amcan@aol.com.

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
6:30 p.m. Meal in the Upper Room, Holy Communion and Stripping of Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Shadows

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
7-11 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

SAINT CHRISTINA CHURCH

111th & Christiana
Chicago, Illinois

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Penance Service on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard on
Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 9 (Good Friday) after
The Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer at 8:30
Liturgy of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m.
Our Church will be open until 12:00 a.m. for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets at 1:30 p.m.
Liturgy of the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Masses will be at 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

14700 S. 94th Avenue
Orland Park, Illinois
708-349-0431
Rev. Raymond Rohlfs
Rev. Walter Ledogar
Vicar Paul Hennings

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:00 a.m.., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion at all services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. – Holy Communion
Stripping of the Chancel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
11:00 a.m.
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
6:30 a.m. Sonrise Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Communion

Handicapped accessible

ST. DAMIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5300 W. 155th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois
(708) 687-1370

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 8th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:30 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 9th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 10th
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 11th

6:45	Church
8:00	Church
8:15	Fr. Shaw Hall
9:30	Church
9:45	Fr. Shaw Hall
11:00	Church
11;15	Fr. Shaw hall
12:30	Church
12:45	Fr. Shaw Hall

SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

11025 South Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois
(708) 974-3400

Holy Week and Pascha Program – 2004

Lazarus Saturday, April 3rd
Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.
Great Vespers/Holy Confession – 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 4th
Orthros – 7:45 a.m.
Two Divine Liturgies
1st Divine Liturgy (Youth Choir Sings) – 8.30 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
There will be no Sunday School Classes.
Parents please bring your children to 1st Liturgy.
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Monday, April 5th
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Tuesday, April 6th
Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service – 7:00 p.m.
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will officiate

Holy Wednesday, April 7th
Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts – 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction
Koraes School Children and Adults – 10:30 a.m.
All Other Children and Adults – 3:30 p.m.
Service of Niptira (Washing) and Anointing with Holy Unction for the Community at large 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 8th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
All School Children to Receive Communion followed by a Lenten Breakfast
Holy Passion Service – Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospel Lessons – 7:00 p.m.

Great Friday, April 9th
The Royal Hours – 8:15 a.m.
Apocathelosis (Removal from the Cross) – 3:30 p.m.
Lamentations (Epitaphios) – 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 10th
Two Divine Liturgies (Liturgy of St. Basil)
1st Divine Liturgy – 6:00 a.m.
2nd Divine Liturgy – 8:30 a.m.
The Canon with the Proclamation of the Resurrection followed by the Pascal Orthros and Divine Liturgy beginning – 11:00 p.m. (into Sunday morning/Pascha)

Pascha – (Easter) Sunday, April 11th
The Agape (Love) Vesper Service
(With Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 & under following) – 1:00 p.m.

Bright Friday, May 16th
Feastday of the Life Giving Fountain of the Theotokos/Zoodohou Peges Orthros and Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.

ST. TERRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

119th and Kostner
Alsip, Illinois 60803

Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, April 3 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 4: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 8
7:30 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 9
3:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM – Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 10
7:30 Easter Vigil Service

Easter Sunday, April 11
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

8659 S. Sayre
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 598-8070 – both fax and phone
Rev. Dr. John M. Richy, Pastor

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
9:00 a.m. Traditional
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Easter Breakfast Between Services

Peace to All this Easter in Church

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

5555 West State Road
Burbank, IL 60459
(708) 423-0321

EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY MASSES:
Palms will be distributed at each mass beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday masses will be at:
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES OF HOLY WEEK
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper – Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
3:00 p.m. Paraliturgy Service
7:00 p.m. The Living Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10
1:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church)
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
5:30 a.m. Sunrise/Polish Mass
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m. (Polish)

HOMETOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4340 W. 87th Street
Chicago, IL 60652
773/582-7744
Interim Pastor Rev. Gerald Oosterveen

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m. Traditional Service
Remember Christ's Suffering

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Service

ST. DENIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

8301 S. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago
773-434-3313

EASTER SCHEDULE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Confessions heard during the Triduum (April 8-10) only by appointment.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses, beginning with a procession forming in front of the Parish Center: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Sun. 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

SEDER MEAL
A meal based on the Jewish Seder on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Fullmer Hall. Reservations are required through the Rectory at (773) 434-3313.

TRIDUUM (The Three Holiest Days of the Christian Year)
Each Day – Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th – 7:30 P.M.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
(including washing of feet and Eucharistic Procession). Church will be open until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
1:00 p.m. Ashburn Way of the Cross – beginning at St. Denis Parish Center
7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord
The Church will be remain open until midnight

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10th
1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food and Easter Baskets in Church
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Liturgy (gather in front of Parish Center)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the Easter Season from Easter, April 11th through Pentecost Sunday, May 30th..

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WORTH

7100 W. 112th St.
Worth, Illinois
(708) 448-6682

Rev. Martha A. Coursey, Pastor

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Cantata "The Thorn Crowned Kind"
8:50 & 10:20 a.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Celebration

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Symbolic Seder

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship led by United Methodist Youth Fellowship
8:00 a.m. All Church Easter Breakfast served by United Methodist Men
8:50 & 10:20 a.m. Easter Celebrations

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

14641 S. Keeler Avenue
Midlothian, Illinois, 60445
www.stchristopherparish.com
(708) 388-8190
FR. BILL KILLEEN, PASTOR
FR. MIKE KALCK, ASSOC. PASTOR
FR. JOHN SAGAYA, RESIDENT

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, April 3rd - 4-5 PM

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday, April 3rd - 5:30 PM
Sunday, April 4th
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

HOLY WEEK WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday, April 5th, Tuesday, April 6th
Wednesday, April 7th
Masses – 7:00, 8:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight (Oratory)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10th
Blessing of Baskets - 12:00 Noon

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 Noon

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9815 S. Campbell
Evergreen Park, Illinois
708-424-3755
Dr. Joseph Alfred, Pastor
Michael Thorn, Director of Music Ministries

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
10:00 a.m. Celebration of Palms

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Christ's Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Shadows)
Choir Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
7:00 a.m. Early Morning Devotional Worship
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Easter Communion Morning Worship

ASHBURN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

3345 W. 83rd St.
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 737-2620
Rev. Pamela J.S. Challis, Pastor
Rev. James M. Christian, Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
1:00 p.m. Neighborhood Stations of the Cross (Begins at Ashburn)
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10
7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 a.m. Festive Holy Communion
9-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Festive Holy Communion

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

8301 S. LeClaire Ave.
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 423-2441
Rev. Bartholomew Wojcik

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SERVICES

APRIL 3, LAZARUS SATURDAY
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Archbishop *JOB*
5:00 p.m. Vigil with Blessing of Palm & Willow branches

APRIL 4, PALM SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by coffee social
Bridegroom Matins will be at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1121 N. Leavitt St., Chicago (773) 486-4545.

APRIL 5, HOLY MONDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 6, HOLY TUESDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 7, HOLY WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

APRIL 8, HOLY THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
7:00 p.m. Matins with the 12 Passion Gospel readings

APRIL 9, HOLY FRIDAY
2:30 p.m. Youth/Church School Activities
5:00 p.m. Vespers with Jesus Christ's Burial Shroud brought out
7:00 p.m. Matins with Lamentations

APRIL 10, HOLY SATURDAY
10:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with 15 Old Testament Readings foretelling Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and the change to white vestments.
11:30 p.m. Nocturn, Paschal Matins with Procession, and Paschal Divine Liturgy. After the services: Blessing of Paschal food baskets.

APRIL 11, PASCHA – EASTER
12:30 p.m. *Agape* Vespers; Pot-luck social; children's Easter Egg Hunt.

NEW SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

8600 S. Kilpatrick
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 582-7406

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
10:45 a.m. – Musical Praise Service
Holy Communion
Children's Message
Light Refreshments following
Easter Egg Hunt for the Children

Peace to All this Easter in Church

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

4660 West 94th St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 423-1040

REFLECT AND CELEBRATE!
COME TO OUR EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 – PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, MAUNDY THURSDAY
11:00 a.m. Communion Service
7:00 p.m. – Ceremonial Seder Meal and Holy Communion (we encourage reservations for Seder)
FRIDAY, APRIL 9 – GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 Noon Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Holy Communion
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – EASTER FESTIVAL
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Call (708) 423-1058 about our school – Grades K-8; Shepherd's Garden Pre-school and Day-Care Center.

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9717 S. Kostner Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois
(708) 423-9717
Dr. Thom Parrott-Sheffer, Pastor

We welcome all to our celebrations of the Risen Lord

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
9:30 a.m. *Children's Pageant*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
6:30 p.m. *Seder Supper*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
7:30 p.m. *The Shadow of the Cross*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service *Readings*
9:30 a.m. Traditional *From Cross, Through Grave, To Glory*

PALOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12101 S. Harlem Avenue
Palos Heights, IL 60463
K. Peterson, Pastor

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8:45 & 11 a.m. Palm crosses distributed

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Noon to 3 p.m. Sanctuary Open for Communion and private prayer
7:30 p.m. Worship Service, David Peterson, "The Lost Name of God."

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
8:45 & 11 a.m. Family Festival of the Resurrection Choir at both services.

Nursery Care

MOUNT GREENWOOD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10911 S. Trumbull
Chicago, Illinois
(773) 445-6080
Rev. Louis Vician, Pastor

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4th
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th
7:00 p.m. – Living Last Supper

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9th
12 Noon – Via Dolorosa
7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11th
6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. – Children's Divine Service
10:30 a.m. – Divine Worship Service

ALL ARE WELCOME

PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

10300 W. 131st Street
Palos Park, Illinois
(708) 448-7833

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – April 4 - Communion
Jesus Rides to Jerusalem on a Real Donkey
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship "Guess Who is Coming to Town"
11:00 a.m. Family Worship "the Littlest Donkey"

Maundy Thursday – April 8 - Communion
2:00 p.m. Peace Village; 3:00 p.m. Peace Residences
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Good Friday – April 9 – Tennebrae
7:00 p.m. Peace Memorial Church

Easter Sunday – April 11
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service "Early One Morning"
7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Celebration
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Family Easter Celebration

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PRIORY

5900 W. 147th St.
Oak Forest, IL

No services in our Chapel
Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

Palm Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

8607 S. Narragansett
Burbank, Illinois 60459
(708) 599-4780
Dr. Earl L. Peters, Pastor
Stefan Munker, Associate Pastor

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8
7:15 p.m.-First Communion, Re-enactment of the Last Supper, and Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9
3:00 p.m.-Children/Family Service followed by children coloring Easter eggs
7:15 p.m.-Service of Darkness "The Last Words of Jesus" (Signed for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired)
EASTER EVE, SATURDAY, APRIL 10
6:00 p.m.-Traditional Easter Worship
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11
Living Portrayal of the Risen Lord and Holy Communion at all Services
8:00 a.m.-Traditional Easter Service
9:30 a.m.-Musical Praise
11:00 a.m.-Musical Praise Service
CHURCH IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PILGRIM FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9411 South 51st Avenue
Oak Lawn
(708) 422-4200
Rev. Peggy McClanahan

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 p.m. Simple supper and communion service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

12:00 noon – Sanctuary worship with altar communion

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 a.m. – Worship with hand bell choir, men's choir, vocal ensemble and brass

10:00-11:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

11:15 a.m.Contemporary Worship
Praise Band and vocal solos.

(Nursery provided on Maundy Thursday & Easter)

Other Sundays: 9:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
9:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast
10:45 a.m.
Easter Celebration & Baptism

Elim Church
10835 S Pulaski Rd.
Chicago, IL
(773) 239-2396
www.elimbaptistchurch.com

Women Business Owners Lunch

The Chicago Area Chapter of the National Assn. of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) presents its annual Gala Luncheon on Thursday, April 29th from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. The event is keynoted by actress, producer, author and social activist, Marlo Thomas.

A recipient of the Golden Globe Award and four Emmy Awards, Marlo Thomas was the star of the long-running series "That Girl." She created and hosted the groundbreaking *Free To Be...You and Me* television specials which became a best-selling children's book as well as a gold record. The proceeds from all the *Free To Be* projects go to the Ms. Foundation for Women and Children.

Thomas is a founding director of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a member of the board of the National Women's Political Caucus, The Creative Coalition and the Museum of Television and Radio. Further, she has been recognized by the NAACP's Pathway to Excellence Award, William Moses Kunstler's Racial Justice Award, and the National Council of Jewish Women's Rebakah Kohut Award.

With her family, Thomas carries on her father, Danny Thomas' life work for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the institution he founded, which specializes in catastrophic diseases in children and spearheaded the conquest for childhood leukemia.

Among the afternoon's highlights are the presentations of the NAWBO Chicago 2004 Woman Business Owner of the Year, Member of the Year, and Corporate Woman of Achievement Awards. The annual gala raffle is sponsored by American Airlines. The grand prize is air transportation for 2 to any European city served by American Airlines and first prize is air transportation for 2 to any continental U.S. city served by American Airlines (restrictions apply). There are lots of other great prizes to be won, generously donated by NAWBO members and friends.

Registration is $88 per ticket, or $780 for a table of 10. Advance reservations required. To register or for more information, contact the NAWBO Chicago Area Chapter office at (312) 322-0990 or visit their web site at www.nawbochicago.org.

De La Salle Student Council Held A Successful Blood Drive

The City of De La Salle (student council) at both the Main and West campuses of De La Salle Institute coordinated a successful blood drive on March 5th. In all, 76 pints of blood were collected from the students, faculty, and staff of De La Salle by the phlebotomists from Life Source Blood Services.

Assisting the students in organizing this blood drive were Main Campus City of De La Salle Moderator David Tambellini and West Campus Moderator Justin Stebelton. West Campus City of De La Salle Mayor Ericka Cervantes and Main Campus City of De La Salle Mayor Jason Valenzuela were responsible for coordinating the event at their respective campuses.

De La Salle Institute wishes to thank everyone who donated to and participated in this De La Salle Institute March Blood Drive.

WONDER OF WONDERS EASTER

Phil Babich and Mike Neuhaus have played football together at Shepard High School the past four years. The countless hours of practice, games, bus trips and weightlifting as Astros have been a mere prelude to what awaits them.

When the honor roll students graduate in May, they will remain teammates for at least another four years at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Famed for its academic and physical rigors, the naval academy will challenge Babich and Neuhaus as it has every Midshipman for 160 years.

If they feel any uneasiness, however, it is impossible to tell. Babich and Neuhaus, both of whom earned academic all-state honors in football, anticipate the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

"The opportunities that the academy offers were far too great to pass up both on the football field and in the classroom," said Neuhaus, a National Honor Society (NHS) member who has earned honor roll status every semester at Shepard.

Babich's visit to Annapolis crystallized his post-high school plans.

"When I went on my visit the yard (campus) was unbelievable. The opportunities I will have academically, as well as athletically, are second to none," said Babich, a three-time academic all-state selection who belongs to NHS.

The Annapolis football program enjoyed one of its finest seasons in years under second-year head coach Paul Johnson. The Midshipmen earned an invitation to the Houston Bowl, finished the season with an 8-5 record, and won the Commander-in-Chief Trophy (awarded each season to the military academy – Army, Navy, or Air Force – that wins the most football games played against the other military academies).

Neither Babich nor Neuhaus said the team's 2003 record influenced their decision.

"It was a plus, but the prestige and opportunities that the academy offers were far too great to pass up," said Neuhaus, who has also participated in teen court, Leo Club, baseball, basketball, and Presidents Club as a Shepard student.

"The Naval Academy has so much to offer it was an easy decision," said Babich, who also has participated in peer mediation, baseball and basketball at Shepard.

Neither has chosen an academic major yet. Neuhaus has narrowed his choices to history and economics, and Babich plans to study oceanography or history.

Pictured from left to right, Mike Neuhaus, Shepard social studies teacher, Nick Bax, and Phil Babich.

Assessor Houlihan Comments On Property Tax Reform

"The Illinois property tax system is inherently flawed, which is why I have been working with a coalition of elected officials and community groups on restructuring the property tax system to achieve fair funding of education and reduce the burden on homeowners.

"Mayor Richard Daley, Cook County Board President John Stroger and I agree that homeowners need immediate relief. The continued increases in property tax bills, particularly within a system that continues to over-rely on property taxes for funding, cannot be tolerated. The best possible solution for homeowners who experienced dramatic assessment increases in 2003 remains the passage of Senate Bill 1498 – the 7% assessment cap

"If the 7% assessment cap is passed by the Legislature now, it would be applied to the 2003 reassessment. For example, homeowners who experienced an assessment increase of 60% would instead see a 7% increase per year

"To make the 7% cap more appealing to all members of the Legislature, we have recommended the statewide expansion of SB 1498. This expansion would give all Illinois counties the option of adopting the 7% cap and applying it to their own assessments.

"We have worked hard to make the complex assessment process as transparent, accurate and fair as possible. This includes unprecedented outreach efforts and putting all assessment information, including photos of every property, on our web site, www.cookcountyassessor.com. In addition, all the tools needed to file an appeal without a lawyer and understand the reassessment process have been made available. There is even an appeal form included with every reassessment notice, and an individual can also appeal on-line

"The fact remains that Illinois has an over-reliance on property taxes and the system needs to be completely overhauled. The current system unfairly burdens individual taxpayers, fails to provide adequate funding for our schools and discourages economic growth. We need to restructure the tax system so we can bring the three major taxes – income, sales and property – into line We are simply asking property taxes to do too much, while our other taxes do too little. It is causing disparities in education and it is driving people from their homes

"I will continue working with Senate President Emil Jones, House Speaker Mike Madigan, Sen. Frank Watson, Rep. Tom Cross, and all local elected officials to accomplish our shared goal of providing meaningful property tax relief."

Circuit Breaker Clients Con Artists Warning

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, joined by the Illinois Department on Aging and the Department of Revenue, issued a warning to the state's Circuit Breaker clients, urging them to be on the watch for calls from con artists claiming to be state employees and asking for personal information such as bank account details

Madigan's office has opened an investigation into these claims; however, as the investigation continues, she cautioned seniors and Circuit Breaker clients to be prepared to protect themselves if they receive a similar call.

"If someone calls you asking for personal information, hang up the phone," Madigan said. "This information can be used to gain access to consumers' finances and other personal details While seniors may be thrown by someone pretending to be from the state, they should remember that they control what information they give out."

The Circuit Breaker program, administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, provides grants to senior citizens and adults with disabilities. The recent calls soliciting personal information have been made by a caller claiming to be a state employee The caller then asks for confidential bank or personal identification information.

In one instance, the caller claimed that the client had been awarded a $3,500 grant and asked for additional information to ensure quick delivery of the check. By calling multiple times, and "verifying" information with the client, a caller may be able to build up confidence with the client before asking for the confidential information

Madigan said consumers can guard themselves from fraud if they receive a call from someone claiming to be a state employee by getting the caller's name and contacting the listed state agency telephone number to verify the employee works there. Additionally, Madigan warned that there should never be an instance when a bank account or social security number should be given out over the phone

Consumers should report any fraudulent activity to the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotlines, at 800-386-5438 or 800-964-3013 (TTY) in Chicago and 800-243-0618 or 877-844-5461 (TTY) in Springfield.

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Discuss Frankenstein

The novel "Frankenstein" will be the jumping off point for a panel discussion addressing "Art in the Mass Media" held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Thursday, April 15th at 7 p.m. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated.

The image of Frankenstein's monster shown by the mass media does not resemble the creature described in Mary Shelley's novel. Five scholarly panel members will discuss the various ways that art lives on in popular culture.

This is one of six panel discussion topics offered by nine public libraries hosting events related to "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit that will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library until April 28th. For a complete listing of discussions and a film series offered at other participating libraries, visit Moraine Valley's Frankenstein web site, www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Present Gospel Choir

The North Park University Gospel Choir will be singing at the 10:45 a.m. worship service at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., on Sunday, April 25th.

The 125-voice choir has toured the North American continent extensively, and it represents students from North America, Central and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The choir is directed by Rollo A. Dilworth, a member of the faculty of the School of Music at North Park University in Chicago. He received his Doctor of Music degree from Northwestern University.

There is no charge for this performance.

Lunch is available after the worship service for a cost of $3 for adults, $1 for children. Reservations by April 19 are a must for the lunch.

For more information, call (708) 422-5111.

Arrests Can Be Taken From Official Records

If you were ever arrested for a crime and later found guilty, you can take steps to have the record of your arrest expunged. When a record is expunged, it is as if the crime never occurred. Each law enforcement agency destroys the records.

This means that the record of your arrest would be removed from the officials records of the arresting authority and the Dept. of the State Police and that the records of the Circuit Clerk are sealed. Your name is also removed from the official index required to be kept by the Circuit Clerk under Section 16 of the Clerk of Courts Act.

In most cases, you make your request to the judge who presided over your trial to have your record expunged. He or she has the power to order that the record of your arrest be sealed instead of removed from the records of the Dept. of the State Police.

It is important to note that not everyone is eligible to have his or her record expunged. You cannot have been previously convicted of any criminal offense or municipal ordinance violation. Also, you must have been acquitted or released without being convicted of a municipal ordinance, felony or misdemeanor for the offense you are trying to expunge.

Persons who have received supervision for an offense can have their criminal records expunged by the presiding judge in their county after two years have passed since the supervision ended. People who received supervision or probation for some offenses can have their criminal records expunged but only after five years have passed since the supervision or probation ended. For a list of what offenses require a two or five-year waiting period, visit the Southern Illinois University School of Law Web site at www.law.siu.edu/selfhelp, and click on the Police logo.

Persons who have received a conviction or supervision for any sexual offense committed against a minor under age 18, including indecent solicitation of a child or criminal sexual abuse, or any violation of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar local ordinance, cannot have their criminal records expunged by the presiding judge in their county, regardless of the time that has passed.

Another option to having a record expunged is to have the file "sealed." When a record gets "sealed," the file remains intact and can only be released to other law enforcement agencies. Employers will not have access to the records. An attorney can explore the options with you.

In filing a petition for a record to be "expunged" or "sealed," you will be charged a filing fee, which varies for each county. If you are unable to pay the filing fee, the local county clerk's office can explain the procedures they have for allowing a waiver of the cost of filing.

The Illinois State Police and the arresting authority may also charge you a fee to have your record sealed or expunged. In addition, you will be charged a fee to file your petition. This fee will vary from county to county. If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you can ask the clerk's office what procedures they have for allowing people to waive the cost of filing.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Assn. member-lawyer in your area.

A young artist in the Oak Lawn Park District's Hands-in-Clay Sculpture program, paints his clay alligator bowl with green and yellow acrylic paints in preparation for the Budding Artists Spring Art Show, to be held May 6 at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Ratajczak On Board

Steven F. Rosenbaum, President and CEO of Prospect Federal Savings Bank, announced the election of John F. Ratajczak to the bank's Board of Directors. The announcement was made at Prospect Federal's Annual Meeting, held recently at the bank's Worth office.

Ratajczak is president of the accounting firm B.Y. Shandler & Company. He has held that position since 1989, and has been with the firm for over 30 years. Ratajczak is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and Illinois Society of CPAs. He and his wife, Kathleen, are longtime residents of Oak Lawn. They have two adult children, Thomas and Christine.

Rosenbaum said, "We're delighted to have John Ratajczak as a member of our Board of Directors. We look forward to his input and assistance as we guide our institution toward a future of financial success and customer service."

It was also announced by Rosenbaum that Prospect Federal continues to be among the strongest financial institutions in Chicagoland, with an extremely high net worth position of over 14%.

"This strong capital position is well above regulatory requirements, and assures our ability to remain a local, independent financial institution, serving our customers as their neighborhood bank for years to come," Rosenbaum added. He also stated that unlike most of our competitors, our goal is to serve our customers, not shareholders. "This commitment has been a hallmark of Prospect Federal since our incorporation in 1909."

Prospect Federal Savings Bank is a mutually owned thrift institution providing personal financial services to residents of Southwest Metropolitan Chicago, from its offices in Worth, Oak Lawn and Chicago.

LCMH Accreditation

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in nuclear medicine as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice. Board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field conduct these evaluations. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their finding to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

"We're proud to be one of the first hospital programs to become accredited," said Dr. Kuhn Hong, director of Little Company's nuclear medicine program. "This accreditation ensures our patients that they are receiving comprehensive care given by qualified board certified radiologists and nuclear medicine technologists using state-of-the-art services and equipment."

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (www.lcmh.org), based in Evergreen Park, has delivered technologically advanced services to Chicago's southwest area for more than 70 years.

St. Linus School News

At Saint Linus School in Oak Lawn, joyful images of snowmen and hand printed poems of winter activities are on display this month but these signs of childhood innocence are accompanied by evidence of lessons learned about the harsh realities of life. Art Teacher June Gallagher, who led the school's cross curriculum study effort of war time Poland, was careful to assess the lessons and made sure they were age appropriate.

The study of war time Poland not only includes the historical and cultural lessons but also addresses social concerns of imprisonment, discrimination and war. Faith lessons are strengthened through guiding the students through research, discussion and artistic study of the time period and highlighting the example of imprisoned priest and martyr, Saint Maximillian Kolbe.

Paper images of barbed wire fencing stretch the length of the hallways and cross classroom doors. First graders go about their activities wearing their handmade prison number tags around their necks. Second graders made beautiful houses only to end the lesson by decorating them with barbed wire images. Older students learned of Saint Maximillian, sacrificing his life for a fellow prisoner and created images of prison windows radiating light and adding the quote from the imprisoned saint "There is no love without sacrifice." Discussions also evolved from research projects that delved into the country's crisis, the personality and life of Maximillian, the life of the man he sacrificed his life for, and life in tragic concentration camps.

Also, all students of the parish, both in the parish school and in the religious education program will combine efforts to assemble a life size representation of war time Poland's Madonna, Our Lady of Czestochowa. The creation will be made from scrap metal foil papers and will reflect the collective effort of almost 1,000 children. As the Madonna is being assembled, each student will be encouraged to pray for peace as they each add their pieces to the masterpiece.

Saint Linus School is presently accepting registration for the 2004-05 school year. The school offers Pre-School for three and four year olds, half and full day Kindergarten and education in grades one through eight. Before and after school care is available on site as is counseling, assistance with learning disabilities and speech therapy. A newly renovated technology lab and science lab compliment the learning environment. For further information, a school tour or registration, call Mrs. Karamanos at the school office at (708) 425-1656.

Stores/Bakeries Tour

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host an informative tour of ethnic grocery stores and bakeries on Chicago's north side on Monday, May 17th. An in-person registration will be held at the library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Saturday, April 3rd from 9 to 11 a.m.

Explore new flavors and experience multicultural cuisine. Stop and shop in the following neighborhoods: Argyle for Vietnamese and Chinese selections; Andersonville for a Swedish bakery; and lunch at Reza's Restaurant where the menu is Persian and Mediterranean; and the Devon St. area for the foods of India. The tour will be led by a docent who is a member of the Chicago Culinary Historians. Participants should wear comfortable shoes because there is a fair amount of walking required.

The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and lunch, is $32 for Friends members and $37 for others. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

POLICE CALLS

On March 31st Larry Hammersly, 29, of Double Springs, Alabama was arrested and charged with residential burglary. A home in the 9900 block of Merton was entered through a basement window. Cash, antique coins, and jewelry were taken from the bedrooms. Police began checking with neighbors in hopes that someone had seen something. While questioning a neighbor, one of the residents stated that no one else was in the house and police could search his room. The owner of the home signed a permission form and police began to search. In an attic storage area police discovered Hammersly laying on the floor. The relative told police that Hammersly had been hiding. Police discovered a large plastic bag containing antique coins and jewelry under some floor boards. The items matched those that had been taken during the burglary.

On April 3rd Thomas Burke, 31, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis. Burke walked past an officer and the officer noted the strong odor of burning cannabis emitting from Burke's person. The officer requested that Burke stop and when questioned Burke admitted to smoking cannabis and showed the officer a blunt in his hand.

On April 4th Wellborn Williams, 44, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft after being observed by Kmart security concealing compact discs valued at $99.95 in his pants pocket, then exiting the store without paying.

Spring Break Activities

Spending Spring Break at home? Sign up for a fun activity at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

On Thursday, April 15, the park district will present John Morrissey's Magic for Muggles from Noon to 2 p.m. for ages seven and up. In this program, children will learn easy magic tricks, such as how to make objects appear and vanish. All attendees will receive a certificate of wizardry. Fee is $10 for Oak Lawn residents and $12.50 for non-residents.

Other spring-break activities at Oak View include: Flowerpot Craft on Monday, April 12; Let's Go To The Movies on Tuesday, April 13; Teen Open Gym & Game Night on Tuesday, April 18; Springtime Crafts on Wednesday, April 14; and Open Gym & Ping Pong on Friday, April 16.

Also during Oak Lawn's spring break, the park district's Oak Lawn ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton, will offer extended Youth Rat Hockey hours, and the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park, will offer daily open-gym sessions.

Registration for these programs is now being accepted. For more information or to sign up, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Six St. Laurence High School students have been notified that they are finalists in the Chicago Metro History Fair. The students wrote research papers on Chicago history covering a variety of topics. The research paper project is a collaboration between the English and Social Studies Departments of St. Laurence High School. The students' papers will now go to the final judging which will take place in April. Pictured are the six finalists: (left to right) Rich Hart, Wrigley Field; Lucas Asimakopoulos, Influence of the Greeks; Tom Meade, Effect of the 1894 Pullman Strike; Anthony Bertucci, The Iroquois Theater; Pedro Salcedo, Rebuilding Chicago Metro History; and Edward Hona, Steven Douglas.

Chamber Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, April 13th at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The featured speaker will be Holly Zielke from the Illinois Dept. on Aging who will share information on the problem of elder abuse. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon.

To make a reservation, call (708) 424-8300. For additional information, visit the Chamber web site, www.oaklawnchamber.com

Blood Pressures

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings Wednesday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. At this month's screening event, participants may bring in current prescriptions for a one-on-one consultation at an "Ask the Pharmacist" forum.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, (708) 422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site at www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com.

Spring Smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., will host its Spring Smorgasbord on April 20th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be an array of home cooked food along with desserts and beverages. Adults $6.50, children 4-12 years $3.50, kids 3 and under are free. Bring your family and friends. For more information, call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

Services At Pilgrim Faith United Church

The Maundy Thursday service at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ on April 8th will begin with a simple supper at 6:30 p.m. followed at 7:15 by communion and a dramatic presentation about Jesus, "This Child, This Boy, This Man." A children's service will begin at 7 p.m.

A noon Good Friday service on April 9th will feature altar communion and meditations of "Love So Amazing."

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible. Visitors are welcome at all services.

Laura Dee Is Honored

Oak Lawn Community High School junior Laura Dee recently won second place in the Chicago Dental Society's High School Journalism Contest.

Ms. Dee was honored for an editorial, "Pop and Schools," which was published in the Dec. 19th issue of her school newspaper, *Spartanite*. Ms. Dee received a gift certificate and $500 for her high school's journalism program at the opening session of the Chicago Dental Society's annual midwinter meeting held on Feb. 19th.

A professional organization of more than 4,000 dentists in Cook, Lake and DuPage Counties, the Chicago Dental Society annually sponsors a high school journalism contest to get teens thinking about issues related to their oral health. The topic changes annually.

This year, contest entries focused on soda sales in schools. Many schools – including Oak Lawn Community High School – are entering into exclusive vending contracts with major beverage companies in exchange for much-needed funding.

But the availability of sugary beverages in schools can negatively affect adolescents' health. In addition to the known links between excessive sugar consumption and childhood obesity, Ms. Dee's article discussed the effect of soda on teeth. The acids in soda dissolve tooth enamel, increasing the risk of dental decay and cavities.

Employee & Volunteer Appreciation

There's still time to make reservations for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's fifth annual Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21st at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

This year's theme is "Hoe Down at the Hilton." The two-hour luncheon program will feature entertainment by Garth Brooks impersonator T.C. Todd, a delicious Chicken Parma entree, door prizes and a long-stem rose for all who attend. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is $22 per person. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 14th. This event is open to all area businesses.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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IN HONOR OF THE CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY-- REVISITED, 2004

BRIEF HISTORY

A love for chocolate can be traced back to the early 1500's. Known as the "food of the gods", chocolate was served to European explorers way back in pre-Columbian days, by Native Americans, in what is today known as Mexico.

By itself chocolate tastes bitter. But sugar, transported from plantations in the American and Caribbean colonies, made chocolate tasty to the European palate. By the mid 1600s, the popularity of chocolate, sweetened with sugar, had spread throughout Europe. In 1847, milk chocolate was created and quickly became popular around the world.

THE VALUE OF CHOCOLATE AS FOOD

As with any ingredient having distinctive flavor, chocolate can fit within a healthy eating plan. To those who are chocolate-lovers, it can add flavor "spark" to nutritious foods, such as milk, making them much more appealing.

Chocolate is a plant-based ingredient containing phytonutrients called polyphenols , specifically flavonoids which may offer some health benefits. Research is exploring its links to heart health, including its antioxidant potential in controlling heart disease.

The problem with eating chocolate occurs when it is substituted for more nutritious foods – like when a candy bar becomes the daily substitute for your piece of fruit at lunch.

Much of the time, chocolate goes hand-in-hand with fat in confectionery products and desserts. This adds extra calories to one's daily food regimen-- often undesirable for the dieting individual.

White chocolate is not chocolate, contrary to popular belief. Even if it contains cocoa butter – the fat from cocoa beans – it has no chocolate liquor (dark brown paste which is made by processing cocoa beans). Usually white chocolate contains a combination of sugar, cocoa butter, milk, solids, lecithin, and vanilla.

MYTHS ABOUT CHOCOLATE

Chocolate Causes Acne. The hormonal changes during adolescence are the usual causes of acne, not chocolate.

Carob bars are better for you. Carob has about the same amount of calories and fat as chocolate per unit. Carob comes from the seeds of the carob tree, which are different from cocoa beans.

CHOCOLATE HAS A LOT OF CAFFEINE

Actually the amount is quite small. An 8-ounce carton of chocolate milk contains 5 milligrams of caffeine, compared with 3 milligrams in 5 ounces of decaffeinated coffee. In contrast, 5 ounces of regular coffee contains 115 milligrams of caffeine.

Some people are choc-o-holics. Not really. Eating chocolate can become a high calorie habit, due to its "zippy" sensation, but it is not addictive. Its taste, aroma, and texture are well favored over other snack foods. What researchers are also finding – that is most impressive – is that chocolate may help to regulate the brain neurotransmitters serotonin and dopamine, which control your mood. (Now this makes me happy.)

So, for all you chocolate Easter bunny lovers this week , make this column your source of conversation. Enjoy your chocolate for all it's worth!!

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Spring Conference

The Learning Disabilities Assn of Illinois (LDA) will present its Spring Conference on Friday, April 23rd at Walter Payton Roundhouse, 205 N. Broadway in Aurora. Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Speakers from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with lunch included in registration fee of $100 members, $120 non-members.

Dr. Richard Van' Acker, Professor at UIC, has been actively involved in work with youth who present challenging behavior. With the increasing pressure for academic excellence being placed on teachers and students alike, classrooms across the nation are reporting an increase in problem student behavior.

Robert Abbott, retired Assistant Supt. Lake County Schools, Waukegan, will give an update on the latest issues and developments concerning No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and the IDEA Reauthorization. This will include discussion of LD identification, response to intervention (RTI) and accountability issue. This is important information concerning the protection of every child's special education needs. Register early. Call LDA/IL, (708) 430-7532, for information.

Enroll Research Participants

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is the only Chicago-area hospital currently enrolling participants in a research study to find out if the drug Tarceva, also known as erlotinib, may help fight bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma (BAC), a type of non-small cell lung cancer generally considered resistant to chemotherapy.

Tarceva is one of a new class of cancer drugs, known as EGFR (epidermal growth factor receptor) inhibitors, which seek to stop the spread of cancer cells by blocking the actions of the EGFR necessary for cancer cell growth. EGFR is found on the surface of many tumor cells and may be involved in the growth and virulence of those cells. Like its predecessor, Iressa, it is an example of a new generation of so-called "smart" drugs that specifically target cancer cells.

"This is an exciting study because for the first time we have a bona fide molecular target in our fight against lung cancer, in particular BAC," says lead investigator Jyoti Patel, M.D., an oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and an instructor of medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University. NHM's cancer program is affiliated with the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. "We hope Tarceva will cause the tumor to stop growing or shrink. Ultimately, we hope to manage lung cancer like a chronic disease with therapies such as this."

Patients with BAC generally live longer than those with more common non-small cell lung cancers, but BAC tumors are often multifocal and not appropriate for surgery. Many oncologists feel that BAC's are less responsive to existing chemotherapeutic agents.

About 3 percent of all lung cancer patients have pure BAC tumors, and about 20 percent of all non-small cell lung cancers possess some BAC features. "BAC was once thought to be an uncommon form of lung cancer, but it appears to be increasing in incidence and more recent studies suggest that it may actually play a role in about one in five cases of lung cancer," says Dr. Patel.

Unlike most lung cancers, BAC occurs more frequently in women than in men, and more frequently in non-smokers than in smokers. One-third of patients with BAC never smoked in comparison to about 10 percent of other lung cancers.

Previous studies have shown that about a quarter of BAC study participants respond to Tarceva after one month or more of study treatment; and the drug appears to be more effective in participants who had never smoked. Because BAC is less strongly associated with tobacco smoke than other lung cancers, these tumors may be associated with fewer molecular abnormalities and may provide a better 'target' for EGFR specific therapy.

"We'll be watching the never-smokers in our study to see if this holds up. Tobacco-related genetic changes in participants who smoke or have smoked may make them more resistant to this drug," said Dr. Patel.

Northwestern Memorial is enrolling participants with unresectable BAC who have had no or one prior chemotherapy regimen. For more information on the research study, call Northwestern Memorial Hospital's physician referral department at (312) 926-8400 or 1(877) 926-4664.

Urge Mammogram For All Women

Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to urge all women in Illinois 35 years of age and older to get a mammogram. On average, mammograms find about 75 percent of cancers, according to the American Cancer Society.

Six years after Medicare began paying for an annual mammogram for women over 40, only 51.8 percent of the eligible women over 50 had at least one mammogram in 2001 or 2002, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. That translates to about 7.6 million women nationwide. The numbers suggest older women may be misjudging the value of regular breast cancer screenings.

As of Jan. 1, 1990, Illinois law requires policies, contracts or certificates issued by health insurers to include coverage for screening mammographies in accordance with American Cancer Society guidelines. Illinois law also requires Medicaid to cover mammography in accordance with these guidelines for eligible women 35 years of age and older. Low-income women who are uninsured or under insured may qualify for free mammography services through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

Senator Maloney urges women to schedule a mammography screening if they have not had one in the past year. "Because breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, it is important that every woman over the age of 35 has a mammography test once every year," said Maloney. "Diagnosis of these types of cancer can be treated if they are caught early enough, and these tests are a simple way to save lives."

To find out more information, call the Women's Healthline toll free at 1-888-252-1282.

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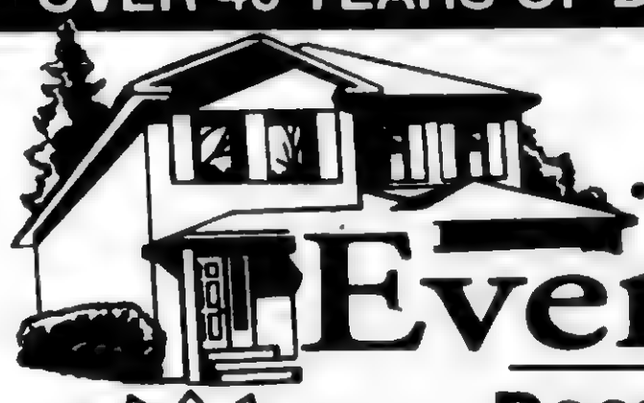

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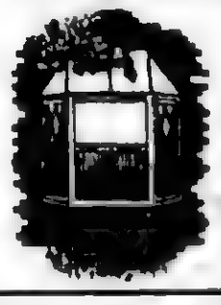

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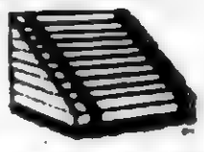

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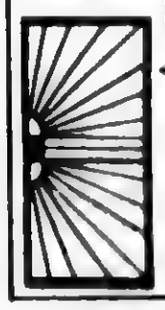

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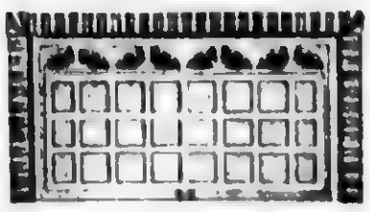

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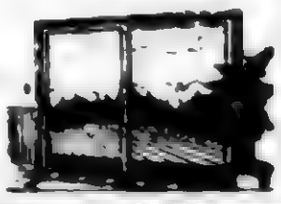

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"FISHING FOR A CURE" TOURNAMENT: For the third consecutive year, Braidwood Generating Station will host Exelon Nuclear's "Fishing For A Cure." Anglers are invited to cast a line for charity in the team bass tournament set for Sunday, May 15 at Braidwood Lake in nearby Braceville, Illinois.

Competing fishermen will have a chance to have some fun and at the same time win some impressive cash prizes. The first place team will reel in $2,500, with the second and third places netting $1,500 and $1,000 respectively.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Yellow Ribbon International Suicide Prevention Program. The organization's mission is to help educate young people, parents, teachers, and others who work with young people about youth suicide.

The overall purpose of the organization's programs, seminars and support materials is awareness, prevention and training. The Yellow Ribbon program is committed to helping young people deal with the pressures of growing up by offering choices other than suicide as an answer to the problems.

"This is a great opportunity for us to give something back to the community and to help a very worthy cause," said Braidwood Site Vice President Tom Joyce. "The tournament conducted last spring earned over $7,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We hope to do even better this year."

The tournament will commence from Braidwood Lake's Kankakee Road (South) Ramp. The entry fee is $100 per team (two anglers per team) with *All Proceeds*, including 100% of all tournament entry fees going to the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. Rules and entry forms are available on the Internet at www.exeloncorp.com/programs/fishing.

To receive an entry form by mail or for more information, contact Braidwood Generating Station Communications Manager **Neal Miller** via e-mail at Neal.Miller@exeloncorp.com or by telephone at (815) 417-3184.

■PETA UP-DATE: From the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance- Trains in the Washington D.C. transit system recently displayed ads by the Center for Consumer Freedom slamming PETA President Ingrid Newkirk's comment: "Even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it." The image of a hospital-ridden child appeared alongside a rat, and the ad explained that PETA urges people to resist donating to charities like the March of Dimes, Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Race for the Cure because they may use animals in research.

The American's for Medical Progress report that medical advances including treatments for rabies, smallpox, cancer, measles and much more were the results of animal experiments.

■COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT LOSES FISHING DERBY TO LAKE SEDGEWICK: After 14 years of allowing **Duke O'Malley's** 1000 Free For Kids Only Fishing Derby, the District imposed a parking restriction that logistically made the Tampier Lake site unusable.

The fishing derby, scheduled for June 5 is moving to Lake Sedgwick in Orland Park. The lake is located just South of 157th St. about a quarter mile West of LaGrange Road. The lake is stocked with largemouth and smallmouth bass, Northern pike, walleye, crappie, catfish and bluegills. All fish caught will be released.

Applications for the derby will be appearing in the Daily Southtown and other locations within a few weeks. Congratulations to the Village of Orland Park for stepping up and allowing this tradition to continue. This year, about 1,000 youngsters will hopefully *"Get hooked on fishing, not drugs!!"*

■UPDATED WILDLIFE VIDEOS FOR SCHOOLS: To keep pace with today's more sophisticated young audiences and to reflect the latest information about conservation and wildlife, the National Shooting Sports Foundation has updated its popular conservation videos.

The new versions are available for free distribution through the Council for Wildlife Conservation and Education. The videos bring accurate, science-based information to students and teachers about the successes of wildlife management and the hunter's role in conservation, helping to foster a better understanding of hunting and hunters.

Two videos – "Unendangered Species" and "What They Say About Hunting" – are geared for a high school audience, and one – "Wildlife for Tomorrow" is aimed at entry-level youngsters.

The videos may be viewed by visiting the Website, www.unendangeredspecies.org. To fine out more, contact Colleen Swain, e-mail cswain@nssf.org.

Saint Xavier Sports Review

The St. Xavier University baseball team split its four road games over the weekend, but improved its CCAC record to 3-0 with a 10-2 victory over Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.). The Cougars lost a doubleheader on the road to NCAA Division I opponent Butler University (Ind.) on Saturday, but came back on Sunday to defeat Marian College (Ind.), 13-1.

In Friday's game against Calumet College of St. Joseph, senior right-hander Justin Papp improved his win-loss record to 4-0 by allowing only four hits and two runs (both unearned) in five innings as the starter. Junior camper Carlos Campos went 3-for-4 at the plate with a double, a homer, four RBI and three runs scored.

The Cougars had trouble scoring runs in Saturday's losses to Butler University. In the first game, the Bulldogs scored a 9-0 win. Freshman rightie Ryan Quigley took the loss for SXU allowing seven hits and eight runs (six earned) over four innings. The Cougars totaled only three hits in the game.

In the nightcap of the doubleheader with Butler, senior designated hitter Joseph Williams went 2-for-3 with a run scored and senior second baseman Ryan Howell went 1-for-3 and scored a run. However, Butler was able to take the second game, 5-2, despite freshman left-hander Ryan McGuire allowing only four Bulldog hits and five runs (two earned) in five innings.

The Cougars bounced back on Sunday with a 13-1 win over Marian College. Sophomore pitcher Nick Karko earned the win for SXU going all seven innings and giving up only one run (earned) on six hits. Sophomore outfielder Chris Gruber had a big day at the plate for the Cougars going 2-for-5 with a run scored and four RBI.

SXU is 16-11-1 overall, 3-0 CCAC.

The No. 17 ranked St. Xavier University softball team had a tough weekend at the McKendree College Classic in Lebanon, Ill., dropping all four games despite some good individual pitching performances. The four losses give the Cougars an overall record of 13-13.

In game one, senior rightie Stacie Bachmann allowed Ohio Dominican University only two runs and five hits over seven innings. However, SXU could not muster any offense scoring only one run. The Cougars dropped the game, 2-1.

Game two on Saturday, April 3rd saw sophomore right-hander Jessica Wilson allow Iowa Wesleyan only one run (unearned) and five hits over 7.2 innings on the mound. The Cougars dropped the game, 1-0, in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Sunday's game three against host McKendree College brought more of the same as the Cougars still could not find a way to score runs. The Bearcats scored a run in the fourth, two runs in the fifth, and an insurance run in the sixth to win the game, 4-0. SXU finished the game with only four hits.

In St. Xavier's final game of the Classic, the Cougars matched up against William Woods University (Mo.). The Owls jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning and never looked back en route to a 9-3 victory. The Cougars had three home runs in the game, all solo shots by sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff, sophomore outfielder Rhea Minas and Bodi.

SXU is 13-13 overall, 8-0 CCAC.

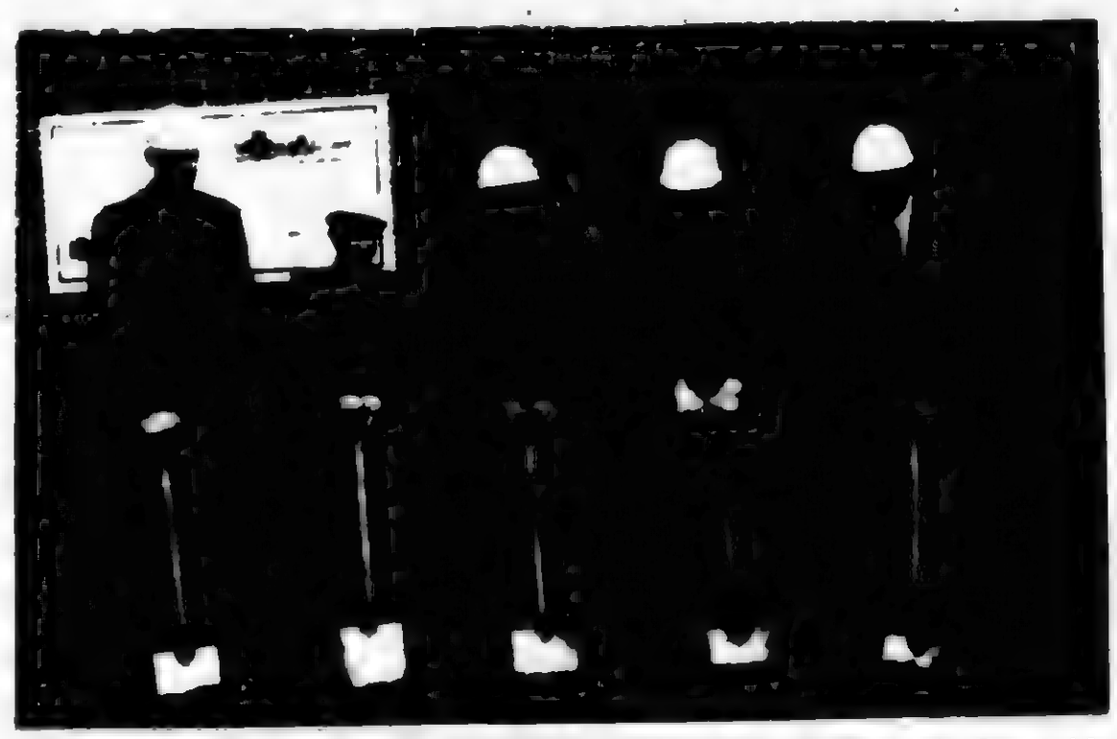
Summer Basketball Camp Set

Moraine Valley Community College will host a summer basketball camp for girls and boys entering third through ninth grades. The camp will take place Monday, June 14th through Wednesday, June 16th in the college's gymnasium located off campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. The cost is $70 per camper, and the fee includes a camp T-shirt and basketball. Reservations are limited, so register early.

Moraine Valley's summer basketball camp is structured to assist campers in their individual development while making it enjoyable for everyone. It will do this through individual and group drills and instruction, as well as team play. Campers will be grouped by age and ability, and individual attention will be given to each player's particular needs.

The camp will be under the direction of Bill Finn, now in his 22nd year as head coach of Moraine Valley's men's basketball team. Finn currently has a 506-210 career record and has tallied twenty 20-plus win seasons. He also has led his teams to the National Junior College Athletic Assn.'s Division II national tournament four times, finishing in the final four in 1990 and 1999 and the elite eight in 2001 and 2002. Finn was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame in 2003, and the NJCAA Region IV Hall of Fame 2004.

For more information, call (708) 974-5727.



On Wednesday, March 31, representatives from Marist High School, along with 19th Ward Alderman Virginia Rugai, alumni, friends of Marist, students, faculty and staff gathered to break ground on an expansion project to remodel and add space to both the library and cafeteria. Next year these areas at Marist will be known as the Academic Resource Center and the Cafeterium. Pictured left to right: Principal Larry Tucker, Alderman Rugai, Br. Richard Carey, FMS, President William Katzenberger, Chairman of the Marist Board of Directors, and William Callaghan, Henry Bros. Construction.

Br. Richard Carey, FMS President of Marist commented, "We're here to celebrate the next generation of Marist High School."

The process began in January of 2003 when over 200 alumni, parents, students and faculty volunteered to review the school's five-year strategic plan. Their mandate was to identify and prioritize the future needs of Marist students. In April of 2003 Marist Board of Directors reviewed their recommendations and created the objectives for "The Campaign for Time and Eternity," which set the direction for Marist over the next five years.

Last May, Marist High School began the initial phase of "The Campaign For time and Eternity." As the most ambitious fundraising initiative at Marist in over two decades with a $4.5 million goal, the five-year campaign seeks to address the ever changing needs of Marist students. The five-year comprehensive plan is organized in phases, with work to begin when certain levels of support are reached.

In addition to the Academic Resource Center and Cafeterium, the fundraising plan includes a new student activities center, new track and tennis courts, parking facility enhancements, technology and investment in financial aid and faculty development endowments.

Marist now has the base of support needed to begin Phase I of the campaign. In Phase I Marist is recreating the environments of both the cafeteria and library, which will be known as the Academic Resource Center and the Cafeterium next year. This Phase I of the Campaign will be complete by the beginning of the 2004-05 school year.

The cafeteria will be completely remodeled with additional square footage to become the Cafeterium, a modern, comfortable, student-centered area for meals, events, and meetings. Highlights to enhance the space include modern glass exterior walls, new flooring, specialty lighting, state-of-the-art technology including a sound-system with video capabilities, an outdoor patio, and round tables and chairs that will seat 500 in a climate controlled environment.

The space will also include a separate area for faculty dining room. The area surrounding the Cafetorium will be landscaped for shade and privacy.

The library will be completely remodeled with additional square footage to become the Academic Resource Center, a collegiate research environment designed to be the heart of the academic program for students. The center will feature reference materials tailored for each subject, research tools, and multi-media capabilities to make it the one-stop resource center for students. There will also be areas for collaborative work, as well as individual workspace. Highlights to enhance the space include modern glass exterior walls, specialty lighting, a mix of relaxing reading chairs and research tables, comfortable furnishings in a well-designed, climate-controlled environment.

Technology highlights for the Academic Resource Center include, wireless computer network, 75 computers featuring state-of-the-art technology and research methods, lap-tops that can be checked-out for student-use in the center, a technology workshop room with advanced hardware and software for multi-media project development.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind and body.

McAuley's Soccer Team Wins

Mother McAuley's soccer team played host to Providence in a hard fought battle. The game remained scoreless throughout the first half, with several opportunities on both sides. Play was much more crisp in the second half, and the level of intensity increased. McAuley standout Jenna Johnson (junior) collided head-to-head with a Providence player 10 minutes into the half and went down. She sat for about 15 minutes, and returned to play.

McAuley was able to keep the ball in the Providence defensive half for much of the last 15 minutes of play, and were unable to finish on multiple opportunities. Johnson finally took it upon herself to dribble past several Providence defenders with three and a half minutes remaining, and put the ball away for the lone tally of the game.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BASEBALL
Monday, 3-29-04
Andrew 6, Hinsdale Central 1
De La Salle 7, Curie 1
Hillcrest 3, Romeoville 2, 5 inn.
Hinsdale South 11, Lemont 7
Hyde Park 10, Morgan Park 7
Kennedy 14, Robeson 4
Leo 5, Morgan Park Academy 4
Lockport 13, Downers South 3, 6 inn.
Lyons 1, Reavis 0
Minooka 5, Lincoln-Way East 3
Oak Lawn 4, Eisenhower 1
Riverside-Brookfield 6, St. Ignatius 4
St Rita 18, Richards 7
Stagg 4, Oak Forest 2
Tuesday, 3-30-04
De La Salle 9, U-High 0
Hales Franciscan 3, Hillcrest 2
Marist 8, Oak Lawn 2
St. Ignatius 16, Northside Prep 8
St. Rita 4, Marian Catholic 3
Wednesday, 3-31-04
Argo 11, Eisenhower 5
Brother Rice 4, Oak Lawn 3
Evergreen Park 6, Thornton 2
Joliet 6, Minooka 5
Kelly 6, Ag Science 1
Leo 9, Bogan 8, 6 inn.
Lincoln-Way Central 7, Providence 3
Lockport 4, Bradley 1
Maine South 9, De La Salle 2
Payton 19, Morgan Park 13
Richards 10, Homewood-Flossmoor 0, 6 inn.
St. Ignatius 8, Notre Dame 5
Sandburg 6, Lyons 0
Shepard 10, Hillcrest 0
Stagg 11, Lemont 5
Thornridge 11, St. Francis de Sales 3
Thornwood 5, Andrew 1
Thursday, 4-1-04
Bogan 17, South Shore 0
Brother Rice 4, Harlan 0
Eisenhower 1, Evergreen Park 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 8, Oak Forest 2
Lemont 7, Tinley Park 1
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Plainfield Central 1
Marian Catholic 13, Rich East 4
Marist 4, Thornwood 0
Minooka 10, Joliet Catholic 6
Morgan Park Academy 10, Francis Parker 6
Oak Park 1, Joliet 0
St. Laurence 3, Bremen 3, 6 inn.
Stagg 8, Shepard 0
Washington 11, Fenger 0
Friday, 4-2-04
Ag Science 7, Kennedy 5
Argo 3, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Brother Rice 13, Montini 11
Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Mt. Carmel 4
Lemont 3, Romeoville 1
Lincoln-Way East 13, Kankakee 4
Morton 20, De La Salle 2 (5 inn.)
Plainfield 5, Providence 4 (5 inn.)
Reavis 5, Sandburg 1
Thornton 8, St. Francis de Sales 4
Tinley Park 12, Rich Central 6

Saturday, 4-3-04
Bremen 20, Peotone 9
De La Salle 12, Rockford East 2 (6 inn.)
Hillcrest 8-5, Rich South 4-2
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, T.F South 1
Joliet Catholic 10, Lincoln-Way C. 0 (5 inn.)
Lake View 12, Ag Science 2 (5 inn.)
Leo 20, Phillips 6
Lincoln-Way E. 9-10, Bradly-Bourbonnais 0-3
Lockport 5, Naperville North 4
Marian Catholic 9, Andrew 8
Marist 4, Stagg 3
Mt. Carmel 6-2, Rockford-Guilford 1-1
Plainfield Central 15-9, Joliet 8-3
Providence 4, Androan (Ind) 2
Reavis 5-9, Eisenhower 0-1
Richards 14-13, Tinley Park 1-2
St. Ignatius 12, Young 3
St. Laurence 14, Curie 2 (5 inn.)
St. Rita 9, Argo 7
Sandburg 13-7, Lemont 3-2

BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Andrew 3, Stagg 2
U-High 5, Morgan Park Academy 0
Thursday, 4-1-04
Argo 7, Riverside-Brookfield 0
Brother Rice 3, Providence 2
Crete-Monee 4, Oak Forest 1
Oak Lawn 4, Stagg 1
Young 5, De La Salle 0
Saturday, 4-3-04
Joliet Catholic 5, Holy Cross 0
Joliet Catholic 3, Plainfield South 2
Joliet Catholic 5, St. Francis 0
Lincoln-way Central Quad
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Bradley 2
Plainfield Central 3, Lincoln-Way Central 2
Sandburg 5, Lincoln-Way Central 0
Oak Park Invite
Final Team Standings: 1, Loyola 56. 2, Oak Park 36. 3, Fenwick 34. 4, Evanston 18. 5, Brother Rice 16. 6, Leyden 11. 7, St. Ignatius 10. 8, Marist 4.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, 4-1-04
At Bremen
Teams: Oak Lawn 90.5, Bremen 79.5, Bogan 9.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 3-29-04
Fenger d. Tilden 25-17, 26-24
Marian Catholic d. Oak Forest 25-14, 25-21
Plainfield South d. Argo 25-12, 25-18
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Ag Science d. Brooks 23-25, 25-22, 25-23
Brother Rice d. Mt. Carmel 25-22, 25-23
Providence d. De La Salle 25-14, 25-8
Gage Park d. Kennedy 25-23, 25-14
Joliet d. T.F. North 25-13, 25-16
Loyola d. St. Ignatius 25-13, 25-14
St. Rita d. Fenwick 25-7, 25-13
Wednesday, 3-31-04
Andrew d. Marian Catholic 25-19, 25-16
Marist d. Providence 25-20, 25-19
Mt. Carmel d. Joliet Catholic 25-17, 25-21
Shepard d. Homewood-Flossmr 25-15, 25-17
Washington d. Morgan Park 26-24, 25-8
Thursday, 4-1-04
Brother Rice d. Loyola 25-20, 25-14
Fenwick d. De La Salle 25-19, 25-20
Joliet d. Plainfield Central 25-14, 23-25, 25-16
Lincoln-Way Central d. Shepard 19-25, 25-18, 25-23
Lincoln-Way East d. Marian Catholic 25-14, 25-15
Morton d Reavis 25-20, 25-18
St. Laurence d. St. Ignatius 25-25, 25-22
St. Rita d. Mt. Carmel 23-25, 25-21, 25-20

Friday, 4-2-04
Argo d. St. Laurence 25-15, 25-20
Brooks d. Kennedy 22-25, 25-22, 26-24
Fenger d. South Shore 25-19, 25-18
Kennedy d. Dunbar 25-0, 25-0
Oak Park d. Lincoln-Way C 25-21, 25-23
Washington d. Ag Science 25-17, 19-25, 25-23
Best of Illinois Tournament
At Wheaton South
Wheaton South d. Oak Lawn 25-15, 25-14
Wheaton-South d. Marist 25-6, 27-25
Oak Lawn d. Marist 25-21, 20-25, 25-17
Pool C
Oak Park d. Stagg 20-25, 25-22, 25-18
Oak Park d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-21, 25-23
Stagg d. Lincoln-Way C. 20-25, 25-22, 26-24
At Wheaton North
Pool B
Glenbrook S. d. Buffalo Grove 25-27, 25-23, 25-20
Glenbrook S. d. Andrew 25-23, 25-18
Buffalo Grove d. Andrew 22-25, 25-13, 25-16
Pool E
Brother Rice d. Wheaton N 25-18, 25-16
Brother Rice d. Morton 25-21, 21-25, 25-16
Wheaton N. d. Morton 25-17, 25-18
At Naperville Central
Pool D
Lake Park d. Naperville N. 25-23, 25-23
Naperville N. d. Evanston 25-9, 23-25, 25-18
Lake Park d. Evanston 25-18, 25-18
Pool H
Naperville C. d. St. Rita 18-25, 25-20, 25-21
H.F. d. Naperville Central 25-14, 25-20
St. Rita d. H-F 25-22, 24-26,25-13
At Waubonsie Valley
Pool E
Sandburg d. Waubonsie V 25-17, 18-25, 25-15
Sandburg d. Hinsdale S 22-25, 25-14, 25-10
Waubonside V. d. Hinsdale S. 25-14, 25-22
Pool G
Glenbrook North d. New Trier 25-21, 25-14
Glenbrook North d. York 25-19, 26-28, 25-21
New Trier d. York 25-8, 23-25, 25-20
Saturday, 4-3-04
Brother Rice d. Lincoln-Way C. 23-25, 25-13 25-13
Sandburg d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-14, 25-22
Wheaton South "Best in Illinois" Invitational
Gold Flight- Quarterfinals
Wheaton South d. H-F 25-16, 25-8
Glenbrook S. d. Buffalo Grove 25-22, 22-25 25-18
Brother Rice d. Oak Park 28-26, 25-22
Sandburg d. Lake Park 20-25, 25-19, 25-15
Consolation Semifinals
Lake Park d. H-F 29-27, 25-17
Oak Park d. Buffalo Gr. 25-14, 19-25, 25-16
Championship Semifinals
Wheaton South d. Sandburg 25-19, 25-10
Brother Rice d. Glenbrook North 25-20, 24-26 25-12
Final Round
H-F d. Buffalo Gr 22-25, 25-19, 26-24 (7th)
Oak Park d. Lake Park 23-25, 25-19, 25-1[illegible] (5th)
Sandburg d. Glenbrook N. 25-18, 23-25, 25-2[illegible] (3rd)
Wheaton South d. Brother Rice 25-6, 25-1[illegible] (title)
Silver Flight
Quarterfinals
Oak Lawn d. St. Rita 28-26, 25-23
York d. Glenbrook S. 26-24, 25-23
Naperville N. d. Waubonsie V. 25-13, 25-17
Wheaton North d. Stagg 27-25, 25-7
Consolation Semifinals
St. Rita d. Waubonsie V. 25-22, 23-25, 25-23
Stagg d. Glenbrook S. 20-25, 25-18, 25-22
Championship Semifinals
Oak Lawn d. Naperville N. 25-17, 27-25
Wheaton North d. York 25-19, 25-9
Consolation Semifinals
St. Rita d. Waubonsie V. 25-22, 23-25, 25-23
Stagg d. Glenbrook 20-25, 25-18, 25-22
Final Round
Glenbrook S. d. Waubonsie V. 25-22, 19-25, 25-23 (15th)
Stagg d. St. Rita 25-15, 25-27, 25-21 (13th)
Naperville N. d. York 25-21, 25-7 (11th)
Wheaton North d. Oak Lawn 25-15, 25-19 (9th Flight Champ)
Bronze Flight
Quarterfinals
Naperville C. d. Marist 18-25, 25-21, 28-26
New Trier d. Andrew 25-10, 25-22
Evanston d. Hinsdale South 25-14, 25-22
Lincoln-Way Central d. Morton 25-12, 25-20
Consolation Semifinals
Marist d. Hinsdale South 28-26, 25-19
Andrew d. Morton 28-26, 25-17
Consolation Semifinals
Naperville C. D. Evanston 19-25, 25-15, 25-21
New Trier d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-22, 22-25, 25-19
Final Round
Morton d. Hinsdale S. 17-25, 25-11, 25-22 (23rd)
Marist d. Andrew 25-22, 25-14 (21st)
Lincoln-Way C. d. Evanston 25-7, 25-22 (19th)
Naperville Central d. New Trier 17-25, 26-24, 25-22 (17th Flight Champ)

BOYS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Fenwick 12, St. Rita 6
Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Bremen 7
Lincoln-Way Central 9, Lincoln-Way East 7
Lockport 6, Stagg 5
Thursday, 4-1-04
Andrew 17, Bremen 12
Latin 16, Morgan Park 8
Lincoln-Way East 16, Stagg 10
Saturday, 4-3-04
Latin Invitational
Latin 6, Neuqua Valley 1
Oak Park 13, St. Rita 12
Neuqua Valley 8, St. Rita 7
Latin 8, Oak Park 5
Oak Park 11, Neuqua Valley 9
Latin 4, Neuqua Valley 3

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 3-29-04
De La Salle 5, Bogan 0
Lemont 1, Oswego 0
Queen of Peace 4, Oak Lawn 1
Sandburg 1, Lockport 0
Stagg 2, Lincoln-Way East 1, 2 OT
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Argo 2, Shepard 0
Bogan 1, Morgan Park 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 10, Thornwood 0
Joliet Catholic 1, St. Francis 0
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Joliet 0
Maine South 2, Providence 0
Resurrection 2, Queen of Peace 1
St. Ignatius 2, Elk Grove 0
Wednesday, 3-31-04
Lane Tech 3, Kennedy 0
Lincoln-Way East 3, Lockport 0
Mother McAuley 1, Providence 0
St. Ignatius 4, Payton 0
Sandburg 3, Andrew 0
Tinley Park 2, Rich Central 1
Lemont
Lyons 3, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Thursday, 4-1-04
Bogan 3, Tilden 0
Bremen 1, Eisenhower 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Bloom 0
Plainfield Central 3, Lemont 1
Reavis 1, Maria 0
Trinity 6, De La Salle 0
U-High 4, Morgan Park Academy 0

Lemont Tournament
Lincoln-Way East 2, Providence 0
Lyons 1, Waubonsie Valley 0
Saturday, 4-3-04
Hinsdale South 0, Stagg 0
Mother McAuley 2, Regina 0
Argo Tournament
Argo 8, Rich East 0
U-High 3, Bloom 0
U-High 2, Argo 1 (title)
Downers South Tournament
Hinsdale South 5, Lincoln-Way Central 3
Neuqua Valley 2, Downers South 0
Lemont Tournament
Lincoln-Way East 3, Lemont 1

SOFTBALL
Monday, 3-29-04
Bogan 12, Bowen 11
Bradley 5, Bremen 3
Homewood-Flossmoor 4, Munster (Ind) 3
Lincoln-Way Central 11, Maria 0
Lincoln-Way East 13, Luther South 6
Mother McAuley 3, St. Ignatius 1
Oak Lawn 4, Eisenhower 0
Plainfield South 7, Joliet 6
Queen of Peace 4, T.F. South 1
Regina 9, De La Salle 0
Richards 16, Rich Central 0
Seton 7, Thornridge 4
Shepard 12, Kankakee 0
Stagg 1, Marist 0

Tuesday, 3-30-04
Bogan 18, Calumet 3
Lincoln-Way East 6, Argo 1
Reavis 6, Maria 0
Wednesday, 3-31-04
Ag Science 24, Du Sable 4
Eisenhower 1, Crete-Monee 0
Evergreen Park 4, Andrew 2
Lockport 12, Bradley 0
Morton 8, Maria 3
Oak Forest 16, Oak Lawn 5
Plainfield South 4, Lincoln-Way East 0
Queen of Peace 8, Trinity 0
St. Ignatius 4, Mother Guerin 3
Shepard 11, Argo 1
Thursday, 4-1-04
Andrew 3, Romeoville 0
Argo 3, Eisenhower 1
Bogan 17, Corliss 5
Fenwick 16, De La Salle 1
Hillcrest 8, Rich South 5
Joliet 5, Providence 0
Lincoln-Way Central 8, Bremen 0
Marist 6, St. Ignatius 4
Minooka 10, Joliet Catholic 0
Morgan Park Academy 8, Francis Parker 3
Mother McAuley 14, Maria 2
Mt. Assisi 10, Regina 0
Oak Lawn 6, Nazareth 2
Richards 4, Stagg 0
Seton 7, Trinity 3
Friday, 4-2-04
Bremen 9, Bloom 0
Downers North 3, Mother McAuley 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, T.F. South 2
Lemont 5, Joliet 3
Marist 6, Reavis 0
Mather 19, Morgan Park 11 (6 inn.)
Mt. Assisi 11, Romeoville 1 (5 inn.)
Shepard 4, Oak Forest 1

Saturday, 4-3-04
Bloom 11-9, De La Salle 1-0
Eisenhower 4-18, Rich South 0-1
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Joliet Catholic 1
Lincoln-Way East 10-11, Oak Forest 3-1
Lockport 5, Harlan 0
Loyola 11, Seton 0 (5 inn.)
Marian Catholic 4-6, Carmel 0-1
Nazareth 6-2, Reavis 2-8
Oak Lawn 7-10, Tinley Park 0-2
Rich East 23, Hillcrest 0
Sandburg 11-13, Homewood-Flossmoor 0-0
T.F. South 2-3, Richards 0-5

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, 4-1-04
Oak Lawn 75, Bremen 70
Tinley Park 96, Rich East 39
Saturday, 4-3-04
Stagg Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Romeoville 129 2, Plainfield Central 127. 3, Stagg 54. 4, Argo 46. 5, Joliet Catholic 35. 6, tie, St. Ignatius and Leyden 32. 8, Reavis 29. 9, Mt. Assisi 24. 10, Tinley Park 21. 11, Maria 18. 12, Joliet 9.

GIRLS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Andrew 17, Bradley 9
Lincoln-Way East 8, Lincoln-Way Central 7
Mother McAuley 11, Loyola 6
St. Ignatius 21, Maria 10
Thursday, 4-1-04
Andrew 12, Bremen 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Richards 6
Lincoln-Way Central 16, Bradley 8
Lincoln-Way East 12, Stagg 10
Mother McAuley 9, St. Ignatius 7
Saturday, 4-3-04
Lincoln-Way East Invite
Andrew 10, Lincoln-Way Central 5
Richards 18, Riverside-Brookfield 8
Lincoln-way Central 9, Hinsdale South 5
Lincoln-Way East 10, Andrew 9 (title)
St. Ignatius Invite
At Illinois-Chicago
Final Team Standings: 1, Loyola. 2, St. Ignatius. 3, New Trier. 4, Marian Catholic. 5, Stagg. 6, Glenbrook South. 7, Lockport. 8, Bradley-Bourbonnais. 9, Conant.
Game Scores
Stagg 13, Glenbrook South 8
St. Ignatius 9, Glenbrook South 5
Stagg 5, Conant 0
Loyola 13, Marian Catholic 4
St. Ignatius 9, Glenbrook South 5
Stagg 5, Conant 0
Loyola 13, Marian Catholic 4
St. Ignatius 15, Lockport 5
New Trier 9, Stagg 8
Loyola 16, Bradley 4
Glenbrook South 14, Lockport 13
New Trier 11, Conant 4
Marian Catholic 10, Bradley 4
St. Ignatius 12, New Trier 2
Stagg 13, Glenbrook South 8
Lockport 15, Conant 7
Loyola 9, New Trier 5
Marian 8, Stagg 4
Bradley 11, Conant 5
Loyola 5, St. Ignatius 3
Marian 11, Glenbrook South 9
Lockport 11, Bradley 9

BADMINTON
Tuesday, 3-30-04
Argo 8m Morton 7
Lincoln-Way East 15, T.F. South 0
Stagg 15, Plainfield Central 0
Thursday, 4-1-04
Reavis 12, Plainfield South 3

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Adalberto Velez, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15131.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7743 S. Nashville Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $200,303.41.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8745.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, Plaintiff, vs. Todd Causley, et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-11625

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 6, 2001, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8811 Nida Ct., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

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For information call Mr. Peter Vucha at Plaintiff's Attorney, Roeser & Vucha, 920 Davis Road, Elgin, IL 60123. (847) 888-1820.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin K. Tucker, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-7325.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 3300 W 80th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $181,249.67.

Sale Terms. 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33629.

Pursuant to Sec 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Daniel M. Schmal, Defendant. Case No. 03C-6927

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57305
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 20, 2004 at the hour of 11.00 a.m. at First Floor Southwest Corner (nearest corner to Clark and Washington Streets), Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/K/A: 5329 W. 102nd St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, one story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $162,928.40.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

204986C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Janet E. Blake, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-2029.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7319 W 114th St., Worth, IL 60482.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $177,001 75.

Sale Terms. 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405 Please refer to file number 30161

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York, Plaintiff, vs Alton Smith, et al., Defendants. Case No 03C-6814

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 57387
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/04/2003

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 8, 2004 at the hour of 9 00 a.m at outside of the door of the Northeast corner of the lobby of the Richard J Daley Center, 55 W Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises

C/K/A 9527 S Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the Opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $163,804.50.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Woodie G. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 00Ch-13375.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14700 S. Mozart, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $151,938 39

Sale Terms 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-00-5595.

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs Rogelio Silva Vaquera a/k/a Rogelio Silva, et al., Defendant Case No. 03Ch-9845

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a m on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 7753 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $141,129 59

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-5490.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor in interest by merger of Bank of America, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. James R. Widlacki, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14990.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5453 W 137th St., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $111,575.60.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8814.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division: G E Mortgage Services, LLC f/k/a G.E. Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dana L. Rampick, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15435.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10-30 a m on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8345 S Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $114,304 11

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9009.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jesus Castro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15368.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 7806 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story brick construction separate 1 5 car garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,731.17

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http \\service atty-pierce com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0307242.

NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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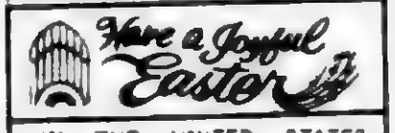

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Citifinancial Mtge Co., Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Grant E. Owens a/k/a Grantland Owens, et al., Defendants Case No. 03C-6801

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO 57146
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on December 19, 2003

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 15, 2004 at the hour of 9 00 a.m., Outside the Northeast entrance of the Lobby, Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/K/A 8841 S. Fairfield Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $149,259.67.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Eric Patterson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-18310.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 3619 W 85th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $124,972 61

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-7131

NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel D. Manfre, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-11954

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 23, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a m on April 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 11719 Carolyn Ln., Alsip, IL 60803

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $166,902 00

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6872.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday & Aretos, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. George A. Tsantafillou, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-6863.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 3, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 10906 S. Lombard Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story residence with a detached two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $115,353.29.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303374.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-1, Agreement dated 3/1/98, Plaintiff, vs. Edna Hayes, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5273.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 3, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14050 Lydia Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William McKenna a/k/a William S. McKenna, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-8965.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 53595
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2003.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building, near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A. 2711 W. 98th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $130,590.67.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Louis A. Santiago, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-8507.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 9221 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $231,313.83.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-4951.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Timothy Lichter, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-23221.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15257 S. Millard Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,652.14.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33165.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Delores C. Smith, Defendant. Case No. 00C-7374.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 42150
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Michael Polelle, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 23, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at entrance, Room 701, Cook County, Sheriff, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3143 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,804.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1996, Series 1996-D, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Borvan, Jr. a/k/a Joseph M. Borvan, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15235.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 13535 S. Lamon, Crestwood, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., Successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Lendex, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. George R. Catanzaro, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14013.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 7827 S. Parkside Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $67,615.99.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Norden, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-18793.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, April 23, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9723 S. Keeler Ave., Unit # 308, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence with no garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $74,890.85.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0208774.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jon Barnhouse a/k/a Jon M. Barnhouse, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13864.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4839 Engle Rd., Unit #3A, Alsip, IL 60462.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,176.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8266.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie Przybyla a/k/a Debbie Comocho, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12400.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 5432 128th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $75,980.43.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306686.

196513C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald R. Demsik, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11456.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 9716 S. Avers Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $180,794.75.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citizens Financial Services, FSB, a federally chartered Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Alsip Motel Limited Partnership, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13990.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 24, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 5150 W. 127th Street, Alsip, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a 114 room motel which may be made available for inspection by arrangement with Ms. Paula Neff at (219) 769-1313.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Michael R. Mulcahy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, 222 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 609-7500.

197206C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Belal Shargawi, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7370.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 3, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 10930 S. Central Ave., Unit 2A, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,615.40.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

196366C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Aguirre, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22701.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 25, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 2323 W. 144th Place, Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $107,907.34.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197276C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Dennis Mayberry, et al., Defendants, No. 03Ch-10176.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 27, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 13950 S. Lydia Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $52,181.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305015.

197157C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leavy Deal III, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15353.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3315 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a detached 1.5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $103,031.19.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0307007.

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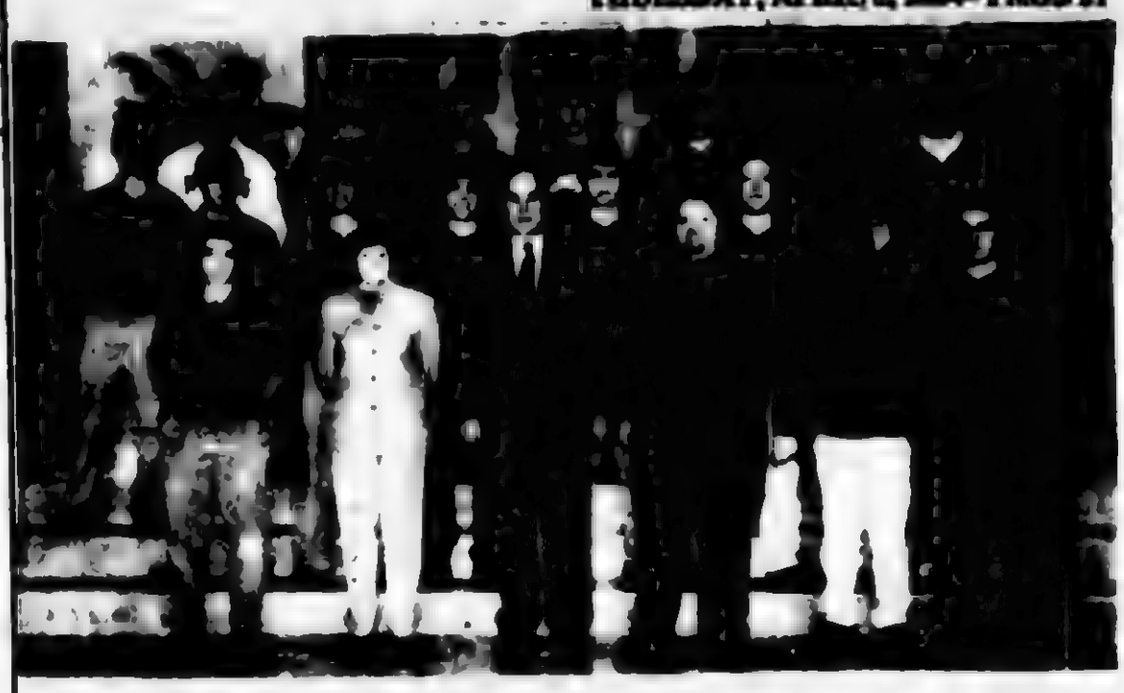

Since 1967, the St. Rita High School Fathers' Club has awarded St. Rita High School students who earned straight A's each semester with the Joseph C. Heeney Award. The Heeney Award was established in 1967 in the memory of Mr. Heeney, who was President of the Fathers' Club for the 1967-68 school year when he passed away in June 1967. The following Beverly/Mt. Greenwood/Evergreen Park area students received straight A's for the first semester of the 2003-04 school year: (front row) Andrew Taube, Vice President for Academic Affairs Sally Donnihan, Michael Heeney '71 (son of Joseph Heeney), St. Rita President Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, Bryan Murray and John Bukowski; (middle row) Brendan Anderson, Kevin Foran, Marco Zenere, Joseph Wapinski, Kyle Gordon and David Wear; (back row) Christopher Ramsden, Anthony Sosnowski, Matthew Ryan, Michael Shanahan, Patrick Kirkland, Robert Hunter, Andrew Olivi and Charles Knibbs.

A total of 44 students received Heeney Awards for straight A's and a gift of $50 from the St. Rita Fathers' Club at a family mass and breakfast in February.

Chamber Of Commerce Guide

The 2004 edition of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Regional Guide is complete and ready for distribution through the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. The project was compiled and prepared by the staff at the Southland Chamber of Commerce and includes valuable information about 86 communities in the Southland Region.

Steve Grosskopf, Director of Member Services indicated that the new Regional Guide combines the best of printed materials and up-to-date electronic information. Important quality of life information and photographs are included in the printed guide while changing information such as Chamber membership and community demographics is included on a special CD-rom.

"This provides the Chamber and other organizations and communities within the Region a great promotional tool," stated Grosskopf.

For more information about the Guide, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950. The Regional Guide is free to Chamber members and is available for purchase to non-members for $25.

Building on his effort to reform education in Illinois, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced he is dedicating $2.2 billion dollars over four years to school construction and maintenance, starting with $550 million in his capital spending plan for Fiscal Year 2005. Governor Blagojevich is not only renewing Illinois' commitment to rebuilding and rehabilitating deteriorating schools, he is strengthening the state's commitment despite facing ongoing fiscal challenges. At schools in Chicago, the MetroEast and Rock Island, the Governor explained how his capital spending plan will give every school district in Illinois the opportunity to capture dollars to improve buildings in need of repair.

"We need to build new schools, we need to build additions onto existing schools, we need to relieve overcrowding in classrooms, and we need to repair older schools that haven't been fully maintained for years," said Blagojevich. "We need to make sure we're sending our children off to schools that are safe, comfortable, and secure."

The Governor's capital budget earmarks a total of $500 million for construction grants to school districts to renovate deteriorating buildings and construct new facilities. Since the school construction program began in 1997, the state provided more than $3.1 billion to 497 school districts. The program helped fund 265 new schools and 12,000 new classrooms.

Of the $500 million to be made available in FY05, about $150 million will fund projects in 24 different school districts who applied for grants in past years but did not receive funding. Chicago Public Schools will receive 20 percent of total state construction grants awarded, or $100 million. And, school districts elsewhere in the state will have the opportunity to submit applications for the remainder of the construction dollars. The Capital Development Board will prioritize projects to receive grants for FY05. The school construction program requires local school districts to receive a project entitlement and secure the required local share of construction funds before receiving state grants. The grants range from 35 to 75 percent of eligible construction costs.

"Under the current system, the Illinois State Board of Education has awarded school construction grants using a rigid system of priorities. The means some schools with serious building problems never made it to the top of the list. As a result, all around Illinois, there are school districts that have been waiting for years for the state funds they need to get their buildings in shape," said Blagojevich.

Rep. Jackson Will Speak At Chamber Meet

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., U.S. Representative for the State of Illinois, will be the featured speaker at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, April 12th at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel and Conference Center.

Rep. Jackson currently sits on the House of Appropriations Committee, serving as the 5th ranking Democrat on the subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, as well as the 2nd ranking Democrat on the subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related programs.

Jackson began his service in the U.S. House of Representatives in December of 1995. Prior to his congressional service Jackson served as the National Field Director of the National Rainbow Coalition. In that role, he instituted a national non-partisan program that successfully registered millions of new voters.

The cost of the luncheon program is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. The program begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon. The program will commence at 12:30, with adjournment at 1 p.m.

The luncheon is open to the business community. For registration or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950.

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NOTICE OF REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, Notice is given of receipt of an application for permit for a proposed construction and/or modification project (Project #03-099) from SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a St. Francis Hospital-Orland, SSM Regional Health Services d/b/a St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, 12935 South Gregory Street, Blue Island, IL 60406 and SSM Health Care Corporation, 477 North Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. The applicant proposes to construct and establish a new 130-bed general acute care hospital consisting of 102 Med/Surg beds, 12 Obstetric beds in an LDRP suite and 16 Intensive Care Unit beds. It will also contain all ancillary and support services including ER, Diagnostic Imaging, Surgery and Cardiac Catheterization services to be known as St. Francis Hospital-Orland located at Northeast corner of 171st Street and LaGrange Road, Orland Park, IL 60477-7224. The total estimated project cost is $192,965,145.

The application was declared complete on January 9, 2004, and a copy of the application may be viewed at the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board Office, address below. To obtain a copy of an application phone the office for details and copying fees at the number listed below. Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the **June 16, 2004**, State Board Meeting. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by May 27, 2004 to:

Donald Jones, Acting Supervisor Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield, Illinois 62761
(217) 782-3516
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Southwest Area Obituaries

Benjamin L. Foster

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, April 17th at the McKenzie Funeral Home, 15618 Cicero Ave., from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2:30 p.m., for Benjamin L. Foster, 86, husband of the late Lucille. Mr. Foster was retired from the Electromotive Division of General Motors.

He is survived by his sons Craig (Sherrie), Bob (Joan), Jon (Cindy) and Mark (Bobbie); eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Emagene Claudius.

Chiffie J. Balesh

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Chiffie J. Balesch, a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife Samira; his children Albert, Edward, Louise Conway, Carol (Assem) Kaissi, Robert, Philip and Rena; and four grandchildren.

Gary K. Bartz

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Gary K. Bartz, a U.S. Army veteran Vietnam era. 1st squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry. Mr. Bartz was a member of IBEW Union Local 9 for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife Peggy; his son Michael; his mother Evelyn Bartz; and brothers Craig, Denis, and Terry.

Frederick Koeppen, Jr.

Services were held Tuesday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum for Frederick J. Koeppen, Jr., 85, a World War II Army veteran and husband of the late Dorothy. Mr. Koeppen was retired from Commonwealth Edison Chicago South with 40 years of service. He was a member of Commonwealth Edison Post 118 American Legion.

He is survived by his son Kevin (Kay); and five grandchildren.

William J. Prendergast

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William J. Prendergast, 64, a Navy veteran. He was a retired member of the Plumbers Union Local 130 and the Windy City Veterans.

He is survived by his wife Marge; his children William Jr. (Kathy) and Colleen (Patrick) Pospishil; eight grandchildren; brothers Rim and Jerry; and sisters Mary and Patsy Duffy.

Jeanette Derkits

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, for Jeanette Derkits, wife of the late Fred.

She is survived by children Linda Krichel-Knudsen, and Doris (Oscar) Ochoa; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

William J. Schick, Jr.

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William J. Schick, Jr., 77, a World War II veteran. Mr. Schick was a retired railroad engineer with 45 years of service. He was a former stock car driver at Santa Fe Speedway.

He is survived by his wife Shirley E.; his children Ray, Robin, Jay and Dorel; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers Robert (Vivian), Andrew (Camille) and Raymond (Edna) and a sister Dolores

Mary Lee Liston

Mass was said Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Mary Lee Liston, 58, owner of Sharper Image Permanent Make-Up.

She is survived by her husband Gene; her sisters Charlene (James) Thomson, Rose Kennedy, Joan (Michael) Loftus, and Christine (Wayne) Konecny and a brother Dennis (Marilynn) Balcauski.

Margaret I. Brown

Mass was said Monday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Margaret Isabelle Brown "Aunt Belle," 102, wife of the late Edward J. Brown and John Hurley. Mrs. Brown was a former resident of Edinbridge of Tinley Park. She worked as a switchboard operator for the St. Clair and Bismark Hotels until she reached the age of 75.

She is survived by her niece Rita Jean (Edward) Galdikas; one grandniece and two grandnephews.

Louise W. Carroll

Mass was said Wednesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Louise W. Carroll, 92, wife of the late Joseph. She was a former member of Queen of Martyrs Altar and Rosary Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children Kathleen (Thomas) Browne, John (Patricia) and Thomas (Ann); 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Michael E. Clancy

Mass was said Wednesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, for Michael E. Clancy, 81, a retired Chicago Police Department Sergeant and a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II, Purple Heart recipient.

He is survived by his children Susan (Thomas) Martin and Michael CPD (Sheila); seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and sisters Betty and Mary.

Grayce V. Marco

Mass was said Saturday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Assumption Cemetery, for Grayce V. Marco, 90, wife of the late William. Mrs. Marco was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Church in Riverdale, St. Germaine in Oak Lawn and Bethlehem Woods in LaGrange Park. She was a former member of St. Mary Altar and Rosary Society, a former P.L.O.W.S. Senior Citizen of the Year and a long time Democratic Judge of Elections.

She is survived by her children Richard (Nancy), Judy Auld, Joanne (Robert0 Lieberman, Nancy (Jack) Sasso, John (Charlotte), Philip (Judy), Andrew (Christine), Mary Pat (Robert) Brady and Carol McCarthy; 31 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; brother Thomas (Mary) McKenna and a sister Alice Johnson.

Josephine Hochorowski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Josephine F. Hochorowski, 89.

She is survived by her granddaughter Patricia Hochorowski.

Katherine McAllister

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Katherine McAllister, wife of the late Patrick.

She is survived by her children Margaret (John) Hettwer, Katherine (William) Orr, John, and James (Geraldine); 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ralph Kobylarczyk

Mass was said Saturday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Ralph Kobylarczyk, 36, a lifelong resident of Midlothian.

He is survived by his mother, Emily; sister, Darlene (Paul) Friedl and brothers, Timothy (Margaret) and Paul (Mariel).

Dr. Michael J. Noetzel

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dr. Michael J. Noetzel, 37.

He is survived by his wife Leslie; his parents Dr. Robert and Marge Noetzel; brothers Robert Jr. (Colette), William (Deborah) and Dr. Joseph (Dr. Ilenne); and grandmother Sylvia Noetzel.

Rosemarie Page

Services were held Monday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Rosemarie Page, wife of the late Francis.

She is survived by her children Diana (Edward) Nowdomski, Peggy (Dave) Tilghman and Paul (Nancy); seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers William (Edna) Payne and John Spetz and a sister Barbara (Robert) Ratterree.

Charles Kramer, M.D.

Mass was said Monday at St. John Church, Glenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Charles F. Kramer, M.D., 88, formerly of Beverly and husband of the late Mary Josephine. Dr. Kramer was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was formerly president of the medical staff and chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Dept. of St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island. He was also a Clinical Associate at Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine and was a member of the Mt. Carmel High School Lay Board and active in numerous alumni affairs.

He is survived by his children Charles (Wanda) and Jack (Weezie); three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters Ann (James) Congdon, Pat Deady, and Betty (Robert) Zenawick and a brother Richard.

Dolores L. Ross

Services were held Wednesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Dolores L. Ross, 73, a member of Peace Lutheran Seniors and good Shepherd Off Club.

She is survived by her husband Paul; her children Beverly (Stuart) Upchurch, and Kenneth (Karen); and six grandchildren.

Howard C. Larsen

Services were held Monday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Howard C. Larsen.

He is survived by his wife Norma E.; his children James, Donald (Vicki) and Dianne Trembczynski (Stephen) Powers; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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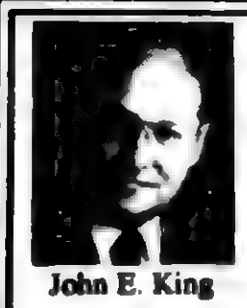
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Students Make A Difference

National Honor Society students attending Chicago Christian High School in Palos Heights give back to the inner-city community and make a difference for Bethany Christian Services, a national licensed child welfare agency, with an office located on the Southside of Chicago at 9718 S. Halsted St. Teens show love for community and human life by raising more than $8,000 to help teen mothers in the adoption process and foster children programs.

Members of the National Honor Society volunteer to collect money in "baby bottled banks" for a campaign to bring awareness to adoption, foster care and the financial needs of Bethany Christian Services. The unique campaign began on the third Sunday of January, which was Sanctity of Life Sunday and ended in late February. Nevertheless, money continues to pour in. Executive Director Yvonne Tolbert says, "This is a great effort on the part of young people. The money is used to help sustain services for clients in the area of foster care, adoption, and pregnancy counseling."

Baby bottles are converted into banks and creatively decorated by the students. Students distribute the "bottle banks" to their family, friends, churches and members of the community to fill the baby bottles that have been converted into banks, with spare change. The bottles were collected in February. The mounds of coins were counted. The school will present a check to Bethany Christian Services later in the school year.

Chicago Christian students participating in the worth while fundraiser under the direction of faculty sponsor included: Amy Bass, Erica Boonstra, Kathy Boeringa, Amy Bulthuis, Caroline Cook, Rachel Deckinga, Sara Deckinga, Shelly Helmus, Amie Kamba, Trina Kats, Ashley Klootwyk, Amy Lansing, Val Leffring, Alison McSweeney, Rachel Mudde, Mike Reusz, Jessica Schultz, Bethany Schutt, Candace Shutt, Pam Schutt, Justin Trienstra, Becca Van Bruggen, Andrea Voss, Gwen Vryhof, Emily Ward, and Emily Wierenga.

Students received help from churches located in the southwest suburbs of Chicago including Bridge Community Church, Calvary Reformed Church, Covenant Church, Faith Christian Reformed Church, Hope Christian Reformed Church, Orland Park Christian Reformed Church, Park Lane Christian Reformed Church, and Palos Christian Reformed Church.

Chicago Christian has proven its commitment to Bethany Christian Services by increasing the amount raised each year with a total of over $30,000 over the past five years. Faculty sponsor Barb Lavery gets students involved in service to the community and the importance of helping others.

To donate to Bethany Christian Services, Illinois or for more information on how your church or organization can assist with the "Baby Bottle Fund Raiser," contact Mattie Johason at (773) 233-7600.

Agriculture Related Studies

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is encouraging all Illinois high school seniors who plan to enroll in agriculture-related studies to apply for the Treasurer's Office Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program. Excellence in Agriculture offers five $2500 scholarships which will be awarded annually to students who are committed to pursuing a career in agriculture-related fields of study in college. The deadline for applications is April 16th.

Scholarship funds may only be used toward the student's tuition, books and/or room and board by the institution. Scholarship recipients are not restricted from pursuing and accepting other forms of financial aid, assistantship, scholarships or tuition waivers. Scholarship funds will be available through a Bright Start College Savings Account from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office and can be accessed by the parent(s) of the scholarship winner.

"As Treasurer, it is my job to invest the state's money for the people of Illinois. With our new Scholarship Program, we are investing in the future of agriculture throughout the state," said Topinka.

To be eligible for the Illinois State Treasurer's Agriculture Scholarship Program, applicants must be a resident of Illinois and carry at least a 2.5 grade point average during senior year of high school.

Recipients must be accepted for enrollment at an accredited college, university or community college within the State of Illinois by May 15th of each calendar year with an agriculture-related academic major. Each applicant must submit a typed essay (minimum 250 words) identifying the reason(s) you want to pursue a career in agriculture as well as 2 reference letters demonstrating your character. You must provide a list of your potential to make a significant contribution to society (demonstrated by extracurricular activities, i.e. local 4-H club, FFA, employment history, volunteerism, etc.) as well as a list of your goals and future plans.

A non-partisan committee consisting of representatives from various agriculture-related associations, agencies, financial community and the Office of the State Treasurer will judge each scholarship application. All decisions of the committee are final. Submitted applications will be carefully screened for conformance of requirements, appropriate grammar, punctuation, etc.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Illinois State Treasurer's Office at (217) 557-6436. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before April 16th and mailed to: Agriculture Programs Division, 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 814, Springfield, IL 62701.

Ten Free Shade Trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April as part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple and Red Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes and beautiful fall colors," said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30th.

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Car Loan Payment Obligations

You purchased an older car through financing, and the old clunker finally stops running, so you sell it for scrap for $200. You stop making monthly payments on the car since it technically no longer exists. Do you have anything to worry about?

Yes, you probably do, according to the Illinois State Bar Assn. First, you may not have had the right to sell the car for scrap. Only the owner of the car has the right to sell it or destroy it. Depending upon the terms of your loan, the finance company, not you, may have legally owned the car. Most of the time, the business or financing company which loans you the money to purchase an item – be it a car, a house or a television set – retains the title to the property until the loan is paid in full.

Whether or not you are within your rights to sell the car or any item you purchase on time, you are still obligated to make your loan payments. Your obligation to pay is not contingent upon the existence of the property, unless there is a paragraph in your loan agreement that specifically gives you the right to stop making payments.

Just because the finance company cannot repossess the car doesn't mean that it does not have other options to seek redress. The company can sue you for the unpaid balance on your loan, and they can also report your failure to make payments to a credit-reporting agency. This would harm your ability to get credit in the future.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Assn. member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

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Dedicate Kolb School

Ernest F. Kolb School, formerly Dearborn Heights School, will be dedicated on Saturday, April 24th at 1 p.m. The school is located at 9620 S. Normandy in Oak Lawn.

The theme for the day is "Soaring Into the Future." The day's program will include performances by students, speeches from staff and local dignitaries, including local school board members.

The family of Ernest F. Kolb, former mayor of Oak Lawn, will also be present to assist with this dedication and re-naming the school in honor of their loved one. Tours of the school will be available and guests can view a collection of photographs from past and present days of the school.

For further information, call the school at (708) 598-8090.

Share Tax Information

Illinois and 33 other states recently signed an agreement to share information on abusive tax shelters and illegal transactions, a move intended to strengthen their fight against this complex problem.

"In these difficult financial times, the Dept. of Revenue is doing all that it can to assure that we collect all the taxes due and owing Illinois," said Illinois Revenue Director Brian Hamer. "We will identify taxpayers using these illegal schemes and collect the taxes they owe."

Hamer said the signing of the cooperation agreement was part of a three-pronged effort to combat tax abuse in Illinois that also includes:

1) An agreement signed last September with the IRS to coordinate efforts and share data on illegal schemes to evade both federal and state taxes. Illinois recently received more than 1,000 potential leads from the IRS.
2) A legislative proposal to require taxpayers who participate in potentially abusive transactions to inform the Dept. of Revenue or face a significant penalty.

"These actions, together with the tax loophole closings proposed as part of the FY 05 budget, should make Illinois taxation more fair for all taxpayers," Hamer said. "When a taxpayer avoids tax, all other taxpayers pay more."

Hamer said that the department will scrutinize the accounting and law firms that create and peddle these transactions as well as the businesses and individuals that purchase and use these schemes.

"Abusive tax avoidance transactions have become a threat to the fiscal health of our states," explained Stephen M. Cordi, Deputy Comptroller for Maryland and president of the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA), the association of state tax agencies that coordinated the new agreement. "These schemes depend on dozens of layers of transactions – each one intended to bury the taxable income a little deeper. The layers are then scattered among any number of states. We can only uncover these types of schemes by sharing knowledge and by having a close working relationship with our sister states."

The abusive transactions are those that have no economic substance and are entered into solely to avoid tax. The IRS lists such transactions on its web site at www.irs.gov. A typical example is a contingent liability whereby a business transfers liabilities to a subsidiary, receives preferred stock equal to the liabilities, then sells a portion of the stock and creates, on paper, a significant capital loss.

Other transactions include employee leasing schemes, abusive trust arrangements, and use of tiered entities to hide income. The PBS program *Frontline* featured a number of such schemes in a report entitled "Tax Me If You Can."

State tax agencies routinely share information with one another. This agreement provides a formal structure for the states to notify one another when they uncover one of these new schemes, to share insights on new compliance thinking, and to point out potentially fruitful directions for audit exploration.

McAuley Wins First Contest

Mother McAuley defeated Regina Dominican in their first GCAC Red Division contest of the year with a 2-0 win. Heavy winds kept McAuley from moving forward in the first half, and the score remained at 0-0. Senior goalkeeper Colleen Gollogly made several saves in the first half, while the McAuley offense generated 4 shots on goal.

In the second half, McAuley began to pour on the offense, with 13 shots on goal. Although Regina was forced to play in their end of the field for most of the second half, none of the shots yielded a goal. However, the pressure forced several fouls on Regina's part, and Stephanie Kaput was able to capitalize for McAuley. In the 54th minute, a foul occurred a few yards outside the penalty area. Kaput struck the ball off the inside of the right post, and it careened in for McAuley's first goal. Seven minutes later, Elizabeth Daigler was fouled by a hard charge outside the right side of the penalty area. Kaput placed a high, hanging over the reach of Regina's keeper for the second and final goal of the game. Senior midfielder Angela Bleecher kept the flow of the game in check, and junior forward Jenna Johnson threatened several times.

McAuley goalkeeper Colleen Gollogly had five saves in posting the shutout.

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The Girl Scouts Of Cook County Will Honor

Girl Scout Leaders

On Thursday evening, April 22nd, members and guests of Girl Scouts of South Cook County, Inc. will meet in Crestwood at Rosewood West Banquets to honor outstanding service by the council's adult volunteers. The April 22nd date coincides with national Girl Scout Leader's Day, and is also during National Volunteers Week, April 18th to 24th.

In addition to acknowledging the contributions of all who have served in a number of different positions, several national Girl Scout awards will be presented. Those are awarded to volunteers who have served the council to an exceptional degree. The three awards require that the recipients be nominated by their peers, and the final selections must be approved by the council's board of directors.

The Thanks Badge is awarded on a very selective basis to individuals who have given service at a level that benefits the entire council, as well as Girl Scouting as a whole. The person must have consistently exceeded expectations for whatever tasks were carried out, and must have done so for at least eight years, reaching out to her community as well as having a significant impact on the council and its activities on behalf of girls.

This year's recipient is Fay Peterson of Orland Park, a member of the Orland Explorers Girl Scout Association. She has been involved with numerous council-level task groups, has been a troop organizer, trainer and supporter of benefits, and is an active participant in her association's annual encampment. Peterson has held many other positions over the past 10 years, is still a troop leader in addition to her other roles, and is highly regarded by the people who have worked with her.

The Honor Pin is presented for dedicated service at the association and council level. It is given to individuals who have consistently taken initiative and been effective in carrying out their responsibilities, and whose leadership efforts have resulted in positive results for Girl Scouting for a period of at least five years.

Recipients for this year are Cynthia Meehan and Dorothy Rock, both of Blue Island; Rosemary Johnson of Hazel Crest; and council staff member Ann Maria Klesowitch of Flossmoor.

The Appreciation Pin is designated for individuals who have been involved with Girl Scouting at the troop and local association level, and who have consistently demonstrated effectiveness and initiative for a period of at least three years.

Recipients for 2004 include Susan Till of Burbank; Linda Hamel of Hickory Hills; Kristin Quandt of Palos Hills; and Gail Fagan of Palos Park.

Also, Silencia Scoggins of Blue Island and Patricia Smith of Chicago who volunteers in Blue Island; Jane Bennette, Cathy Barnes, Sue Dalton, Kathy Henry, Tricia Kelleher, Wendy Dabe and Lori Paoletti, all of Orland Park; Mary Stasiunas, Sue Garand, Kathy Janik, Carol Hurt, Carol Halcala, Linda Donovan, Cathy Blaylock and Sheila Swillum, all of Tinley Park.

Also, Yolanda Shannon-Albert, Melody Driver and Veronica Cantrell of Country Club Hills; Anne Brabec of Homewood; Deborah Nelson of Flossmoor; Ella Howard-Davis and Yvonne Mundt of Matteson; Barbara Melcher, currently of Valparaiso but who volunteered in Park Forest; Deena Porter and Juliana Umstattd of Richton Park.

For more information about Girl Scouting in this area, contact South Cook County Girl Scouts at (708) 957-8100.

Village Of Oak Lawn Board Meeting Held

Because of the recent demolition of Cook School, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees voted to concur with the Planning and Development Commission's recommendation and approved an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan deleting all references to Cook School. According to state law, a public hearing (which was held on April 5th) must be held by the Planning and Development Commission. The commission then must recommend the approval or denial to the board.

The board voted to approve IDOT Preliminary Engineering Joint Agreement for Phase II (design engineering) Services for the Southwest Highway Resurfacing Project. The total estimated cost for design engineering for resurfacing Southwest Highway from Ridgeland Avenue to 95th Street is $52,000 with the federal government paying $36,400 and the village's share is $15,600 which will be paid for from the Motor Fuel Tax funds. The board approved an agreement for design engineering services with Edwin Hancock Engineering Company and approved the appropriation resolution the village's portion of the cost.

An agreement authorizing funding for a traffic signal at the intersection of 93rd and Ridgeland was approved. The joint agreement between IDOT and the village provides that the Federal Highway Administration will be responsible to pay 70% of the construction costs, which are estimated to be $75,000 with the village paying 30% however the Cook County Highway Department has indicated in a letter that they will pay the village's entire portion of $32,400.

Police Patrol Officer Erickson Ebenau received his oath of office from Village Clerk, Jayne Powers. After receiving congratulations from the board he introduced his family and friends who were present to witness his oath.

Dolores Mitchell has been named a Sheriff Michael Sheahan Senior Medal of Honor award winner. Mitchell, a dedicated volunteer, will receive her award at a luncheon on April 21st at the Chicago Culture Center.

Trustee William Keene requested that in light of the rumors about the electrical contractor, pressure be applied to have the electrical work on 103rd be completed. The traffic light by the Jewel is up but is not operating and some work needs to be done in the area near the fire station.

Trustee Marjorie Joy reported that she has received numerous calls concerning the dirt bikers riding around Stony Creek and requested that more patrols be routed to that area.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 27th.

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The Forensics Team at Oak Lawn Community High School were State Champions in Group Interpretation. The talented students performed "Protestants Cry, Too" by Robert Cormier. The play was directed by Mark Donaway and Dennis Anastasopoulos. The cast included (row 1) Edward Suda; (row 2) Allison Stanke, Julianna Hlaeka, Michael Norris, and Rebecca Puhr; (row 3) Joshua Lopez, Brian Weems, Dorothy Koll, and Elise Bauman and (row 4) Sean Goldrick. The following students were selected for the All State Group Interpretation cast: Julianna Hlaeka, Joshua Lopez, Michael Norris, Edward Suda and Brian Weems.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 19 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

APRIL 19 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – Smorgasbord, Oak Lawn Community Church, Presbyterian, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 5:30 to 7 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

APRIL 20 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 21 – Wednesday – Worth Township Seniors Free Hearing Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to noon, MUST REGISTER, call 371-2900, ext. 28.

APRIL 21 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon, Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Sign in 11:30 a.m.; Lunch Noon.

APRIL 21 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 22 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

APRIL 22 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 24 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 24 – Saturday – Ernest F. Kolb School Dedication (formerly) Dearborn Heights), 9620 Normandy, 1 p.m.

SXU "Contour" Art Exhibit

St. Xavier University's graduating art majors will showcase their works in "Contour," a two-part exhibit featuring a range of media, from watercolor and ink, sculpture, photography and mixed media.

The first part of the "Contour" exhibit highlights art by seniors who have focused their work in studio production. This half runs now through April 23rd with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th.

Students participating in the show are Phil Basile (video installation); Kevin Crabtree (oil painting/plexiglass); Melissa Ervanian (pencil drawings); Candi Heisel (photography); Michelle Jantz of Oak Lawn (watercolor/ink); Ben Koepke (sculpture/furniture); Frank Loulousis (installation/assemblage/sculpture); Megan Martin (acrylic painting/mixed media; K.T. O'Loughlin of Chicago Ridge (installation); Jody Reno (pastel/ink); Linda Rinaldi of Burbank (figurative drawing/mixed media); and Melissa E. Stein of Blue Island (photography).

In its second half, "Contour" will feature the works of graduating seniors who have focused their work in design. This half runs from April 28th to May 7th, with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 1st.

Students participating in the show are Crystal Aguilera (sculpture/poetry); Christina D'Orazio (graphic design/multimedia); Anwar Haeiti of Palos Hills (design and computer graphics); Akvile Kaminskyte of Bridgeview (pastel drawings and computer graphics); Ruia Mohammad of Palos Hills (graphic design and computer graphics); Arturo Olivares (graphic design); Lamia Samad (graphic design); and Tina Stark (graphic design).

Admission is free. SXU Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call (773) 298-3081.

Cancer Awareness

In observance of the Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation's "Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week," April 19-25, Loyola University Health System, Maywood, is urging families to be screened for head and neck cancer.

Each year more than 55,000 Americans develop head and neck cancer. Early detection and treatment can provide better outcomes.

"More than 85 percent of head and neck cancers are related to tobacco use, making this one of the most preventable diseases of our time," said Dr. Guy J. Petruzzelli, professor of otolaryngology" head and neck surgery, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and chair, department of otolaryngology, Loyola University Healthy System.

Other causes include excessive alcohol consumption, airborne asbestos exposure, poor oral hygiene and on-the-job inhalation of nickel or wood dust.

Petruzzelli emphasized the importance of catching the disease early.

"Because of the highly visible destructive effects to the throat, larynx and sinus cavities, head and neck cancers can be emotionally and physically devastating for patients," he said. "Loyola encourages people to get regular checkups and to eliminate high-risk habits such as smoking and chewing tobacco."

Petruzzelli said the signs of head and neck cancer include: Ear, throat or neck pain; change in voice or persistent hoarseness; swollen jaw; difficulty swallowing or breathing; hearing loss or ringing in the ears; chronic sinus infection (unresponsive to antibiotics); blood in phlegm or saliva; lump in neck; or upper tooth pain.

Visit the Loyola University Health System Web site at http. www.luhs.org for more information on head and neck cancer

Business Assistance

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce will present a Business Assistance Program entitled "Handling Employee Leave Requests: Top 10 Strategies," on Tuesday, April 27th. The forum will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Convention Center in Tinley Park from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Kenneth Jenero will conduct the forum. Jenero is with the Labor & Employment Relations Department of Holland & Knight LLP.

Cost of the program, which is open to the business community, is $25 for Chamber members and $35 for non-members. For reservations or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950, ext. 124.

Religious Poetry

A $1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a $1,000 grand prize, totaling almost $5,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane, Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 30th.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or poem of praise, one that inspires the reader.

Be sure your name and address appear on the page with your poem. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

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Terrence J. O'Brien (pictured), President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the five aeration stations along the Calumet River and the Cal-Sag Channel are now operational for the warm weather months. The District built the Sidestream Elevated Pool Aeration (SEPA) stations in the early 1990s to improve the quality of the water in the Calumet River and the Cal-Sag Channel.

President O'Brien said, "The improved oxygen level has resulted in a healthier water environment for fish and wildlife in the south Cook County area. Recently we became aware of a pair of nesting eagles along the Calumet River. Our staff reports an increase in the number and variety of fish living in the waterways. The SEPA stations have also become popular spots for wedding photos, walkers and bird watchers."

The SEPA stations each have pumps that lift up to half the volume of the water in the adjoining waterway. The water then falls over a series of weirs and picks up oxygen as it falls back into the waterway. An improved level of dissolved oxygen indicates a healthy body of water.

Disability Resources

Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital will present its first annual Disability Resource Fair Thursday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Sinai Community Institute, 2653 W Ogden Ave., Chicago.

Numerous agencies will offer information about services and programs available for people with disabilities. Among the agencies will be the Illinois Secretary of State, Anixter Center, Chicago Hearing Society, Equip for Equality, Brain Injury Association of Illinois, Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois, Social Security Administration, Jewish Vocational Service and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.

Secure parking is available for $3 directly across the street from the site of the event. Sign language interpreting and other reasonable accommodations will be available upon request.

For more information, contact Ramon Canellada, (773) 522-5885, or at canar@sinai.org.

The Toddler Storytime Class at the Midlothian Public Library beat the "Easter bonnet" rush by wearing some favorite or borrowed hats to their Tuesday morning class. Inquire at the library about available Storytime openings.

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$35 Tickets go on sale at 4:15 on April 18th. No free dinner or advanced seating is available with the $35 ticket and we cannot guarantee that any tickets will be left to sell at the door.

Free Kidney Care Program

In response to a growing need for chronic kidney disease (CKD) education, the American Assn. of Kidney Patients (AAKP) is pleased to host "Kidney Care: Finding Your Strength," a free educational program designed for people at risk for or who have kidney disease.

Kidney disease is one of the most widespread chronic illnesses in the United States. It is estimated that over eight million Americans have seriously reduced kidney function. The two leading causes of CKD are diabetes and high blood pressure.

AAKP is hosting the event on Saturday, May 1st from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Oak Lawn, 4140 W. 95th St. The program will include a presentation on the importance of proper kidney care, the role of the kidneys, diet management and more.

This free event is open to the entire community and anyone interested in learning more about kidney disease is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served before the event. Attendees will also be offered free anemia screening during the program. If you are interested in attending the program, contact Kristy Kuna at (800) 749-2257 for further information and to register in advance.

There can be no small tribute to a bigger-than-life icon. Fifteen uniquely designed, 700-pound, 6-foot-tall Mickey Mouse statues are on their way to Chicago's Historic State Street for a two-month-long celebration of Mickey's 75th Anniversary. Starting with a May 22 unveiling ceremony and public party to welcome the statues to Chicago, everything about State Street's salute to the World's Favorite Mouse will be of inspEARational proportions.

Week 39 (northwest corner of State and Washington) will fill with free of charge festivities from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 22, heralding the statue arrival. There'll be entertainment, music, interactive games and giveaways, plus special appearances by the Radio Disney AM 1300 party patrol, ABC7 Chicago personalities and, of course, the Mouse of the Hour himself – Mickey. Following an official unveiling ceremony, children and other celebrants can compete for prizes in fun-filled contests, create their own personalized Mickey Mouse "statue" in the arts and crafts area, and visit a variety of family-friendly activity tents.

Before heading home, fans of all ages will undoubtedly want to stroll State Street to see and pose for pictures with the entire contingent of Mickey Mouse statues – tributes from an impressive group of friends including Tom Hanks, Susan Lucci, George Lopez, Regis Philbin and Andre Agassi. From 2 to 4 p.m. on May 22, families are invited to stop by Marshall Field's State Street for a special "meet and greet" with Mickey and a few of his Disney character friends. The characters will greet as many guests as time allows in the store's 7th floor Narcissus Room.

Chicago is one of the first among a dozen cities across the country that the statue tour, appropriately doomed "Celebrate Mickey: 75 inspEARations," will visit during 2004. Unveiled at the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., in November 2003, the statues will be auctioned for charity at the conclusion of the tour. In total, 75 one-of-a-kind Mickey Mouse statues will be auctioned, with all proceeds going to the charity chosen by each artist. Brian Matson, an artist from Chicago's own Marshall Field's designed "Field Mouse," proceeds from which will benefit the Chicago Children's Museum.

"Celebrate Mickey: 75 inspEARations" is hosted locally by Radio Disney AM 1300 and the Greater State Street Council, which like Mickey, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The statues will remain in Chicago through July 28, and be displayed on both the east and west sides of State Street, from Wacker Dr. to Jackson Boulevard.

For more information, log on to www.disney.com/mickey75.

Death Penalty Flaws

"Too Flawed to Fix: The Illinois Death Penalty Experience," a documentary, will be screened at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 in Room A133 of the Academic Building on the Lewis University main campus, located on Route 53 in Romeoville.

The film explores and examines the flaws of a criminal justice system that wrongfully convicted 13 people in Illinois. A panel discussion with the film's developers will follow the documentary. Part of the Arts and Ideas program at Lewis, the film is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however.

The Arts & Ideas series offers cultural and educational programming for students and the community, free of charge or at a nominal fee. Events include concerts, films, lectures, performances, plays and seminars. The final film in the Latino Film Festival series, "Strawberries and Chocolate," will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 29 in the Big Red Room at the Student Union Commons, located on the Lewis main campus. "Strawberries and Chocolate" takes both a humorous and dramatic look at the Cuban revolution. A story of human triumph, the film shows that human kindness can overcome hardship.

For more information or a free listing of all upcoming Arts & Ideas events, call (815) 836-5482.

6 Costly Mistakes To Avoid Before Buying A Home

Oak Lawn- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage, can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

Whether you are about to buy your first home, or are planning to make a move to your next home, it is critical that you inform yourself about the factors involved before you buy.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled *"6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."*

Having the right information before hand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. **To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call 1-877-784-5659 and enter ID# 5004. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Concerned Women for America of Illinois applauds David Edward Smith and his persistent opposition with the content of Mancow's Morning Madhouse, a syndicated radio show which airs out of Chicago. Mancow is now lashing out against Smith.

Erich "Mancow" Muller recently filed a $3 million lawsuit against Smith for filing complaints against his show with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC agreed that the show's content net or exceeded the definition of indecency and fined the station's owner, Emmis Corporation, $7,.000 for each of the six complaints. There are 35 complaints still pending.

"Muller's shameful lawsuit is nothing more than an attempt to censor Smith and limit his right of free speech. When a millionaire sues a man of modest means for reporting law breaking to the government, something is wrong with the system! This is very ironic coming from self-proclaimed 'free speech' advocate Muller," said CWA of IL state director Kathy Valente.

Muller continues to mislead by saying Smith is stalking and harassing him and the complaints are politically motivated, since Smith worked for an alderman. He has stated the six fines were about a parody he aired against former President Clinton.

"It's smoke and mirrors to steer the issue away from the truth. The complaints are listed on the FCC web site and not one has anything to do with the former president. Rather, the complaints are examples of the ongoing violations of broadcast decency standards that Mancow calls 'speech.' Until recently, one had only to listen for a few minutes to be confronted with sexually explicit content," stated Valente. "Even Emmis, which has profited from Mancow's madness in the past is insisting the show clean up its act under their new zero tolerance policy."

Mancow himself needs a disclaimer on his show that it's not for kids. According to Arbitron ratings, however, Mancow is number one among the 12-25 year-old male population.

"The truth is, Mancow needs a disclaimer for people of all ages. We applaud Dave Smith for his persistence and stand proudly alongside of him and his noble fight to clean up the airwaves," Valente stated.

Concerned Women for America is nation's largest public policy women's organization.

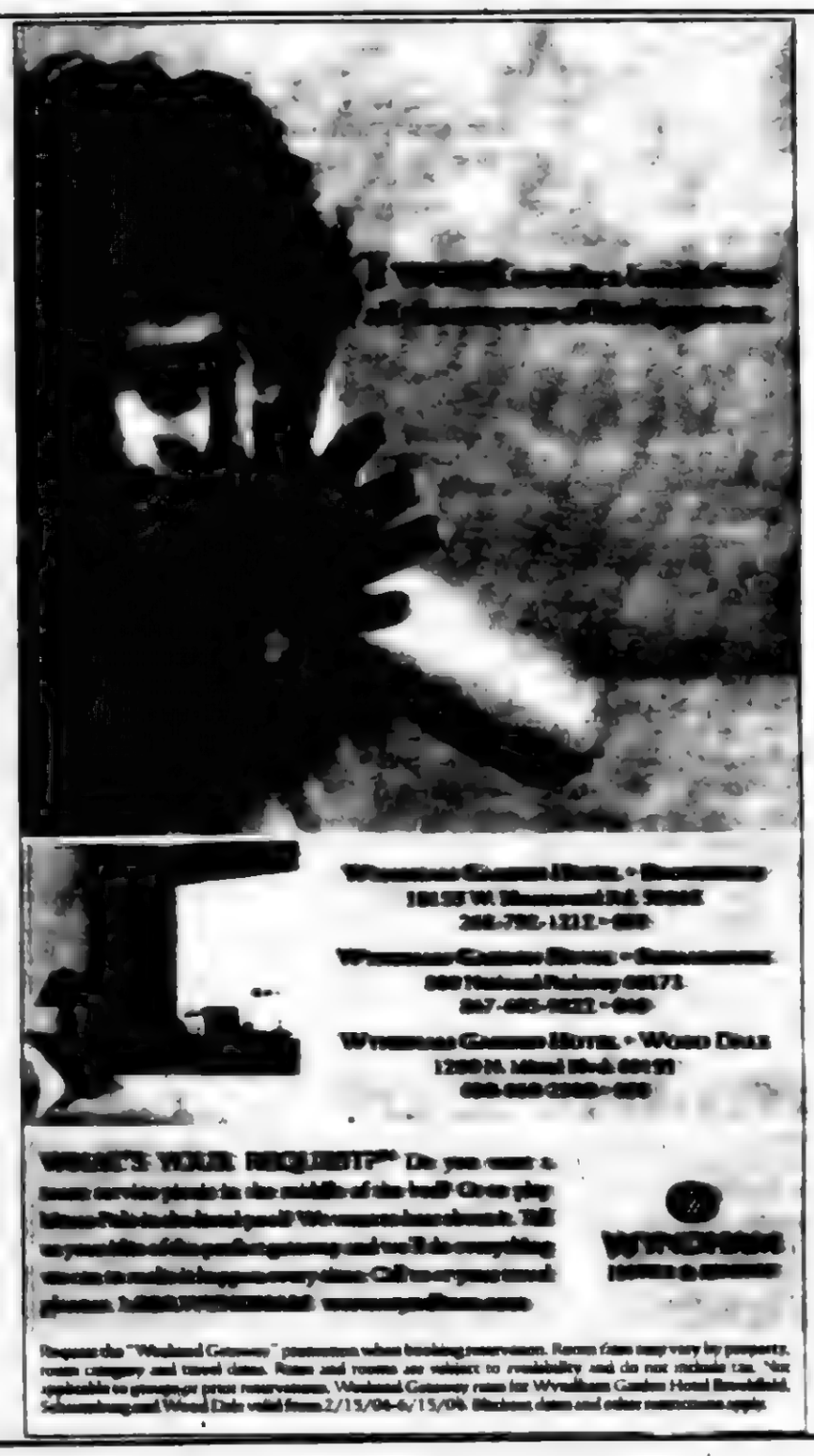
Visit Railway Museum

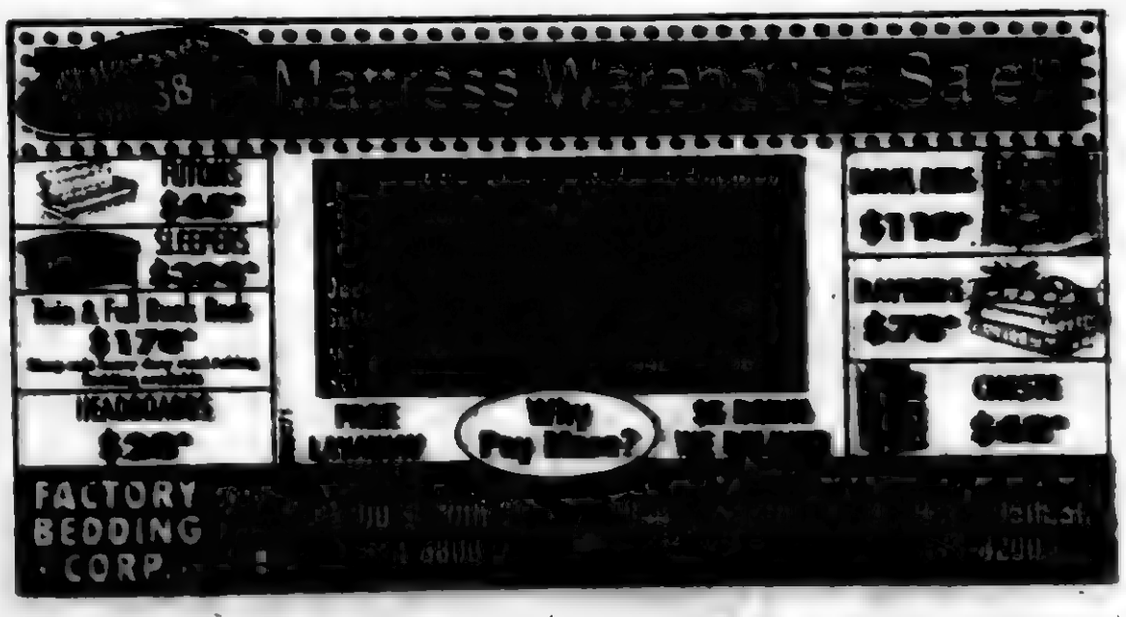
Visit the Illinois Railway Museum in Union (McHenry County) during its 51st year of preservation, education and operation of railway equipment. Cars will operate on Sunday – April through October; Saturday – May through October; daily – Memorial Day through Labor Day. Established in 1953 to preserve a single electric interurban car, the museum has grown to become the largest railway and transit collection in the U.S. – home to approximately 400 electric interurbans, streetcars, steam and diesel locomotives, passenger coaches, freight cars, electric trolley buses, and motor buses. The East Union railroad station is a historic 153-year-old structure built in 1851 in Marengo by the Galena & Chicago Union [later the Chicago & North Western], and moved to the museum campus in 1967.

In addition to regular operations, IRM will present a series of special events. IRM offers a trip back in time to a family-friendly destination that is close to home; the museum campus is located just a few short miles from the Hampshire-Marengo exit of the Northwest Tollway.

There is free parking, picnic areas, clean, modern restrooms, an indoor dining facility and an ATM on the premises.

For recorded information, call 1(800) BIG RAIL or (815) 923-4000. Visit IRM on the web at www.irm.org





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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

What a difference 20 years makes. When the Citizens Utility Board was founded, "Ma Bell" was the only phone company and there were no fax machines or home computers, let along cell phones or the Internet. Electric rates in most of Illinois were soaring to among the highest in the country but natural gas prices were regulated – and stable. And the utilities always got what they wanted from the state legislature

Today's consumer world has changed almost beyond recognition. About the only thing that hasn't changed in two decades is the need for an independent consumer advocate like CUB

Before CUB began to take on the big utilities, regulated rate hikes seemed like an every day occurrence. It's no wonder that consumers flocked to join the only organization run by and for consumers and devoted solely to protecting the little guy

Despite an effort by the utilities to put CUB out of business, the organization not only survived, but grew into a nationally known consumer rights champion, saving Illinois ratepayers more than $5 billion along the way.

But the challenges facing consumers today are greater than ever before. Market competition, deregulation, and revolutionary changes in technology provide consumers with astonishing new opportunities – and huge new pitfalls. Energy and telecommunications services are the oxygen of modern life, but some utility companies still take unfair advantage of consumers at every opportunity.

CUB is responding to the changing utility landscape by widening its scope, offering new services to consumers, including an expanded website (www.citizensutilityboard.org) with a comprehensive set of consumer information tools and dozens of publications. CUB's consumer hotline fields hundreds of calls each month from consumers confused by unintelligible bills and a dizzying array of choices now offered by the gas and telephone companies.

As the "utilities" organism continues to mutate, the issues facing consumers grow thornier. What will happen to phone bills and customer service when phone calls are mostly on the Internet? How can we stop the natural gas industry from misleading and overcharging consumers through shady deregulated deals? How do we keep electricity rates down in the future and bring the benefits of competition to the average consumer?

There are no easy answers. CUB will always remain David to the utilities' Goliath. But with the support of Illinois consumers, CUB looks forward to keeping up the faith – and the fight – for another 20 years.

Martin R. Cohen
Executive Director
Citizens Utility Board

Bridge Work Begins

On May 3rd, work will begin on the bridge on IL 1 (Halsted St.) over I-80/I-294 (the Tri-State Tollway) in the communities of East Hazel Crest and Harvey. Only one lane will be open in each direction. Crews will be patching and resurfacing the bridge over the tollway. During May, the two outside lanes including the ramp lanes will be closed in each direction. In June, the inside lanes will be closed in each direction. All ramps will remain open.

The $77,000 project will be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

Membership/ Educational NAMI Meeting

Ways to preserve family assets for the benefit of a disabled child will be addressed at the Membership/Educational meeting of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22nd in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St. (at Crawford/ Pulaski) in Matteson.

David LeBar, president of the Great Lakes Trust Company in Blue Island, will address the topic and tell how special needs trusts can be used in achieving this goal. He points out that parents of persons with mental illnesses can use such trusts to assure themselves that their estates will be used to benefit their ill sons or daughters after they, the parents, are gone.

NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit, self-help, grassroots organization concerned with fair and better treatment of persons who have serious mental illnesses (brain disorders). NAMI campaigns against the stigmatization of persons with mental illnesses, for adequate funding of services and medications, and for better housing opportunities.

There are no fees for NAMI meetings, which are open to all that would like to attend. In addition to monthly membership/ educational meetings, the organization also sponsors regular support group meetings for both persons with mental illnesses and for their friends and relatives. It is an affiliate of the national and state NAMI organizations. For more information about the meeting, or NAMI, call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

John White Will Speak

Giving insight to the private moments of the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist John White will be the inaugural speaker of "Still Small Voice," a newly formed lecture series from The Center for Religion and Public Discourse. The presentation, during which White will exhibit and narrate a slide show of select images of Cardinal Bernardin, is titled "Private Life of a Public Man: Capturing the Life of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin." The program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28th in McGuire Hall in the Warde Academic Center on St. Xavier's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

White, a staff photographer for the Chicago Sun-Times since 1979, has traveled throughout the world, often photographing people esteemed for their involvement with or leadership within the religious world, including Pope John Paul II, Jesse Jackson, Nelson Mandela and Jimmy Carter.

White's work with the late Cardinal Bernardin was featured in two books on the man, "The Final Journey of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin" and "This Man Bernardin."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

With the tax filing deadline upon us. The IRS has one word of advice for the nearly 2,000,000 Illinois taxpayers who have yet to file their tax returns: e-file. "If you haven't filed your tax return yet – and you plan to file a paper return – expect to wait up to six weeks for your refund," said Sue Hales, IRS spokeswoman for northern Illinois. "But if you e-file your return – even this late in the tax filing season – you're still going to get your refund within three weeks. If you e-file you choose direct deposit, you're likely to get your refund in less than two weeks."

About 60 percent of Illinois' federal income tax returns have been e-filed so far this year, surpassing last year's total e-file percentage of 41 percent.

Although a faster refund is an incentive for e-filing tax returns, Hales said even filers who owe money should e-file their taxes.

"We see more mistakes on the returns that are filed closer to the deadline. For people who owe money, those mistakes can translate into extra money they have to pay in penalties and interest if they didn't calculate their taxes correctly and didn't pay what they should have by the filing deadline. But e-file virtually eliminates those mistakes," said Hales.

Typically, the error rate on an e-filed return is less than one percent. That compares to an error rate of up to 20 percent on paper returns.

Hales said with IRS Free File, all Illinois taxpayers can reap the benefits of e-file at no cost. Free File is a partnership with the IRS and 16 on-line tax software companies that allows taxpayers to prepare and file their federal taxes electronically for free. Illinois is one of a few states where all taxpayers are eligible for Free File. To learn more, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and click on the Free File link.

Taxpayers who are unable to file their taxes by the April 15 (today) filing deadline can receive an automatic four-month filing extension by filing IRS Form 4868. Form 4868 is available on www.irs.gov and can be mailed to the IRS, e-filed using tax preparation software, or filed via telephone by calling the IRS at 1-888-796-1074. Requests for extensions must be submitted by the April 15 (today) filing deadline and do not provide an extension for paying any taxes owed.

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There are a couple of special events taking place this week that should be of particular interest to our readers.

The Windy City Thunder Bolts are hosting a complimentary luncheon today, April 15th at noon for the local business community. Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood will serve as the meeting place for any business person interested in learning more about the new locally owned Windy City Thunder Bolts.

The team will introduce new manager Steve Maddock as well as new hitting coach and former American League "Rookie of the Year" Joe Charboneau. Both coaches will field questions about the team, and sign autographs at the luncheon. The private suite area and press box area will serve as the luncheon site.

"We hope people will come out and look at our facility. We feel it's the top stadium in this area," said Thunder Bolts Assistant GM Matt Wilson. "Now that the weather is improving we want people to start thinking about baseball."

As an added attraction, Robert Morris College will be playing at 1 p.m. today. Get out and watch an energetic college team which has a number of hungry local players to remind you of what baseball used to be like in the "old days."

For tickets, information, or group packages call (708) 489-BALL (2255).

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COMCAST is hosting a visit by the C-SPAN School Bus, a 45-foot long, mobile television production studio and demonstration center, to the City of Palos Hills on Friday, April 16th.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the C-SPAN School Bus will provide tours to students attending media classes at Stagg High School. The C-SPAN staff will also provide tours and demonstrations of the "bright yellow bus." Students will get an up close and in-depth look at the resources of the three channels and nine web-sites this national television network provides. The bus visit coincides with the announcement of C-SPAN's competition for middle and high school students – *Campaign Cam*. *Campaign Cam* encourages students to produce a short documentary expressing students views on issues that matter to them as the country approaches the 2004 election.

Now on its 10th nationwide tour, the C-SPAN School Bus continues to visit schools and communities to introduce local and state officials, students, educators and viewers to the political process and C-SPAN programming. While aboard the bus, students will learn more about the network's education resources, critical viewing techniques, programming and details on the *Campaign Cam* competition. Visit http://www.c-span.org/classroom/campaigncam/ to learn more about the competition.

This visit to Stagg High School is sponsored by COMCAST where C-SPAN can be seen on channel 21 and C-SPAN2 on channel 15.

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A news release from Governor Rod Blagojevich is calling on the Illinois Board of Higher Education to immediately investigate the high cost of Illinois college students text books. The governor remarked that recent studies indicate the college textbooks are significantly more expensive than regular books.

"Why are students and their parents being slapped with enormous book bills when the tab for pleasure reading is 17 percent cheaper? This sticker shock has got to end because, if these prices keep rising, our students are going to be forced out of the classroom. Illinois already has done its part to make college more affordable. Through legislation I signed last July, tuition will be fixed for all students entering our nine public universities this fall. The battle over these books has just begun," Governor Blagojevich said. (The Governor was referring to House Bill 1118.)

According to the National Association of College Stores, the wholesale price of a college textbook has gone up 35 percent since 1998, which is 17 percent more than an ordinary book over the same period. The wholesale price is the cost set by textbook publishers and does not represent an increase by college bookstores. The average annual increase over that period was 5.9 percent for college texts, compared to an average annual increase of 3.1 percent for other books.

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announces the unveiling of Cook County's "Most Wanted" child sex offenders at a recent press conference. This is part of a continuing effort to crack down on sexual predators who ignore their obligation to register with police as required by law. Joining Sheahan from the Cook County Sheriff's Police are, from left to right, Commander John Paleo, Cook County Undersheriff Zelda Whittler, First Deputy Chief William McIlowry, Chief Sheahan and Chief Marjorie O'Dea.

Most Wanted Child Sex Offenders

Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan on April 9, unveiled a posting of Cook County's "Most Wanted" child sex offenders as part of a continuing effort to crack down on sexual predators who ignore their obligation to register with police as required by law.

Sheahan asked for the assistance of the public to help locate the five unregistered offenders, whose names and photos are now posted on the Sheriff's website www.cookcountysheriff.org.

"When offenders thumb their noses at the law and fail to register, there is now way for parents and police to know if a dangerous child predator is living in their neighborhood," Sheahan said. "By posting the 'Most Wanted' listing we are asking parents and concerned residents to be our eyes and ears in the communities to help track down these offenders," Sheahan said.

Sheahan encouraged anyone with information on the whereabouts of any of the offenders to communicate through the Sheriff's website or to call the Sheriff's Sex Offender Enforcement Unit at 708-FOR-KIDS. Anonymous information will be accepted. Sheahan cautioned that they should not take any action other than contacting police in connection with the apprehension of the offenders.

"We're not looking for a posse here, we are simply looking for information from the public that will help us to locate and arrest these unregistered offenders," Sheahan said. "If a citizen has information we urge them to call or go on-line and pass that information on to us. If a citizen has any immediate concern for their safety or the safety of their children, they should call 911."

Illinois law requires convicted sex offenders to register with their local police departments on an annual basis for a minimum of 10 years after their release from prison or after being sentenced to probation for a sexual offense.

The state publishes a list of all registered sex offenders for public viewing and many agencies such as the Cook County Sheriff's Office post those names on the Internet so that parents and community residents can determine if a sex offender resides in their area.

Warrants were issued to Cook County Circuit Court last week for the arrest of the following "Most Wanted" child sex offenders:

Gregory Brooks, 50, who was convicted of child sexual assault in separate cases in 1982 and 1989. Both victims were girls under the age of 12. Brooks was released from prison in May of 1997 and has not registered as a sex offender since July of 2000. Last known to reside in south suburban Robbins.

Steven Carlin, 48, who was convicted in 1996 of sexual exploitation of a child and transmitting child pornography over the Internet. Carlin was released from prison in July of 1998 and has not registered as a sex offender wince April of 2002. Last known to reside in southwest suburban Oak Lawn.

Thomas Dahm, 47, who was convicted in 1984 of rape, deviate sexual assault, taking indecent liberties with a child and kidnapping. The victim in the case was 13 years old. Dahm was released from state prison in 1998 and has not registered as a sex offender since April of 2002. Last known to reside in Brookfield.

Dale Hankerson, 46, who was convicted of taking indecent liberties with a child in North Carolina in 1996. Released form prison in 1997. He has not registered as a sex offender since Feb. of 2000. Last known to reside in south suburban Riverdale, although he is believed to have moved between the Chicago and Wayne County, N.C. since his release from prison.

Kevin Hyland, 35, who was twice convicted of sexually abusing children under the age of 13. Released from prison in March 1991. Has not registered as a sex offender since August of 1998. Last known to reside in suburban Brookfield.

The "Most Wanted" effort is the second phase of a Sheriff's Police operation called "Project Predator," which was initiated in January to track down all unregistered sex offenders living in suburban Cook County. "Project Predator" resulted in the arrests of more than 50 unregistered sex offenders, including 11 foreign nationals who were deported from the United States as a result of their arrest.

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Hold Scholars Conference

More than 70 international scholars– from as far away as South Africa, Australia, France, Italy and the United Kingdom – will present papers on "The Black Body: Imagining, Writing and Recording" at a DePaul University conference on April 23rd and 24th in the Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield Ave. in Chicago.

Both conference days open with a keynote address at 9 a.m. in Room 120. Dorothy Roberts, the Northwestern University Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law, will speak on Friday; and Homi Bhabha, chair of Harvard University's department of history and literature and the school's Anne F. Rothenberg Professor of English and American Literature and Language, will speak on Saturday.

Paper presenters will examine how meaning has been projected and inscribed on the black body and how these meanings are read, interpreted and interrogated. The conference addresses five thematic strands around which paper topics are clustered: myth, desire and fantasy; policing and disciplining; loathing, disfiguring and disappearance; aesthetics and politics of the body; and subversive bodies and resistance.

The conference is open to students, faculty and the general public and sponsored by DePaul's Center for Black Diaspora. For registration information and descriptions of panels and paper topics, visit the Center for Black Diaspora Web site at http://condor.depaul.edu/~diaspora/.

SXU Presents Celtic Music

Touring for their new "best-of" collection *Special Reserve*, Gaelic Storm will bring its unique brand of Celtic music to St. Xavier University's Shannon Center, 3700 W. 103rd St., at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27th. Tickets to the all-ages show are $20 each and can be purchased at www.TicketWeb.com.

Special Reserve is the band's fourth album, a "best-of" collection of 13 tracks, including nine fan favorites and three new songs recorded with Mark Miller at the legendary Jack's Tracks studio in Nashville, Tenn. The band's entire discography includes a self-titled debut; *Herding Cats* (1999); and *Tree* (2001).

Raffle Winners

The Midlothian Park District held its annual Bunny Breakfast on April 10th. The Easter Bunny stopped by for pictures and to help eat the breakfast, which was provided by The Diner.

The park district would like to say congratulations to Vince McAuliffe, Ashley Garcia, Teresha Ramirez, Stephanie Gilchrist, Mike McAuliffe, Karen Granata, Brian Elrod, Julianna, Anthony Jucik, Kevin Genta, Mike Jucik and Nicholas Damiani who won the Easter Basket raffle.

Surplus Vehicle Sale

The Illinois Dept. of Central Management Services announced recently that approximately 150 Late Model Police and Agency Vehicles are to be auctioned-off at its surplus vehicle sale on Saturday, April 17th at the CMS Surplus Warehouse, 1924 S. 10½ St. in Springfield.

"We encourage the public to join us on Saturday as this is the second to last vehicle auction planned for 2004," said Curtis Howard, acting manager of CMS Property Control Division. "This is a great time of year to purchase a second vehicle or graduation present at a very reasonable price."

Registration will open at 7 a.m. and the sale will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The vehicles will be available for inspection on Thursday, April 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 17th from 7 a.m. to the beginning time of the sale. Keys will only be available on Thursday and Friday during the hours stated and will *not* be available on Saturday.

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition and all sales are final. There are no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied and no refunds or exchanges. Vehicles are sold individually.

Bidders may pay for purchases with cash, certified check, money order, or travelers checks in increments of $100 or less. Business or personal checks are also accepted, but all checks must be supported by a letter of credit from a financial institution that includes the maximum amount of credit approved through a specific date. These letters should also state that they cover the purchase price of State of Illinois property only. All letters of credit must be approved prior to the sale. Two types of identification must also be provided, including one with a photograph. The state reserves the right to reject any payment or identification of a bidder if it appears it may not be in the best interest of the State of Illinois. All buyers must take possession of all vehicles purchased immediately upon conclusion of the auction.

All buyers must adhere to the Illinois Mandatory Insurance Law. All vehicles operated in Illinois are required to carry minimum liability insurance and vehicle operators should be prepared to present evidence of such if asked by law enforcement officers.

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Master Dance Class

Area dancers will have the unique opportunity to take a master class form Cameron Basden, ballet mistress of the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. The class for intermediate and advanced dancers will be held on Saturday, April 17th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Dance Center, 10464 W. 163rd Pl., Orland Park. Participants must be age 13 or up and dancing on pointe for at least three years. The renowned Joffrey Ballet of Chicago will be performing at The Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University that evening at 8 p.m.

The American Dance Center has a national reputation for developing quality-trained dancers and has an established curriculum for students as young as 3 ½. It is the official training school for the American Dance Center ballet company, presenters of Chicago Southland's highly popular dinner/show experience, *Holiday Fantasy* at the Tinley Park convention center. The company, now in its 34th year, performs a repertoire of contemporary jazz, tap, and ballet and has had a long association with the Joffrey Ballet.

The Joffrey Master class is limited. Call the Dance Center at (708) 747-4969 for reservations.

Carraig Pub Events

Delicious pub food Monday through Saturday, beer specials and Live Music on Fridays and Saturdays keep the Carraig Irish Pub at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, buzzing with activity during these Spring months. The central feature of this authentic Irish Pub is the magnificent main bar and the cozy fire place, just as you would see in the pubs in Ireland. Above you in the ceiling, floats a huge circular illuminated stained glass panel, depicting the Gaelic Park Crest. To compliment the ambiance, the Carraig features a pub food menu with such items as Shepherd's Pie, Fish and Chips, Corned Beef Sandwiches, daily specials and many American favorites. The delicious fish fry and chicken in the basket continues to be served every Friday, and our very own famous BBQ Ribs on Wednesday. Food is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.

There is no cover charge for the live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. Upcoming acts include Katie Sullivan, Bernie Glim & Country Roads, John Dillon, Bluestack, Gerard Haughey with many more scheduled. Entertainment on Friday starts at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra will perform its last concert of the season on April 24th at Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Dr., in Palos Heights at 8 p.m. Featured in the evening's performance will be Haydn's *Farewell Symphony* and Respighi's *The Pines of Rome*. Also featured in the evening's performance will be the two winners of the Youth Concerto Competition, Victor Szeligowski and Lauren Walker.

Victor (above left), a violinist is 15 years old and a student at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. He has performed solos of Sarasate's Ziegeunerweisen and the Sibelius Concerto in D Minor 3rd movement on tours in Europe with the Chicago Consort, and also has won first place in the Sigma Alpha Iota Concerto Competition playing Saint-Saens Rondo Capriccioso.

The other winner, Lauren Walker (above, right), French horn, is a past winner of the SSO Youth Competition and is a senior at Romeoville High School. She has been principle horn for the Metropolitan Youth Chamber Orchestra for the past four years and Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra for three years. Lauren has performed at Orchestra Hall Symphony Center in Chicago, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, and Carnegie Hall in New York. She attributes most of her success to her current teacher, Dr.Kazimierz Machala, professor of horn at the University of Illinois.

The concert is co-sponsored by Dr. Robert and Mrs. Julie Heck. Concert ticket prices start at $5 for students, $15 to $19 for senior citizens and $16 to $20 for adults. Children under 12 are free. For further information call (708) 802-0686.

Host Jazz Brunch

The Women's Assn. of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will host its first ever Jazz Brunch on Sunday, April 25th at Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard in Chicago. This hip, cool affair will offer two seatings, the first beginning at 10:30 a.m., the second at 1 p.m. Featuring the music of the Eric Schneider Quintet with Tom Hope on piano, the Jazz Brunch is a fundraising project with proceeds to benefit the CSO's education programs. Tickets are $75 each.

In addition to delicious food and great music, Jazz Brunch attendees have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for fantastic prize packages. Prizes include: Rocky Mountain High – a weeklong stay in a two-bedroom, two-bath condominium in Snowmass Village, Colorado; East Meets West – an original mixed media painting by artist Cha Guojun; Room for a Rug – an exotic Indian rug; Take Me Out to the Ballgame – four box seats for a Chicago Cubs baseball game; Jazz It Up – dinner for two at Rhapsody, followed by a jazz concert at Symphony Center; Be a Hottie, Try Pilates – three private Pilates sessions and three Pilates Mat classes; and Let Your Inner Musician Bloom – a one-hour lesson for any instrument at The Bloom School of Jazz. Raffle tickets are $25 each or five for $100.

For more information or to make reservations for the Jazz Brunch, call the Women's Assn. at (312) 294-3170.

Mount Carmel Alumni

The 68th annual Alumni Banquet of Mount Carmel High School, will be held on Friday, May 7 at the Rosewood West Restaurant and Banquet Complex, 131st and Cicero, Crestwood, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The classes of 1954 and 1979 are the special guests at this year's banquet. Tickets are $40 in advance and are available at the door for $45. For additional information and tickets contact Frank Kiszka at (773) 324-2834.

At the banquet, the Man of the Year Award will be presented to Neil J. Kuenn, a 1964 graduate, a resident of Palos Hills and a partner in the law firm of Keeley, Kuenn & Reid. Also, the Fr. Aquinas Colgan, O Carm, Humanitarian Award will be presented to Fr. Gavin Quinn, O. Carm. Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien and 2003 Darien Citizen of the Year; and Matt Smith, a 1947 graduate and teacher at Mt. Carmel for 53 years.

"They Got What They Wanted"

Shapeshifters, the resident theatre company of the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., will present Louis D'Alton's delightful comedy about an Irish family, *They Got What They Wanted*, on weekends from April 23rd through May 9th.

The comedy unfolds in the home of Bartley Murnaghan, a poetic soul who has no desire to put in a hard day's work. His wife and five children do their share to make the family's ends meet, but their excuses to creditors are running out. When rumors fly that a half-million pound inheritance is headed the Murnaghans' way, Bartley's creative juices flow, and the comic misadventure ensues.

The play is directed by M.T. Cozzola, a Chicago performer, writer, director and teacher. She is a founding member of LID Productions, an organization dedicated to expanding the education and development of innovative theater artists and their work, thereby enriching the Chicago theater community. Ms. Cozzola teaches and directs for The Second City Training Center, as well as other local organizations.

Friday and Saturday night performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Admission is $10 ($8 for seniors and IAHC members). Free parking is available in the Center's lots. For more information, call (773) 282-7035.

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Classical Symphony Orchestra Concert

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, A Professionally Oriented Training Orchestra providing high quality musical education and performance experience for college and graduate students and young professionals, will present a free concert on Sunday, April 25th at 3 p.m. The concert will feature members of The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago performing various chamber music ensembles and Joseph Glymph, music director, playing violin as special guest artist. This is one of a series of free concerts by The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago for the 2003 Summer Season and will take place in the Performance Area, The Chicago Music Mart, 1 E. Jackson Blvd. at State St. in Chicago.

Further information can be obtained by calling (312) 341-1521.

Mass Honoring St. Laurence Alumni Set

St. Laurence High School in Burbank and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual solemn mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni of the school, on Saturday, April 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the school's library.

Fr. Norm Trela, the school's chaplain, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection.

A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served.

Family, friends and relatives of deceased alumni of St. Laurence are welcome to attend. Reservations can be made simply by contacting Ed Kozak in the Office of Alumni Relations at (708) 458-6900, ext. 244. If you have any questions, or for more information, call ext. 244 or 254 at the school.

"THE CORNER"

YOUR Favorite Recipe and/or Helpful Hints

PUMPKIN CAKE

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 TBSP. Salt
- 1 Cup Wesson Oil
- 2 TSP. Baking Powder
- 2 TBSP. Cinnamon
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 2 TSP. Baking Soda
- 2 Cups Pumpkin

Mix dry ingredients together. Mix wet ingredients until fully blended. Slowly mix dry into wet ingredients. Pour into 9X13 pan. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until a toothpick in the center is clean. Cool completely.

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- 1 8oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 Stick Oleo
- 1 TBSP. Vanilla
- 1 Box Conf. Sugar

Mix all ingredients until smooth. Ice cake and refrigerate

Store a new clean powder puff in the flour canister. It makes it easy to dust flour on a rolling pin or a pastry board.

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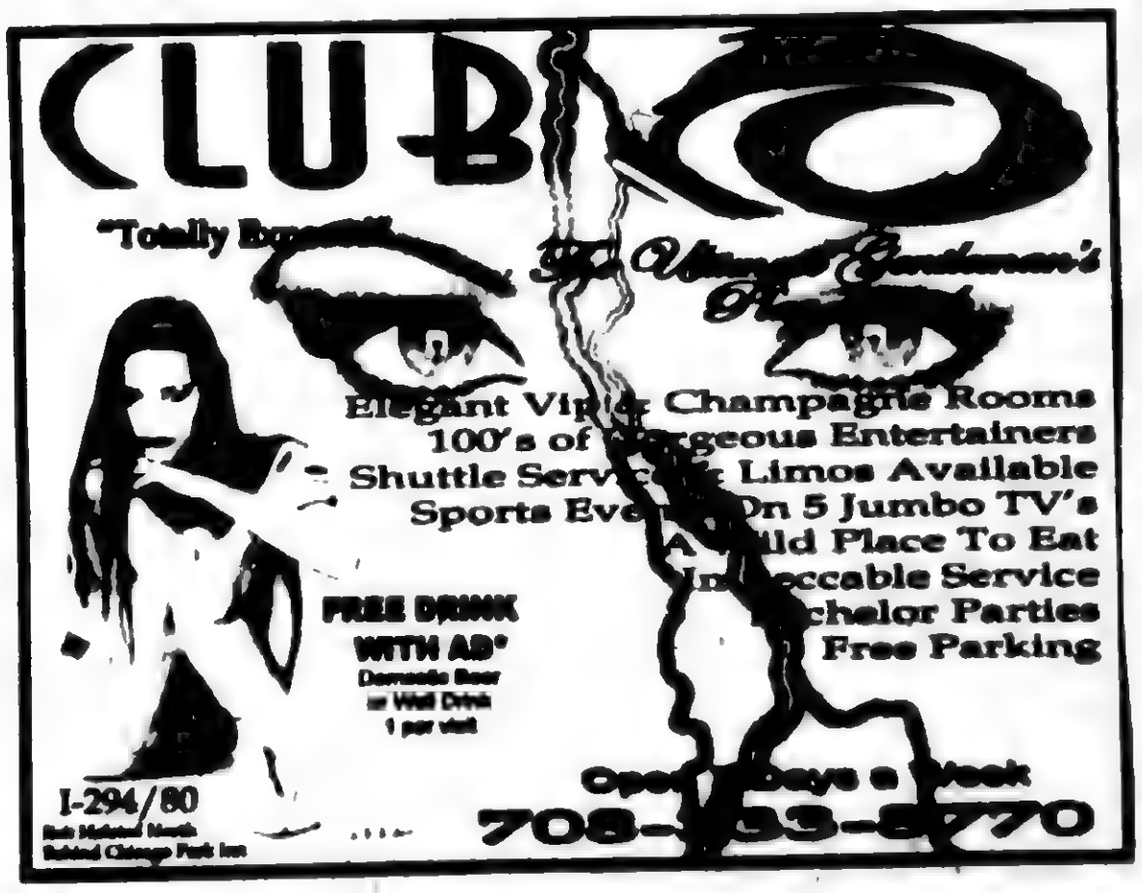

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Empty Bottle Fest

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs in collaboration with the 8th Annual Empty Bottle Festival of Jazz and Improvised Music presents a special performance featuring both solo and trio work of acclaimed Chicago saxophonist Fred Anderson Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Claudia Cassidy Theater at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. This concert is presented as part of the Department of Cultural Affairs New Millennium/New Music series that showcases new and improvised music.

The first part of the program features solo work by Fred Anderson, tenor sax powerhouse and club owner of Chicago's avant-garde musical hub, the Velvet Lounge, and co-founder of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM). Described by the *New York Times* as a "father figure of experimental jazz," he headed several AACM groups in the 1960s, and it was during this time that he became a seminal figure among Chicago musicians, notably for his skill in merging old and new sounds. He's now regarded as a huge influence on the Chicago jazz scene, and he continues to perform, compose and tour with his individual style of music.

Anderson will be joined by drummer Isiah Spencer and 8 Bold Souls' bassist Harrison Bankhead during the later part of the April 24 program.

For a full schedule of the 8th Annual Empty Bottle Festival Jazz and Improvised Music running Wednesday, April 22 through Sunday, April 25, visit www.emptybottle.com. For more information on this free concert, call the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs at (312) 744-6630 or visit the website at www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalCenter/.

Musical Performance

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre will present the musical "Oh What A Lovely War" written by Joan Littlewood and the Theatre Workshop, for two weekends, April 23rd, 24th and 25th, and April 29th, 30th, May 1st and 2nd.

Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 for adults and $11 for students and seniors. Advance ticket purchases are strongly recommended. Call (815) 836-5500 Monday through Friday between 1 and 4:30 p.m. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located in the Oremus Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

The members of the cast assume a variety of singing and dancing roles, from the comic to the serious. Essentially a satire, the production brims with anecdotes, jokes, songs and dance, but the audience is never allowed to forget that the war was no joke, and is presented with a thought-provoking insight into the futility of war.

Local Lewis University students who are members of the ensemble cast are: Julie Johnson of Palos Park and Jim Lis of Oak Lawn. Cody Pajkos of Tinley Park is the light board operator and Kelly Carevic of Orland Park is the production dramaturge.

Aquinas Dominican High School class of 1954 will meet on Oct. 24th. Call (630) 834-1716.

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Gage Park High School class of 1959 will meet on Nov. 6th. Call (815) 444-0258.

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Orland Park High School – Alumni from the 1920s to the 1950s are invited to a dance on Sept. 25th. Write to P.O. Box 1201, Orland Park, IL 60462.

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St. Mary High School invites all graduates and friends to a luncheon on April 26th. Call (773) 274-7970.

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St. Theodore Grammar School class of 1954 will meet on Sept. 11th. Call (773) 284-6968 or (847) 548-5687.

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Thornton High School class of 1974 will meet on May 8th. Call (708) 331-3857.

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St. Turibius Grammar School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Von Steuben High School class of 1949 Reunion, May 22nd, Doubletree North Shore. Call (847) 657-3639.

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Blue Island Community High School class of 1954 will hold a 50th reunion on Oct. 2nd at the Hickory Ridge Center in Lisle, Ill. Call J. McCord at (269) 469-4623.

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St. Gabriel Grammar School class of 1954 seeks classmates for a reunion in September 2004. Call Dorothy (Diver) Ormond at (773) 924-0972.

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Bogan High School class of 1974 is looking for classmates for a November 2004 reunion. Call Laurie Thorp O'Connor at (708) 425-2254.

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St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971reunion@yahoo.com.

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St. Agnes School class of 1954 is planning a 2004 reunion. Contact Barbara Lupien at (708) 747-9194.

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Lindblom High School class of January 1954 seeks alumni. Call (708) 687-6179.

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Wentworth High School class of 1955 seeks alumni. Call (630) 789-6803.

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Most Holy Redeemer Grammar School class of 1954 will meet next year. Call (847) 827-5688.

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Hometown Elementary School class of 1980 seeks alumni. Call (408) 288-4458.

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St. Benedict School – looking for all alumni. Call (708) 371-5519.

Saxophone Concert

A jazzy saxophone concerto by John Williams, a Mozart favorite and a dazzling Brahms symphony come together for one night only as the award-winning Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Maestro Carmon DeLeone, performs its "Parisian Escapades" concert on April 24th.

Saxophonist soloist Rick VanMatre, who was named Cincinnati's "Best Jazz Musician," joins the orchestra for a special performance of "Escapades" from *Catch Me If You Can* – an Academy-Award nominated film score composed by the noted John Williams.

The 75-member orchestra opens the concert with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's cherished "Paris" Symphony No. 31, and concludes with Johannes Brahms' dazzling Symphony No. 4.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 24th at The Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University in University Park. Tickets are $25 to $65 and available by calling (708) 481-7774.

Historic Chicago Tour

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, is hosting an historic Chicago tour with Dr. Irving Cutler on Saturday, April 24.

Step back in time to the Chicago of the past. Appreciate what has been preserved to gain a better understanding of Chicago's colorful history. Areas covered are Prairie Avenue, the stockyards, Pullman, the Hyde Park/World's Columbian Exposition area, historic cemeteries, architectural landmarks, and places connected with the Chicago Fire, the Haymarket Riot, prominent politicians, and gangland warfare. The tour includes a number of stops including walking in Graceland Cemetery and lunch at Phil Schmidt's. The motor coach departs from the library parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns about 4:30 p.m. The cost is $48 per person, including lunch. Prepayment is required by April 17. Call (708) 422-8522 for reservations.

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See Peter Pan's Jolly Roger Pirate Ship

Shiver me timbers! The Museum of Science and Industry is calling all landlubbers and movie fans to grab their pirate hooks and best mates to see its newest treasure – *Peter Pan's* Jolly Roger pirate ship. Guests of the museum will be able to view the "miniature" Jolly Roger, from Universal Pictures, Columbia Pictures and Revolution Studios 2003 release, *Peter Pan*, which measures more than 18 feet tall. Captain Hook's ship arrives at the museum's Great Hall as part of the MSI's yearlong celebration of the movies, and as a prelude to the opening of *Action! An Adventure in Moviemaking* on May 28th.

The museum's mission is to inspire the inventive genius in everyone by presenting captivating and compelling experiences that are real and educational. Located at 57th St. and Lake Shore Drive, the museum is open every day of the year except Dec. 25th. Hours are 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The general admission pricing is $9 for adults, $7.50 for seniors and $5 for children ages 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount on general admission. *Action! An Adventure in Moviemaking* has an extra exhibit fee of $7.50 for adults, $6 for seniors and $5.50 for children under 12.

Please note the museum has extended hours during spring break 2004 and are as follows: now through April 16th, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GSU Concert Series

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra will conduct a series of concerts, under the direction of Carmon DeLeone, at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. On Saturday, April 24th at 8 p.m. The Parisian Escapades Concert will feature Rick VanMatre, saxophone soloist. Selections will include Symphony No. 31 "Paris"; Escapades from "Catch Me If You Can and Symphony [illegible]

The Spellbound by Romance Concert on Saturday, May 15th at 8 p.m. will feature Bryan Wallick, piano soloist. Performances will include the "Warsaw Concerto; Symphony No. 2 "Romantic; Liebestod from Tristan and Isolde; "Spellbound" Concerto; and Polovtsian Dance No. 17 from Prince Igor, with the Grande Prairie Singers. Tickets for both concerts are $25, $35, $45 and $65, which may be obtained by calling (708) 481-7774.

Geneaolgy Sessions

Are you interested in trying to [illegible]ck down information [illegible]out your ancestors? Wondering just where and how to begin the search? Not sure what resources are available or how to locate them?

The Irish American Heritage Center offers a session on genealogy the last Sunday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 100B. It is free and open to the public. This month's genealogy session will take place on Sunday, April 25th.

The Center is located at 4626 N. Knox Ave. in Chicago, near the Kennedy and Edens Expressways. Free parking is available in the Center's lots.

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Free Volunteer Tutors Training

South Suburban College's Adults Tutoring Adults program is training volunteer tutors this Saturday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The well-trained volunteers of the ATA program help adult students learn basic skills from peers in an informal setting. Adults who need to learn how to read, write, spell and perform basic math can truly benefit from this program, free of charge. Survival skills such as reading directions, making change and administering the correct dosage for medication are also covered.

Volunteers will receive free training sessions, such as Saturdays, which prepare individuals to work with non-readers, in-service training which provides an opportunity to learn from other tutors, and all the necessary teaching materials and training manuals. ATA tutors are matched up to meet each student's needs and location. The tutors and students create their own workable schedule and utilize the facilities of SSC and/or local libraries. Course material is also provided through the ATA and is developed based on the needs of the individual.

While the program has received the funding to continue providing free services, the ATA's need for additional volunteers remains constant. Volunteers are needed in many areas. They are needed to:

- Serve as a reading or math tutor.
- Tutor those speaking English as a second language.
- Recruit and inform non-readers about ATA.
- Assist with spelling difficulties.
- Assist non-readers with library skills.
- Type and/or perform clerical work.
- Distribute flyers and brochures.

Millions of Americans and foreign-born adults need to learn to read, speak and write English well enough to join the mainstream of our communities. Limited literacy skills and fear of being judged prevent people from reaching their full potential as employees, parents, community members and citizens. Volunteer tutors – adults working with non-readers – can provide these people with the skills needed to fully participate in everyday life. Most non-reading adults are of average or above average intelligence and can learn to read, they just need the help of others.

If you're an interested adult willing to share your time as a volunteer, then you may be perfect for this program. For more information, call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2029. Training will take place in the Mi-Jack room on the 1st floor of the main campus in South Holland.

Together We Prepare

Join the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's *Together We Prepare* campaign and help make your family and community safer. *Together We Prepare* is a year-long campaign designed to educate Chicago and suburban residents about the five basic steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency: creating a family disaster plan, assembling a disaster supplies kit, learning a life-saving skill, donating blood regularly and volunteering to keep your community safe.

The Red Cross offers the following opportunities to "Get Trained" at the Hillside Community Facility, 350 N. Mannheim Rd. For more information about *Together We Prepare*, complete course schedules or prerequisite information, visit www.chicagoredcross.org. To register for courses, call the Red Cross at 1(800) 33-SAFETY.

Adult, Infant & Child CPR with First Aid

Skills include performing rescue breathing, determining unconsciousness, clearing an obstructed airway and performing one-rescuer CPR. You will also learn information about automated external defibrillators (AED), injury prevention and ways to lead a healthier life.

When: Sunday, April 18th OR Wednesday, April 21st OR Friday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fee: $45 for adult CPR, $65 for adult, infant & child CPR, $75 for adult, infant & child CPR with first aid.

Kid Safety Instructor

Learn to give safety presentations to grades K-6. You will learn to teach children what to do in an emergency until help arrives. Contents of these classes range from first aid skills to water safety. Prerequisite: Students must be at least 15 years old.

When: Tuesday, April 20th from 5 to 10 p.m.

Fee: $40.

Zoo's Black-Tie Event

The Women's Board of the Chicago Zoological Society is hosting Brookfield Zoo's 23rd annual black-tie fund-raiser on Saturday, April 24th. This year's Whirl is themed "Danza de la Luna" to celebrate the zoo's new Regenstein Wolf Woods exhibit featuring endangered Mexican gray wolves.

The gala begins at 6:30 p.m. where guests will be greeted by festive mariachi music. Cocktails will be served in The Living Coast amongst mesmerizing moon jellies, sharks and other aquatic wonders. During the evening guests will also be able to preview the new wolf exhibit, which opens to the public in mid-June.

After cocktails, guests move to the main dinner tent, which Tom Kehoe and Frost Lighting will have transformed into an elegant Mexican veranda at sunset. As the evening progresses, the sunset will turn into a moonlit star-filled night. Dinner created by Food for Thought will be infused with all the flavors and colors of Mexico. In addition to traditional dance favorites, The Stu Hirsch Orchestra will have female vocalists singing Latin American tunes.

Derrick Blakley, news anchor for CBS 2 Chicago, is the emcee for the evening and will announce the winners of the raffle, which features seven fabulous prizes. They include a Tiffany & Co. Jean Schlumberger glorious ibex brooch, a decadent feast for 14 catered by Food for Thought, $5,000 cash, and luxurious trips to Paris, London, the Sea of Cortez and Baja, California. (Tickets for raffle prizes may also be purchased by those not attending the Whirl.)

Proceeds from this year's $400 per person benefit will support the zoo's renowned conservation and education programs. For further information, call (708) 485-0263, ext. 319.

Annual Salute Gala

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn will honor an exceptional physician and community leader for their significant contributions to the medical center and the Chicago area at the annual *Salute* gala to be held at 6 p.m. on April 24th in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago Hotel.

Some 500 people are expected to attend this year's black-tie celebration to recognize Dr. George Mesleh, chairman of the department of surgery at Christ Medical Center, as "Outstanding Physician Leader," and Renee Kosel, Illinois state representative for the 81st legislative district, as "Outstanding Community Leader."

Ranked as one of the top doctors in Chicago, Mesleh has dedicated his entire 25-year career to expanding Christ Medical Center's comprehensive, surgical programs to include the use of the latest innovative technologies and minimally invasive procedures.

For the past eight years, Mesleh has chaired the medical center's department of surgery. He also has served in numerous other medical staff leadership and committee roles. Most recently, he played a key part in the discussion and finalization of plans to construct a hospital addition with five new operating suites and 20 more surgical intensive care beds at the medical center. Mesleh has an academic appointment as a clinical associate professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Kosel is a consummate volunteer who has played an instrumental role in the growth and development of Christ Medical Center. Kosel has been serving as a member of the medical center's Governing Council for the last four years. During her 7-year tenure in legislative office, Kosel has worked diligently for the residents of the 81st district to increase funding in several vital areas, including education and home health care.

Proceeds from this year's *Salute 2004* gala will support the development of a new clinical education auditorium and conference center at Christ Medical Center. The new conference center, to be built as part of the campus' new operating-room and ICU-bed expansion, will host physician conferences, medical resident teaching sessions and nursing education classes.

Tickets for *Salute 2004* are $250 apiece and available through the Christ Medical Center development office at (708) 346-5036 or from the Advocate Charitable Foundation at (847) 384-3400. The price of the ticket includes a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing to the sounds of the Bill Pollack Orchestra.

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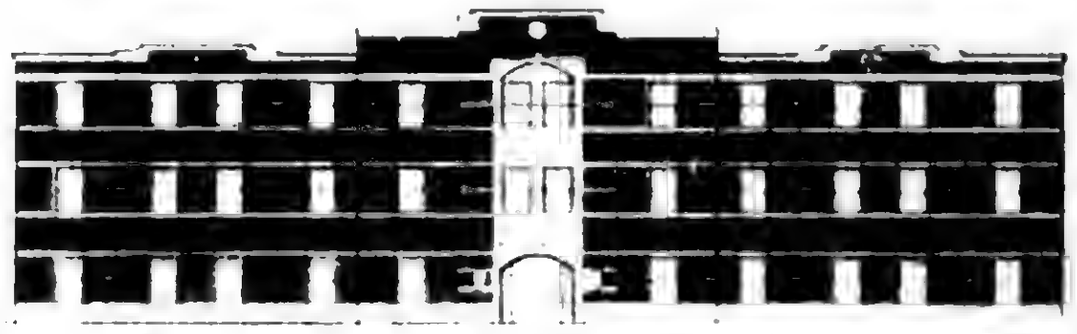
Annual SICA High School Art Exhibit

The Tall Grass Arts Association is hosting the fourth annual SICA High School Art Exhibition. Titled "New Beginnings," from April 23 through May 2 in the Association Gallery, 367 Artists Walk, Park Forest. The artists will represent 32 high schools belonging to the South Inter-Conference Association. The opening reception is April 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Each school will select two pieces of art done by the more advanced students. Artists selected will receive a certificate to recognize their achievement. According to the SICA coordinator, Kathy Goltz, the works represent the creative feelings of the individual student. All work must be original.

Participating high schools include Andrew, Argo, Bloom, Bloom Trail, Bremen, Crete-Monee, Eisenhower, Hillcrest, Homewood-Flossmoor, Joliet Central and West, Lincoln-Way, Lockport, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Reavis, Rich Central, East and South, Richards, Romeoville, Sandburg, Shepard, Stagg, T.F. North and South, Thornton, Thornridge and Tinley Park.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (708) 748-3377.



Lewis University Groundbreaking

Lewis University will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, April 22 to mark the beginning of construction for a new co-ed residence hall to be located on the south side of the University campus. The ceremony, which will begin at 3:30 p.m., will be held at the future site of the building, just southwest of De La Salle Hall.

The construction of this $5 million residence hall is the first step in the University's plans to create a residential village of six or seven new residence halls over the next 10-12 years. Each would house approximately 100 students, with the very first of these buildings anticipated to open in the fall of 2005, and the second anticipated for the fall of 2006.

"Given the 23 percent increase in freshmen last fall and the very encouraging enrollment prospects for future years, the University is proceeding with these plans as part of its ongoing commitment to its students and the community," said Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University. The residential population is anticipated to grow to 1,500 students by 2010, at which time the total undergraduate and graduate enrollment is expected to increase from the current 4,500 to approximately 7,000.

Current plans call for the first of these residence halls to be approximately 27,500 total square feet and to include three floors of apartment-style living space. Each floor will consist of single and double occupancy rooms, a study/conference area, a lounge area, laundry facilities, and a kitchen. The first floor will also include a game room and will offer an expanded kitchen facility.

This new building will be the fourth residence hall on campus. Groundbreaking for North Hall, the last residence hall to be built on the Lewis campus, took place in January of 1997. It houses approximately 170 students. The current capacity of Lewis' existing residence halls is 925.

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The night was clear, and the celebration was in full swing during the recent Saint Xavier President's Ball as these festive partygoers were photographed. Joining the party were (center) Saint Xavier President Judith A. Dwyer who was surrounded by (left) southwest side residents Rose Marie Lipinski, a former trustee of Saint Xavier, and her husband, 3rd Congressional District U.S. Representation William O. Lipinski. The annual President's Scholarship Ball was held in the Cadillac Club of the new Soldier Field and honored James and Ellen O'Connor with the Shield of Saint Xavier. The event attracted nearly 700 guests and raised more than $325,000 to underwrite scholarships at the University. Saint Xavier University is a Catholic co-educational, undergraduate and master's comprehensive institution founded in Chicago by the Sister's of Mercy in 1846. Mercy core values – respect, justice and caring – have contributed significantly to its growth and develop-ment, as well as to the diversification of its student body. Recognized as one of the fastest-growing univer-sities in the Midwest, the university creates a suppor-tive learning environment, especially for the majority of undergraduates who are among the first in their family to graduate from college. Saint Xavier alumni use their education and talents to contribute to the betterment of communities where they live and work. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu or telephone (773) 298-3000.

Trinity Rummage Sale

You know Spring has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Spring Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held Tuesday, April 27th from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, April 28th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bag Day will be Thursday, April 29th from 9 to 11 a.m. Everything that can be stuffed into a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only $2.

Bargains available include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much, much more. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.).

Hold Salad Luncheon

The Christian Women's Fellowship of Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., invite men and women to their annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21st at 11:30 a.m. An assortment of salads and desserts will be offered for lunch.

The program will feature a representative from the Lemont Antique Shop who will appraise one antique item per guest.

The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-12. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The proceeds will be used for mission projects.

For further information, call the church office between 9 a.m. and noon on weekdays at (773) 582-7744.

Spring Rummage Sale

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., will hold its spring rummage sale on Friday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, May 1st from 9 a.m. to noon.

Items for sale will include clothing of all kinds, shoes, purses, books, toys, kitchen equipment, and many other household accessories.

All are welcome to come and shop. For more information or to arrange for donating items, call the church office at (773) 582-7744 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

St. Paul Church Annual German Festival April 24

Enjoy German food, beverages and dancing to the lively music of Eddie's Jolly Gang Band at the popular annual German Fest on Saturday, April 24th from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Oak Lawn, 4660 W. 94th St. (1 block east of Cicero Ave.) This fun-filled family event will be held at the church in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Admission at the door is only $2, and great food (including bratwurst, hot dogs, pork ribs, German potato salad), dessert, and drinks are available at reasonable prices. Buy your tickets in advance for $8 and receive "free" admission, plus $8 in food/drink tickets. Pre-sale tickets are now available at the church office. For more information, call (708) 857-8121.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is among the organizations that again participated in the business showcase, sponsored annually by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. The group hosted and manned a table, featuring a display and complimentary materials about their programs and activities. Business people, residents, and other visitors to the event at Oak Lawn Community High School on Saturday, March 27 enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the Partnership and other organizations who sponsored booths. Volunteering their time are (left to right) members Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, and Joanne and James Buschbach of Buschbach Insurance. Mary Grana, Jeannie Shotas and Linda Benson also assisted throughout the day.

The business showcase is an activity, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, to promote doing business and shopping locally. Participants have the opportunity to display their products, highlight their services, and speak with current and prospective customers. Non-profit, as well as profit, businesses benefit from the exposure.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a non-profit organization that strives to maintain and improve the health and quality of life in the community. Meetings are held monthly, generally on the fourth Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in the village hall. Blood pressure testing for residents and business employees, and dental screenings for school children, are among the regular programs. The Partnership also supports and assists with activities of the red ribbon committee. Their next event for youth, held in support of an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle, is scheduled for Friday, afternoon, April 30 at the Village Green.

Park's Earth Day

Volunteers are invited to help out at one of the Oak Lawn Park District's upcoming events at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, a 46-acre natural wetlands preserve located at 109th St. & Laramie Ave.

On Saturday, April 17th, the park district will celebrate the 31st anniversary of Earth Day the hands-on way from 9 to 11 a.m. by cleaning up the park at Wolfe and the area throughout the wetlands. Trash bags will be provided; work gloves are recommended.

Come back wearing waterproof boots on Saturday, May 8th to help the park district and the Friends of the Chicago River clean up Stony Creek at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This annual in-and-around-the-creek clean-up will include a free hot dog roast and T-shirt for those who sign up by Tuesday, May 4th.

Oak Lawn's wetlands are home to several species of plants and animals, including more than 100 types of birds. For more details or to volunteer, call (708) 857-2200.

POLICE CALLS

On April 4th Lyzette Duenas, 23, and Steven Brooks, 24, both of Oak Lawn were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after police were summoned to their residence by Steven's probation officers. The probation officers observed a three bean scale, a pipe commonly used for smoking pot, and an electric scale during a home check. Oak Lawn police arrived with a dog that also hit on the head board of the bed, and police discovered a second pipe. The dog also hit on a safe, which contained weapons according to Duenas.

On April 11th Ray Davis, 49, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after being stopped for suspected retail theft. During the pat down search police discovered a straw commonly used for the ingestion of cocaine.

On April 13th Eugene De La Cruz, 24, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property. A car belonging to De La Cruz was being towed by a repossession team. The men noticed they were being followed and when they stopped for a traffic light at 87th and Ridgeland, De La Cruz jumped out of his car and jumped into the car being towed. He then started the car and slammed on the brakes, breaking the tow truck hitch, which caused the car to become unhooked. The car hit the street hard breaking the rear axle. De La Cruz attempted to drive away but the wheel fell off.

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SHOP AND SAVE IN OAK LAWN

The Forensics Team also took 2nd Place in State for Drama. The team performed "Absolutely! (Perhaps)" by Luigi Pirandello. This play was directed by Tom Dzurinco, Dennis Anastapolous, Jennifer Galante, Meredith Morris and Marcus Wargin. Cast members pictured include (row 1) Kristina Reyes, Megan Hincks, Guinevere Graaa and Caitlin Goldrick; (row 2) Adrienne Thurza, David Vognar, Wayne Miller and Andrew Coste; (row 3) Brian Fay, Justin Lopez, Nicole Cassidy, and Patrick Cooper. Sean Goldrick, Michael Norris and Allsion Stanko were also members of the cast. Students selected for the All State Drama cast include Nicole Cassidy, Guinevere Graaa, Justin Lopez and David Vognar.

Richards Mathletes Team Results

The Mathletes, a competitive academic team in mathematics, from Richards High School, placed third at their South Inter-Conference Assn. (SICA) tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Coached by math teachers Susan Anderson, Dorothy Groff and Alysia Porrello, the Bulldogs finished just six points behind second place Andrew and 28 points behind first place Sandburg.

The point totals for the competing schools were: Sandburg, 582; Andrew, 564; Richards, 558; Oak Forest, 479; Thornwood, 399; and Bradley, 331. Richards students who won individual and group awards included:

First place medals – Calculator Group (Ryan McMillin, Katelyn Arndt, Fida Abuisneineh, Melissa Roon, Kaitlin Fleharty); Freshman/Sophomore Group (Matt Erickson, Ryan McMillin, Mimi Roon, Fida Abuisneineh); Systems of Equations (Al Connelly, Fida Abuisneineh, Alison Wild, Melissa Roon, Mimi Roon); Oral Log Applications, Kristen Weibel; and Oral Truth Tables, Fida Abuisneineh.

Second place ribbons – Junior/Senior Group (Mark Ruthenberg, Julie Scheibel, Tim Ferencak, Ben Williams); Equations (Matt Erickson, Ryan McMillin, Melissa Taylor, Amanda Hankes, Tim Morrissey); Trig Equations (Noelle Brenza, Amanda Burns, Tom Czaplewski, Katie Hudson, Sylvia Maka).

Third place ribbons – Limits (Amanda Burns, Tom Czaplewski, Rob Mallon, Tim Ferencak, Ben Williams); Circles (Pawel Bernat, Matt Buckley, Kristy Magdangal, Julie Scheibel, Holly Swain); Quadratic Equations (Basmah Khalil, Joseph Lerner, Melissa Roon, Mimi Roon, Alison Wild); and Equations of Lines (Kathy Biernaciak, Elizabeth Hudson, Sarah Brett, Jean Collins, Stacy March).

Other highlights from the Mathletes' season included a sixth place finish (out of 40 schools) at the tournament hosted by Richards in early December. The Bulldogs defeated all the schools in their conference at that tournament.

The Richards Mathletes also fared extremely well at the other SICA group matches this season. The results from the first match were: Richards, 508 points; Bremen, 454 points; Argo, 447 points; Thornridge, 297 points; and Rich South, 275 points.

The second SICA match results were: Lockport, 541 points; Richards, 535 points; Oak Forest, 464 points; Thornwood, 413 points; and Hillcrest, 226 points.

The third SICA match results were: Richards, 479 points; Oak Lawn, 441 points; Thornwood, 418 points; Oak Forest, 347 points; and Bradley, 307 points.

The fourth SICA match results were: Richards, 446 points; Oak Lawn, 417 points; Stagg, 376 points; Argo, 346 points; and Reavis, 339 points.

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SPRING

Invite Tweens And Teens To Teen Center

Tweens and teens are welcome to drop in to the Oak Lawn Park District's David Johnston Teen Center, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave., after school on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. to enjoy video games, ping pong, pool, foosball, air hockey, board games and more. Admission is $1. A recreation supervisor is always on hand, and refreshments are offered through vending machines.

On Friday, May 14th, this group can enjoy the music and competition at the South Suburban Teen Battle of the Bands from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Local bands will compete against each other for top honors in the south suburbs. The winner is invited to the state competition at the end of summer. Admission is $5.

For more information on the Teen Center or Battle of the Bands, call (708) 857-2200.

Speakers List Is Available

Clubs and organizations who need speakers and speakers who wish to make themselves available to such groups can get connected through the Oak Lawn Public Library Speakers Bureau Service.

The library maintains a list of speakers offering a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. This list is also available at their web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/speaker.htm. The library does not act as an agent for any of the speakers, who may or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group. Speakers are added to the list as they are submitted.

To get a copy of the list or to find out how you can be included on the list, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at (708) 422-6990.

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SAFETY TIPS FOR GRILLING THIS SPRING AND SUMMER

Almost any excuse is reason for a backyard barbecue as the weather improves, especially when the sun is shining and everyone wants to be outside. But family and friends are not the only ones to show up! Food bacteria grow quickly at room temperature and even quicker in the heat of the sun. Consuming contaminated food causes about 76 million cases of food poisoning each year in the United States, leading to 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. Improper grilling and food handling is a significant contributor to those numbers.

Special precautions need to be taken when preparing cooking and eating grilled foods. Here are ten tips to help ensure that your upcoming cookouts are nothing but fun!

1. Wash hands thoroughly and often with hot soapy water before preparing any meal, and before and after handling raw meat. Dirty hands are a principal cause of food contamination.
2. Never place cooked foods on the same platter that was used for raw food. It is easy to carry raw meat to the grill on a plate and then carry cooked food to the picnic table on the same plate. Do not do this unless you have washed the plate in between.
3. Thaw and marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the kitchen counter. Also make certain raw meat juices do not drip onto other foods.
4. Invest in a meat thermometer, and cook foods to proper internal temperatures. Poultry should be cooked to 180 degrees, hamburgers to 160 degrees, ground poultry to 165 degrees, pork to 160 degrees and all other foods to 150 degrees.
5. Refrigerate leftovers promptly. Bacteria can grow quickly at room temperature, so refrigerate leftover foods if they are not eaten within two hours. Large volumes of food will cool more quickly if divided into several shallow containers for refrigeration.
6. Separate foods to avoid cross-contamination. When handling raw meats, do not touch or use the same serving platters, utensils or cutting boards for foods that will not be cooked. And when removing cooked meats from the grill, use a clean spatula or tongs.
7. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Again do not leave food at room or outside temperature longer than two hours.
8. Keep foods refrigerated until ready to cook. After shaping hamburger patties or marinating other meats, cover and return to the refrigerator until ready to grill.
9. Wash produce. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables in running tap water to remove visible dirt and grime. Because bacteria can grow well on the cut surfaces of fruits and vegetables, be careful not to contaminate these foods while slicing them on cutting boards, and avoid leaving cut produce at room temperature for many hours.
10. Avoid preparing food for others if you yourself have a diarrhea illness. Changing a baby's diaper while preparing food also can easily spread illness.

Most importantly, when in doubt, throw it out! If you have any question in your mind about a food's freshness or safety, get rid of it. It is better to be safe than sorry!

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March Of Dimes WalkAmerica

CIGNA HealthCare of Illinois announced its support of the March of Dimes as a local sponsor of WalkAmerica 2004. This year will mark the 10th year CIGNA has been a sponsor of WalkAmerica. The walk will be Sunday, April 25 at six locations in the Chicago area: the Chicago Lakefront, Highland Park, Naperville, St. Charles, Schaumburg and Tinley Park.

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

In 2003, the March of Dimes launched a nationwide $75 million, five-year Prematurity Campaign to raise public awareness about this problem, reduce rates of preterm birth and increase research. Prematurity is the leading cause of neonatal death – accounting for 10% of deaths in the first month of life. Nationally, more than 476,000 babies are born premature and, in Illinois, more than 22,360 babies annually are born too soon. Nearly 50 percent of all these premature births have no known cause.

For more information, call Nancy Volino at the March of Dimes at (312) 596-4731.

New Coronary Bypass Surgery

St. Francis Hospital & Health Care Center in Blue Island, a recognized leader in cardiovascular surgery and endoscopic vein harvesting, now offers the latest advancement in coronary bypass surgery that gets patients home faster with quicker recovery times, less pain and a reduced risk of complications and infection.

The new procedure, called endoscopic radial artery harvesting, is used during coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG) when an artery from the arm is used as graft material instead of a blood vessel or artery from another part of the body. This minimally invasive procedure involves only a one-inch incision in the wrist to harvest a radial artery, which is then grafted to the coronary artery to bypass the blockage and reroute blood to the heart.

Cardiac Surgeon Dr. Kenneth Lubienski performed the southland's first bypass surgery using the endoscopic radial artery harvest procedure at St. Francis Hospital in March.

"This procedure is extremely effective, safe, and offers many benefits to our patients over more traditional methods. Patients feel much less discomfort and avoid the long scars typically associated with radial artery harvesting," says Dr. Lubienski. "It is a great example of how St. Francis is continually advancing its cardiac care with new technology to benefit patients and the community."

Traditional methods of radial artery harvesting involve a long incision – from wrist to elbow – opening the arm and exposing the body to a greater risk of infection, nerve damage, scarring and pain. With the new procedure, the cardiac surgeon uses a small tool, called a VASOVIEW endoscope, to remove the artery through the small incision in the wrist.

The radial artery is typically used as graft material for coronary bypass surgeries when the more commonly used mammary arteries, found in the chest, or saphenous veins, found in the legs, are not available or have complications. However, the use of radial arteries in coronary bypass surgery is growing as the need for multiple bypass surgeries and multi-vessel surgeries continues to rise. In addition, recent studies indicate that radial arteries are more durable than veins, potentially making the bypass more effective in the long term.

Besides those undergoing a multi-vessel surgery or an additional bypass surgery, individuals who are good candidates for the endoscopic radial artery harvesting procedure for use with bypass surgery are young and in need of long-term durability of the graft. It is also recommended for those with varicose veins, pulmonary vascular disease (PVD) or diabetes, which can preclude the use of the leg veins for graft material.

"With the ease of this new technique and benefits for patients, St. Francis sees this as a procedure that could change the way bypass surgery is routinely performed in the future," says Dr. Lubienski.

Present Annual Hospice Awards

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) presented its annual hospice awards during the 5th Clinical Team Conference in Las Vegas, March 23-25. More than 2,000 hospice physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, spiritual caregivers, counselors, therapists, volunteers, and other professionals attended NHPCO's conference, which focused on the hospice's collaborative team approach and the future of hospice and palliative care. More than 90 educational sessions and plenary presentations were offered covering a variety of topics such as innovative service delivery, pediatric palliative care, and pain and symptom management.

This annual conference provides hospice and palliative care clinicians with a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, challenge practices, and network with their peers. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, Promoting Excellence in End-of-Life Care, and the Initiative to Improve Palliative Care for African-Americans. Featured speakers included international author Rabbi Harold Kushner and Richard Payne, MD, director of the Institute on Care at the End of Life at Duke University.

During the conference, awards were presented in conjunction with the National Council of Hospice and Palliative Professionals, NHPCO's professional membership division, and the National Hospice Foundation, NHPCO's fundraising partner. These awards were given to acknowledge outstanding work in the field of end-of-life care and to recognize programs and professionals that have made significant contributions in the areas of care delivery, volunteerism, innovation, and teamwork.

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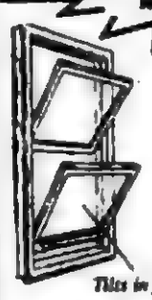

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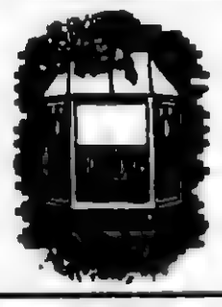

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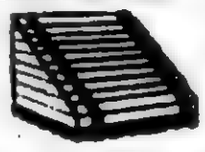

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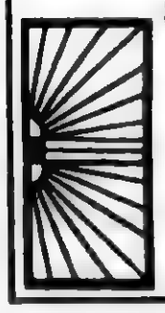

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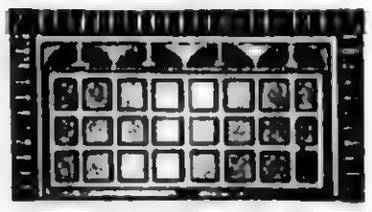

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Local anglers may want to review the advisories if they fish any of the following waters; nearby Arrowhead Lake; Midlothian Reservoir; Monee Reservoir; Lake Michigan; Lake Calumet; Saganashkee Slough and the Illinois and Calumet Rivers.

■**ECO-TERRORIST PLANS TO TAKE OVER SIERRA CLUB:** According to the **U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance**: A man who flies the skull-and-crossbones on his sea vessel and has sunk nearly a dozen ships in the name of animal rights has set his sights on one of the nation's largest environmental organizations.

Paul Watson, co-founder of Greenpeace and founder of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is advocating the takeover of the Sierra Club. Watson wants the organization to take a strong stance against hunting, fishing and other management of natural resources.

Watson is known for his tactic of ramming and sinking whaling ships. Some of his actions have landed him in jail in foreign nations, but he claims he is not an eco-terrorist. He said at the 2002 Animal Rights Conference that "activities should never feel like we're going too far in breaking the law."

Watson was elected to the Sierra Club Board of Directors in April 2003. According to the *San Diego Union Tribune*, Watson's efforts to control the board include stacking the organization's governing body with like-minded individuals. He claims to be three directors away from controlling the 15-member board and in turn, the group's $100 million annual budget.

■**CELEBRATE "FITNESS IN YOUR FOREST PRESERVES":** Wauponsee Glacial Trail Grand Opening on Saturday, May 22, at the Sugar Creek Preserve, 17540 Laraway Road, Joliet, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your bike, horse, in-line skates, or walking shoes to check out the first eight miles of the trail. When completed, the trail will connect Joliet to Kankakee for a total trail length of 24 miles.

After your trail visit, tour the many information booths or take part in outdoor activities promoting "Fitness in your Forest Preserves." For more information, contact the **Will County Forest Preserve District** at (815) 727-8700 or visit www.fpdwc.org.

■**NRA HELPS ENHANCE SPORTSMEN'S ACCESS TO FEDERAL LANDS:** The Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior entered into a cooperative agreement with the NRA and 15 other sportsmen's organizations in an endeavor to improve and maintain access to federally managed public land for America's sportsmen and hunters. Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre represented NRA's four million members at the signing of the "Sportsmen's Access to Federal Public Lands" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Hunters and sportsmen have increasingly reported problems with diminishing access to public hunting lands, which has hindered their opportunity to participate and enjoy the sport. This is especially significant in areas of the nation where federal public land provides the only venue for hunting lands. In the agreement, the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services have agreed to assist in the identification and improvement of areas where hunting access on public lands is inadequate.

Hunters and sportsmen enjoy a pivotal role in America's economy and society, and have been leaders in promoting wildlife management and conservation. Since 1939, hunters and shooters have paid over $4 billion in excise taxes on sporting equipment. Hunters and fishermen fund nearly 75% of the annual income for all 50 state conservation agencies. And hunters contribute $21 billion to the American economy each year.

■**NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED AS 2004 FISHING SEASON OPENS:** A new fishing season has arrived in Illinois, and with it comes a new web site (www.ifishillinois.org) that provides the public with an array of informative resources about fishing and boating on Illinois' waters.

Weekly fishing reports, regulations and fishing tips are just a few examples of the services provides. Info is provided about more than 70 inland lakes, eight major rivers and streams and Lake Michigan, making it one of the most comprehensive online resources for Illinois fishing available. This includes lake maps describing habitat types and depth contours, site facilities and stocking programs.

Pitcher & Player

Saint Xavier University senior lefthander Joseph Williams (Blue Island/ Chicago Christian) and sophomore shortstop Brendan Christy (Tinley Park/ Andrew) were both named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Pitcher and Player of the Week respectively this week following impressive performances on the field last week. It was the second time Williams has earned the honor in as many weeks.

In a 10-0 conference victory over Illinois Institute of Technology on Thursday, April 8, Williams kept the Cougars perfect in league play at 5-0 with a complete game shutout. He pitched all seven innings allowing only five hits and two walks. Williams also came within one strikeout of tying an 18-year-old SXU record for strikeouts in a game with 15. The current record of 16 was set in 1986 by Joe Skalski.

Christy was equally impressive for the Cougars at the plate last week. In seven games, he went 1-for 26 (.423) with three doubles, a home run, 10 runs scored and 10 RBI. Christy's season totals thus far have also been exceptional. He currently leads the team in batting (.421), triples (5), home runs (4), RBI (35), and slugging percentage (.694).

The St. Laurence Hockey Team captured the State Championship Hockey Title in the White Division of the Blackhawk Cup on March 23. The Vikings defeated the Red Devils of Hinsdale Central in a 2-1 battle that decided the state champion. Coach Pat McPartlin praised the players for their efforts during the season which brought them this decisive victory and he also thanked the fans who supported the team throughout the many games on the road to the state championship. The players received their medals in a banquet held on Sunday, March 29, at the O'Hare Hyatt. Pictured are the members of the State Championship Team: (front row, left to right) Nick Bumbaris, Michael Griffin, Bob Bourke, Chris Van Eck, Aaron Ramirez, and Shaun Griffin; (middle row) Chris Moore, Steve Sinde, Isaac Kelso, Kevin Zadycki, and Andrew Gross; (back row) Bill Bartgen, Matt Raisutis, Stuart Jacobson, Pat Kulach, Mario Vazquez, Phil Wingo and Alex Corda.

New Campsite Fee Schedule

A new camping fee schedule for Illinois State Park campgrounds takes effect April 15th.

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources manages more than 8,700 campsites at 81 state parks, conservation areas, and fish and wildlife areas. Fee increases for more than 80 percent of the campsites range from $1 to $4 per night. Fees for Class D tent camping or primitive campsites with no vehicle access are unchanged. The new fee schedule includes discounts for Illinois senior citizens, people with disabilities, Illinois veterans with disabilities and former prisoners of war.

The higher camping fees at most sites are the first increases approved for state park campgrounds in Illinois since 1992. The additional revenue will be used for campground operations and maintenance, the costs of which have increased steadily during the last 12 years. State sites host more than 600,000 campground visitors annually.

For more information, check the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us.

Named Co-Winners

St. Xavier University head women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg and head men's basketball coach Tom O'Malley were both named co-winners of the NAIA Division I Women's and Men's Basketball Coach of the Year award respectively by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Assn. recently. They will both be formally honored for their awards at the 32nd annual Hall of Fame induction dinner on Saturday, April 24th at Illinois State University in Normal.

The SXU women's basketball team finished the 2003-04 season with a 26-10 overall record and made its second straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament in Jackson, Tenn. On the men's side, the Cougars completed their 2003-04 season with an overall mark of 25-11 and earned their fifth trip to the NAIA post-season tourney in the past six years.

Offer Summer Camps

A number of summer camps for grade school students will be offered at St. Rita High School this summer:

Baseball: June 21st to 25th for boys in grades 4 through 9 (incoming freshmen). The cost is $70 per camper and each receives a T-shirt.

Basketball: Skills camps for boys in grades 2 through 8, June 21st to 25th; July 5th to 9th; July 12th to 16th. Shooting camps for boys in grades 4 through 9 (incoming freshmen), June 28th to 30th. Girls basketball camps for girls in grades 4 through 9, July 1st and 2nd. Skills camps are $50 per session; shooting camps are $35 per session. T-shirts are included with all camps.

Football: July 12th to 16th for boys in grades 6 through 8. The cost is $50 per person. T-shirt included.

Rec-Week Camps: For boys and girls in grades 2 through 9. Three weekly sessions offered: Session One June 14th to 18th; Session Two June 21st to 25th; Session Three June 28th to July 2nd. Camps run from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. each day (field trip days may be longer). One session is $90 per camper; two sessions are $160 per camper; three sessions are $220 per camper. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and equipment bag.

Soccer: Skills and shooting camps for boys in grades 4 through 9 (incoming freshmen) and coed camp for boys and girls in grades 4 through 9. Skills camp is $50 per session. Shooting camp or goalkeeper camp is $20 per session. T-shirt included.

Volleyball: July 19th to 23rd in grades 5 through 9 (incoming freshmen). The cost is $60 per session. T-shirt included.

For more information, call Mike Murtagh at (773) 925-RITA.

Pitcher Of The Week

Saint Xavier University senior righthander Stacie Eschmann was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Softball Pitcher of the Week Tuesday for her stellar performances on the mound last week, including a big win against No. 10 Olivet Nazarene University.

Eschmann went a perfect 4-0 in four appearances as the Cougar starter and allowed no earned runs over 26 innings. She also tallied three shutout performances and struck out 20 batters. Opposing batters recorded only 16 hits against her in 95 at-bats for a .168 batting average, while only allowing one walk.

Saint Xavier University is 21-14 overall, 10-0 CCAC.

SXU Recruit Matt Briggs And Tyler Mushlitz

Head coach Mike Feminis and the St. Xavier University football program added a pair of recruits from outside the Midwest recently when Matt Briggs and Tyler Mushlitz both signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers as members of the Cougar football team.

Briggs was a running back at Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha, Neb. under Skyhawk football coach Matt Turman. He is the son of Don and Gail Briggs, also of Omaha. Briggs has a sister, Rachel, who currently plays for the Cougars' women's soccer team.

"Matt is the first recruit from Nebraska to ever sign with us," said Feminis. "I think his decision had a lot to do with the fact that his sister plays soccer at SXU and has had a great experience. Matt is the kind of player you love to have in your program because he is not only a hard worker but he will always sacrifice individual accomplishments for the team's success. I really look forward to coaching him."

Brothers Kevin And Jeremy Zientek Sign Letters Of Intent

Head coach Mike Feminis and the St. Xavier University football program added another set of brothers to its 2004 roster when Kevin and Jeremy Zientek of Oak Lawn both signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers as Cougars. Feminis has already added brothers Steve and Jim Strimel from New Lenox to the team over the past month.

Kevin is projected to play on the offensive line for the Cougars this fall, while Jeremy will look to help SXU at the quarterback position. Both played football at Marist High School in Chicago under head coach Sean Mele. Kevin was named to the East Suburban Catholic All-Conference First Team and was a Star Publications All-Area Special Mention. Jeremy led the team in passing with over 900 yards.

"This is a great package deal to get both of these guys," said Feminis. "Kevin is a big signing for our program, because he is one of the top offensive linemen we targeted and he fills a major need at our tackle position since both our 2003 starters (Brandon Kukla and George Deaton) graduated. Kevin is physically mature enough right now to compete at our level."

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL

Monday, 4-5-04

Argo 14, Tinley Park 4
Eisenhower 15, Thornton 0
Hillcrest 15, Julian 0
Joliet 25, Crete-Monee 6
Juarez 13, Ag Science 3
Kennedy 7, Kelly 2
Leo 8, Jones 5
Lincoln-Way Central 5, Minooka 2
Lockport 9, Homewood-Flossmoor 8
Marian Catholic 21, T.F. North 11
Oak Forest 15, Thornridge 1
Plainfield South 7, Bremen 6
Richards 10, Mt. Carmel 2
St. Ignatius 3, Nazareth 2, 10 inn.
Shepard 7, Sandburg 6
Stagg 13, Providence 8

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Argo 14, St. Laurence 3
Bogan 9, Carver 7
De La Salle 8, Clemente 2
Leo 16, Luther East 5
Lincoln-Way East 12, Bloom 2
North Shore 16, Morgan Park Acad. 15
Providence 10, Andrew 9
Reavis 15, Bremen 10
St. Francis de Sales 13, Evergreen Park 5
St. Ignatius 18, Curie 5
St. Joseph 19, Chicago Christian 12
St. Rita 14, Richards 1
Stagg 7, Rich East 1
Tinley Park 8, Thornton 7
Vocational 5, Fenger 0

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Ag Science 10, Julian 2
Andrew 3, Plainfield South 2, 8 inn.
Bogan 21, Vocational 7
Bremen 12, Thornton 2
Brother Rice 14, Richards 4
Chicago Christian 15, Tinley Park 14
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, Lincoln-Way East 2
Joliet Catholic 7, Naperville Central 2
Lincoln-Way East 12, Bloom 1
Marian Catholic 23, Rich Central 10
Morgan Park 3, Crane 1
Mt. Carmel 9, Marist 8, 8 inn.
Oak Lawn 3, St. Laurence 2, 8 inn
Sandburg 4, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Shepard 3, Eisenhower 2
Stagg 8, Argo 4
Westinghouse 4, Kennedy 3

Thursday, 4-8-04

Andrew 1, T.F. South 0
Hillcrest 9, Washington 4
Homewood-Flossmoor 10, Reavis 5
Illiana Christian 9-11, U-High 4
Joliet 10, Oak Forest 1
Julian 11, Kennedy 1
Lincoln-Way Central 10, Bloom 0
Nazareth 4, Lemont 3
Oak Lawn 10, Bremen 3
Rich Central 2, Eisenhower 1
St. Ignatius 5, St. Patrick 1
St. Rita 7, Notre Dame 2
Sandburg 13, Evergreen Park 5
Thornwood 8, Tinley Park 2
Tilden 23, Bogan 4

Schaumburg Flyers Classic

Brother Rice 4, Libertyville 0
Schaumburg 4, Niles West 3

Friday, 4-9-04

Schaumburg Flyers Classic

St. Charles North 7, Jacobs 4, 8 inn
Bartlett 4, Stagg 1

Saturday, 4-10-04

Andrew 7, Champaign Central 3
Andrew 8, Southeast Springfield 1
Argo 22, Thornton 1, 5 inn.
Bremen 19, St. Ignatius 12
Crete-Monee 15, Tinley Park 8
De La Salle 6-10, Marquette (Ind.) 4-7
Hillcrest 9, Rich Central 5
Joliet 9, Homewood-Flossmoor 7
Joliet Catholic 5, Providence 4
Lincoln-Way East 4, Ock Forest 3, 8 inn.
Marist 8, Reavis 7, 8 inn.
Minooka 2, Sandburg 1
Montini 13, Illiana Christian 5
Oak Lawn 7, Evergreen Park 4
Richards 11-14, Eisenhower 1-3 (both 5 inn.)
St. Rita 13, Shepard 1, 5 inn.
St. Viator 8-6, Marian Catholic 6-3
Wilmington 7, Mt. Carmel 6

Schaumburg Flyers Classic

Jacobs 7, Niles West 3
Libertyville 12, Stagg 5
Schaumburg 4, St. Charles North 3
Bartlett 5, St. Charles North 1 (3rd)
Brother Rice 12, Bartlett 2
Libertyville 11, Jacobs 0, 6 inn. (5th)
Brother Rice 3, Schaumburg 2 (title)

All Tournament Teams - Brother Rice: Dan Harris, Matt Beuenhofer, Tom Rhein. **Schaumburg:** Dan Hendrickson, Eric Mahler. **Jacobs:** Steve Plateau. **Bartlett:** Kevin Schrader. **Libertyville:** Jeff Keske, Sean Danehy. **St. Charles North:** Sean Milligan. **Most Outstanding Player:** Mike Hayden, Brother Rice. **Larry Tanaka Sportsmanship Award:** Joe Ganz, Stagg.

BOYS TENNIS

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Bremen 3, Reavis 2
Brother Rice 5, St. Laurence 0
Fenwick 5, De La Salle 0
Lincoln-Way East 5, Bradley 0
Loyola 5, St. Ignatius 0
Providence 5, Mt. Carmel 0
Young 5, Ag Science 0

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Argo 5, Stagg 0
Brother Rice 3, Whitney Young 2
Francis Parker 3, Morgan Park Academy 2
U-High 3, Sandburg 2

Thursday, 4-8-04

Homewood-Flossmoor 4, Hinsdale Central 2
Illiana Christian 3, T.F. South 2
Joliet Catholic 4, Marist 1
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Bradley 2
Oak Lawn 4, Chicago Christian 1
Rich Est 5, Hillcrest 0

Saturday, 4-10-04

Elk Grove Invite

Final Team Standings: 1, Lake Park 27. 2, C.L. Central 15. 3, Grayslake 13. 4, Elk Grove 11. 5, Marist 10. 6, St. Viator 8. 7, Maine West 6.

Evanston Invite

Final Team Standings: 1, Loyola 48. 2, Chicago Lab. 30. 3, Argo 26. 4, Evanston (B), Latin and St. Ignatius 9. 7, Shepard 8. 8, Evanston 4 (A).

Hinsdale South Quad

Hinsdale South 7, Nazareth 0
Hinsdale South 7, Glenbard South 0
Hinsdale South 7, Stagg 0
Glenbard South 4, Stagg 3
Glenbard South 6, Nazareth 1
Stagg 4, Nazareth 3

Morton Quad

Morton 3, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Morton 4, St. Laurence 1
Morton 4, Riverside-Brookfield 1
Morton 3, Montini 2
Montini 5, St. Laurence 0
Riverside-Brookfield 4, St. Laurence 1

BOYS TRACK

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Shepard 75, Tinley Park 53, Eisenhower 36

Saturday, 4-10-04

Argo Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Andrew 107. 2, Niles West 99. 3, tie, Proviso East and Michigan City (Ind.) 69 5, Tinley Park 54. 6, Argo 47. 7, Fenwick 45. 8, St. Ignatius 38. 9, Lemont 18. 10, Reavis 12. 11, Quigley 0

Stagg Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Joliet 154. 2, Romeoville 103. 3, Stagg 73. 4, Rich South 55. 5, Oak Forest 36. 6, Joliet Catholic 29. 7, T.F. South 28. 8, Mt. Carmel 19. 9, Oak Lawn 17. 10, Marian Catholic 13. 11, Prosser 0

Thornridge Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Thornridge 206. 2, Lincoln-Way Est 171. 3, Bolingbrook 129. 4, Leo 109 ½. 5, Providence 107. 6, Bradley 89. 7, Young 38. 8, Eisenhower 26 ½. 9, South Shore 6. Rockford Jefferson, Bogan, Elizabeth Seton and Harlan also competed.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, 4-5-04

Andrew d. Joliet 22-25, 25-23, 25-15
Brother Rice d. St. Laurence 25-14, 25-23
Lincoln-Way C. d. Lincoln-Way E. 25-19, 25-22
Mt. Carmel d. Fenwick 25-11, 25-20
St. Rita d. Loyola 26-24, 27-25
Sandburg d. Homewood-Flossmoor 26-24, 25-19
Stagg d. Lockport 25-17, 25-19

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Ag Science d. Simeon 25-21, 25-20
De La Salle d. Quincy 25-9, 18-25, 25-18
Kennedy d. Morgan Park 23-25, 25-12, 25-15
Oak Lawn d. Argo 25-13, 25-18
Reavis d. Richards 25-9, 25-16
Shepard d. T.F. North 25-10, 25-10

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Joliet d. Homewood-Flossmoor 26-24, 12-25, 26-24
Lincoln-Way C. d. Lockport 25-17, 25-22
Loyola d. Mt. Carmel 25-20, 25-23
Providence d. St. Ignatius 25-15, 28-26
St. Rita d. St. Laurence 15-12, 25-14
Sandburg d. Lincoln-Way E. 25-21, 25-13
Stagg d. Andrew 29-33, 25-14

Thursday, 4-8-04

Andrew d. Joliet 22-25, 25-23, 25-15
Ag Science d. Harper 25-22, 25-19
Eisenhower d. Richards 26-24, 19-25, 25-21
Illiana Christian d. Minooka 25-20, 26-24
Joliet d. Homewood-Flossmoor 26-24, 12-25, 26-24
Kennedy d. Vocational 25-6, 25-18
Oak Lawn d. Oak Forest 25-17, 25-7
Reavis d. T.F. North 25-14, 25-16
Shepard d. Argo 25-7, 25-15

Saturday, 4-10-04

Warren Invitational

Oak Forest d. Warren 25-17, 18-25, 25-23
Prospect d. Oak Forest 25-17, 25-15
Willowbrook d. Oak Forest 25-19, 22-25, 25-22

Consolation

Antioch d. Oak Forest 25-17, 25-15
Warren d. Oak Forest 25-21, 25-21 (7th)

BOYS WATER POLO

Monday 4-5-04

Lincoln-Way Central 11, Bremen 6
Lincoln-Way East 12, Lockport 6
Sandburg 13, Homewood-Flossmoor 10

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Hinsdale South 14, Morgan Park 12
St. Rita 13, St. Viator 8
Stagg 19, Bremen 9

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Homewood-Flossmoor 15, Andrew 11
St. Ignatius 18, Morgan Park 7

Thursday, 4-8-04

Bremen 16, Riverside-Brookfield 4
Bremen 21, Rolling Meadows 12
Highland Park 6, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Latin 9, Homewood-Flossmoor 7
Lyons 16, Stagg 4
Queen of Peace 3, Argo 0
Shepard 6, Crete-Monee 0
St. Francis de Sales 5, Joliet Catholic 4
St. Ignatius 4, Trinity 0
Stagg 7, Marian Catholic 6

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Andrew 10, Thornwood 0
Bogan 12, Tilden 4
Bremen 15, Morton 0
De La Salle 13, Josephenium 3
Fenwick 8, St. Ignatius 0
Joliet 4, Plainfield Central 1
Lane Tech 6-18, Morgan Park 1-2
Lincoln-Way East 15, Maria 0
Lockport 12, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Luther East 19, Luther South 2
Marian Catholic 11, Eisenhower 1
Mather 17, Kennedy 2
Morgan Park Academy 10, Willows 9
Queen of Peace 2, St. Francis de Sales 0
Richards 8, Marist 3
Sandburg 10, Oak Forest 0
Shepard 6, Romeoville 4
Tinley Park 13, Thornridge 2

Thursday, 4-8-04

Bremen 7, Oak Lawn 4
Eisenhower 8, Rich Central 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Richards 2
Illiana Christian 1, Stagg 0
Joliet 6, Joliet Catholic 5
Lincoln-Way East 9, T.F. South 0
Loyola 9, St. Ignatius 1
Minooka 6, Lockport 1
Mother McAuley 2, Marist 1
Oak Park 2, Sandburg 1, 8 inn
Reavis 5, Andrew 4, 10 inn
Rosary 10, Sandwich 0
Shepard 5, Tinley Park 1

At Hinsdale South

Lemont 3, Hinsdale South 0
Maine West 2, Mt. Assisi 0

Friday, 4-9-04

Lemont 7, Romeoville 2

Saturday, 4-10-04

Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Stagg 0
Joliet 4, Bradley 0
Lincoln-Way East 7, Shepard 5
Lockport 11-6, Lyons 1-3
Marian Catholic 9, Benet 3
Marist 6-5, Bishop McNamara 2-3
Mother McAuley 5-3, Bremen 4-1
Minooka 6, Sandburg 1
Providence 3-6, Fenwick 0-4
Reavis 11-8, Eisenhower 2-4
Richards 7-0, Evergreen Park 2-2
St. Ignatius 11-5, Proviso West 1-1
Wheaton Acad. 1-0, Illiana Christian 0-11

Hinsdale South Tournament

Lemont 4, Mt. Assisi 0
Maine West 3, Lemont 1

GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Lemont 100, Minooka 85, Morris 8
Lockport 91, Lincoln-Way East 53

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Benet 117, Marian Catholic 61, St. Viator 15
Homewood-Flossmoor 78, Thornwood 72

At Rich East

Teams: Andrew 186, T.F. South 129, Rich East 80, Reavis 68, Evergreen Park 64, Marshall 22.

Saturday, 4-10-04

Downers South Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Hinsdale Central 172. 2, Glenbard North 120. 3, Lyons 79. 4, Glenbard West 73 ½. 5, Downers South 55 ½. 6, Bartlett 51. 7, Stagg 38.

Homewood-Flossmoor Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Barrington 119. 2, Homewood-Flossmoor 111. 3, Rock Island 104. 4, Moline 67. 5, Crete-Monee 55. 6, Joliet 46. 7, T.F. South 29. 8, Rich South 24. 9, Hillcrest 9

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, 4-5-04

Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Bremen 1
Lemont 4, Morris 0
Maria 2, Mount Assisi 0
Marist 3, Joliet Catholic 0
Oak Forest 3, Shepard 2, 2 OT
Providence 7, Crete-Monee 0
Reavis 2, Oak Lawn 0
St. Ignatius 4, IHM 2

At Marian Catholic

Andrew 4, Illiana Christian 1
Bradley 7, De La Salle 0

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Bloom 2, Bremen 0
Bogan 3, Kenwood 2
Chicago Christian 4, Timothy Christian 1
Illiana Christian 3, Shepard 3
Lemont 7, Minooka 1
Lincoln-Way East 1, Joliet 0
Mount Assisi 3, Notre Dame 0
Stagg 1, Lincoln-Way Central 0
Tinley Park 12, T.F. Co-op 0

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Argo 9, Richards 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Oak Forest 0
Mother McAuley 1, St. Ignatius 0
Reavis 3, Eisenhower 0
Rosary 2, Joliet Catholic 1

At Marian Catholic

Andrew 5, Manteno 0
Bradley 3, Marian Catholic 1

Thursday, 4-8-04

Chicago Christian 1, Nazareth 0
Providence 8, Oak Lawn 0
Romeoville 6, Eisenhower 0
Sandburg 2, Lincoln-Way C. 0
Shepard 5, Bloom 0
Stagg 3, Andrew 0
Tinley Park 8, Rich East 1

Marian Catholic Invitational

Illiana Christian 4, Manteno 1
Marian Catholic 6, De La Salle 0

Saturday, 4-10-04

Downers Grove North 3, Lemont 1
Joliet 7, Bolingbrook 3
Lincoln-Way Central 1, Lockport 0
Maria 3, Bloom 0
Providence 7, Bishop McNamara 0
Regina 3, Queen of Peace 0

Marian Catholic Invitational

Manteno 6, De La Salle 1 (5th)
Marian Catholic 2, Illiana Christian 1 (3rd)
Bradley 3, Andrew 1 (title)

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, 4-5-04

Ag Science 14, Julian 1
Bloom 23, Hillcrest 0, 5 inn.
Bogan 17, Hirsch 4
Illiana Christian 8, Providence 2
Lemont 3, Nazareth 0
Lincoln-Way Central 6, Minooka 1
Marian Catholic 3, Crete-Monee 0
Morgan Park Academy 13, Luther East 1
Morton 5, Oak Lawn 2
Mother McAuley 7, Regina 0
Mount Assisi 2, Resurrection 1, 8 inn.
Naperville North 7, Joliet Catholic 0
Northside Prep 25, Kennedy 7
Plainfield South 6, Bremen 4
Reavis 2, Queen of Peace 0
Seton 4, T.F. North 3
Stagg 14, Thornwood 2
Walther Lutheran 28-23, Luther South 0-0

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Bremen 6, Reavis 1
Chicago Christian 3, Nazareth 2
De La Salle 24, St. Benedict 4
Evergreen Park 10, Eisenhower 0
Lincoln-Way Central 11, Plainfield C. 4
Lockport 2, Oak Forest 1
Mother McAuley 3, Providence 1
Oak Lawn 4, Homewood-Flossmoor 2

Morton Invitational

Final Team Standings: 1, Conant 171. 2, Sandburg 156. 3, Maine East 119. 4, Morton 70. 5, Queen of Peace 22. 6, Trinity 15

Riverside-Brookfield Relays

Final Team Standings: 1, Niles West 59. 2, Woodstock 46 ½. 3, Timothy Christian 40 ½. 4, tie, Jacobs & Nazareth 40. 6, Elmwood Park 28. 7, Riverside-Brookfield 24. 8, Oak Lawn 23. 9, Illiana Christian 18. 10, Ridgewood 7. 11, IMH 3. 12, Addison Trail 2.

GIRLS WATER POLO

Monday, 4-5-04

St. Ignatius 10, Wheeling-Prospect 5
Sandburg 10, Homewood-Flossmoor 8
Stagg 15, Bradley 6

Wednesday, 4-7-04

Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Andrew 3
Lincoln-Way Central 15, Richards 8
St. Ignatius 14, Morgan Park 5
Sandburg 18, Lincoln-Way East 6

Thursday, 4-8-04

Sandburg 7, Neuqua Valley 4

Sandburg 4-10-04

Hinsdale Central 10, Lockport 8
Waubonsie Valley 14, Marian Catholic 5

BADMINTON

Monday, 4-5-04

Lincoln-Way Central 10, Bradley 5
Lockport 13, Stagg 2
Oak Forest 14, Homewood-Flossmoor 1

Tuesday, 4-6-04

Lockport 11, Lincoln-Way East 4
Stagg 10, Joliet 5

Thursday, 4-8-04

Lincoln-Way C 15, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Oak forest 14, T.F. South 1

Saturday, 4-10-04

Willowbrook Invite

Final Team Standings: 1, Willowbrook 45. 2, New Trier 39. 3, Stevenson 34. 4, Oak Lawn 27. 5, Shepard 24. 6, T.F. North 21. 7, Lincoln-Way East 20.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor by Merger to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Venita A. Lewis, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11631

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 16620 Knottingwood Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $175,942.24.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, successor on interest to St. Paul Federal Bank for Savings, Plaintiff, vs. Theresa A. Williams a/k/a Theresa Williams a/k/a Theresa A. Laxton a/k/a Theresa Laxton, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-16271

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 5830 W. 109th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $115,890.17.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin K. Tucker, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-7328.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3300 W. 80th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $181,249.67.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33629.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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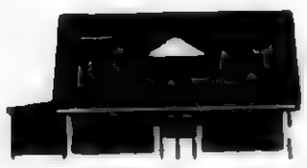

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Dennis Mayberry, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10176.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 27, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 13860 S. Lydia Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $52,181.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attorneypierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jesus Castro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15368.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7806 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story brick construction separate 1 5 car garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,731.17.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attorneypierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0307242.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York, Plaintiff, vs. Alton Smith, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6814.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57387
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on 11/04/2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 8, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at outside of the door of the Northeast corner of the lobby of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9527 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, brick construction, two story, separate garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the Opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $163,804.50.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Woodie G. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 00Ch-13375.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14700 S. Mozart, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $151,938.39.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-00-5595.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Rogelio Silva Vaquera a/k/a Rogelio Silva, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-[illegible].

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7753 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $141,129.59.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-5490.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kathy Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16139.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14840 S. Kilpatrick, Unit 604, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $71,759.96.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9480.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. G.E. Mortgage Services, LLC f/k/a G.E. Capital Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dana L. Rampack, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15435.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8345 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $114,304.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9009.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

197302C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Midwest Mortgage Solutions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Duane Alan Klarik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16455.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6519 W. 91st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $107,733.25.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9837.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195028C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Citifinancial Mtge. Co., Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Grant E. Owens a/k/a Grantland Owens, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6801.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57146
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on December 19, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 15, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Outside the Northeast entrance of the Lobby, Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8841 S. Fairfield Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $149,259.67.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

203628C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald R. Darnell, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11456.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 18, 2002, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 9716 S. Avers Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $180,794.75.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990. Between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197278C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Timothy Lichter, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-23221.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15257 S. Millard Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,652.14.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33165.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in Interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday & Aretos, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700.

197220C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Bela Sharoawi, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7370.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 3, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 10930 S. Central Ave., Unit 2A, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,615.40.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

196366C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-1, Agreement dated 3/1/98, Plaintiff, vs. Edna Hayes, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5273.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 3, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14050 Lydia Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Klimek at Plaintiff's Attorney, Klimek & Platt, L.L.C., 66 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

196366C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jon Barnhouse a/k/a Jon M. Barnhouse, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13864.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4839 Engle Rd., Unit #3A, Alsip, IL 60462.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,176.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8266.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

196669C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Market Street Mortgage, Plaintiff, vs. Delores C. Smith, Defendant. Case No. 00C-7374.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 42150

IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES.

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Michael Poteine, Special Commissioner for this court will on April 23, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at entrance, Room 701, Cook County Sheriff Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A 3143 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,804.33.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

197622C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chimortgage, Inc., Successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Lender, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. George R. Calandiano, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14013.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 7827 S. Parkside Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $67,615.99.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.

197253C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1996, Series 1996-D, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Borvan, Jr. a/k/a Joseph M. Borvan, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15235.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 13535 S. Lamon, Crestwood, IL 60445.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423. (815) 806-8200.

197137C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Salvador Aguirre, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-22701.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 25, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 2323 W. 144th Place, Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $107,907.34.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

197276C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie Przybyla a/k/a Debbie Comacho, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12400.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 5432 128th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $75,980.43.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305656.

196513C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leavy Deal III, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15353.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3315 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a detached 1.5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $103,031.19.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0307007.

196488C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Andrew F. Kevin, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14093.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4042 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $95,162.31.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306460.

195347C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citizens Financial Services, FSB, a federally chartered Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Alsip Motel Limited Partnership, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13990.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 24, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 26, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 5150 W. 127th Street, Alsip, IL.

The improvement on the property consists of a 114 room motel which may be made available for inspection by arrangement with Ms. Paula Neff at (219) 769-1313.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Michael R. Mulcahy at Plaintiff's Attorney, Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, 222 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 609-7500.

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NOTICE

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Southwest Area Obituaries

George F. Stratton

Mass was said Monday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, for George F. Stratton, a member of St. Linus Choir.

He is survived by his wife Esther; his children Susan (Glenn) Kois, Holly, Scott (Susan), Mark (Nancy), Christine, Bruce, Kevin (Katherine) and Gary (Maribeth); 13 grandchildren and sisters Laura Kelly, Gertrude Martin, and Joan Travis.

Hedwig M. Paukovitz

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Hedwig M. "Hedy" Paukovitz, 86, wife of the late Louis.

She is survived by her children Mary Fran, Lou "Butch", Ann Marie Blomquist and Frank (Wilma); six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a brother Joe (Alice) Novak.

Marjorie McDonald

Services were held Monday at Chamberlain-Hillside Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Marjorie Jane McDonald, 82, wife of the late George. Mrs. McDonald attended the Art Institute of Chicago. She owned Mar-Jay Pottery and taught classes in ceramics and pottery for over 25 years. She was a member of the Duneland and Niles Weaving Guilds and served as a Girl Scout leader for 17 years. She worked as a bookkeeper for a patent law firm in Chicago until her retirement. Prior to the passing of her husband, she was active in the Happy Swingers Square Dance Club of Chicago Heights.

She is survived by her children Allan (Mary K.) and Diana; and one grandchild.

Marion F. Nielsen

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Palos United Methodist Church, Palos Heights, for Marion F. Nielsen, 86, a long time resident of Palos Heights. She was an art teacher for many years at her home and also at the Community Center Foundation.

She is survived by her husband Oliver J.; her children Susan (Donald) Paniozzo and Linda Steele; and two grandchildren.

Margaret M. O'Neill

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Margaret M. "Peggy" O'Neill.

She is survived by her children Colleen (Tim) O'Brien, Beth Hickman, Mary Pat (Rob) McGuire, Brian (Marnie), Kelly (Kevin) Brothen and Kathy (Adam) Tabor; and 13 grandchildren.

Damen M. Balesteri

Services were held Tuesday at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Damen M. Balesteri, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Judy; his children Deana (John) Johnston, Damen, and Darla (Darren) DeHaan; five grandchildren; his mother Mary Balesteri; and sisters Joanne (Bob) Menard, Francine (Bob) Wysocki and Marilyn (Steve) Spain.

Martha J. Pawlicki

Mass was said Wednesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Martha J. Pawlicki, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by children Estelle Swiszcz, and William J. (Lynn); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters Edna Bieganowski and Jeanne Kovac.

Robert B. Fyfe

Services were held Tuesday at the McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, for Robert B. Fyfe.

He is survived by his wife Ethel; a son Robert Jr.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Virginia Dohl

A memorial service was held Tuesday in Paris, Tennessee for Virginia Dohl, 75, former of Posen. She was co-owner and operator of the Parish Landing KOA Kampground in Paris, Tennessee. "Ms. Virgo" managed the daily operations of the KOA for the past 31 years.

While in Posen Mrs. Dohl was active in many church and civic activities. She was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Midlothian and participated in social and outreach activities. She was a charter member of Posen School PTA and served as an officer several time during her 12 year membership. She served as a member of the Posen Park District Board for six years from 1977 to 1983. During her tenure on the Park Board she wrote a large grant to establish a handicap accessible park site in Posen many years before handicap accessibility was a law.

In March 1947, as a young woman she rescued a boy, who fell through the ice, from drowning in Conkey Pond in Hammond, Indiana. She was awarded The Life Saving Medal of Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company in that year.

She is survived by her husband Walter; a daughter, Susan (Danny) Taylor; sons, W. Calvin (Joan) and Davis S. (Mary Jo); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, John (Gloria) Hanrahan and Thomas Strauhe; sisters, Lavern (Gilbert) Powers and Lenore (Roy) Nagel.

Fred John Olivi

Mass was said Monday at St. Walter Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Fred John Olivi, 82, retired Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force, and husband of the late Carole. He was manager of the Bridge Operations and Maintenance for the City of Chicago and a life long Pullman, Roseland and Morgan Park resident. Mr. Olivi graduated from Pullman Tech High School in 1940.

He is survived by his brother Dr. Emil J. Olivi.

Lorraine Umphrey

Services were held Monday at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, for Lorraine Umphrey, past president (1988-89) of the Des Plaines Valley VFW Auxiliary 6863 and past president of the 3rd District VFW Auxiliary. She was an elder and past secretary of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband Vernon "Art"; her children Betty Kirby and Judy (Mark) Wells; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a brother Bob (Jackie) Perschau.

Helen Vaughan

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Helen Vaughan, 96, of Oak Lawn, wife of the late Patrick.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews Mary Elizabeth Morley, Geraldine (John) McLoughlin, Mary Eighteen, Brian (Christine) Eighteen and Thomas Kennedy

Irene Coughlin

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Irene "Betty" Coughlin, of Palos Park, wife of the late Eugene.

She is survived by her children Thomas (Geri), Geraldine (Ron) Pacer and William (Sonya); two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren and a sister Jeanette McCarthy

Mary D. Derda

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Mary D. Derda, wife of the late Joseph. She was a member of Assembly 11 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and St. Michael Golden Agers.

She is survived by a son Dennis (Sandra); one grandchild; sister Josephine Kacmarcik and and brother Joseph Grobarcik.

Richard L. Halpin

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Richard L. "Rick" Halpin, 62, of Palos Park. Mr. Halpin was a 1959 alumnus of Loyola Academy and a 1963 graduate of Quincy University. At the age of 30 he became a chairman of the organizing committee of the First Suburban Bank of Olympia Fields, as well as chairman of the board of the First Suburban Bank of Olympia Fields from 1972 until 1986. He served as a director of Chicago Heights National Bank form 1988 to 1995. He was an Olympia Fields Village Trustee from 1987 to 1989 and then became the mayor of the Village from 1989 to 1991. Mr. Halpin was appointed by the Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission in 1985 and then re-appointed in 1988. He was a stockbroker for 37 years and in 1983 he received the prestigious honor of being named the Top Retail Stockbroker in the United States for Smith Barney. Most recently he was a senior vice president of RBC Dain Rauscher. He actively served on the Palos Park Police Pension Board and was a member of the Long Beach and the Edgewood Valley Country Clubs. He has been an active member of Our Lady of the Woods Church for many years.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne; his children Kathleen, Michael and Jill; sisters Gail (Jerome) Prassas and Mary Tures and a brother Robert (Lori).

Mary I. Amundson

Services were held Tuesday at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment in Mora, Minnesota, for Mary L. Amundson, 97, wife of the late Charlie.

She is survived by her children Janet (Carlo) Nardoni and Charles (Roberta); five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

George Koulakes

Services were held Saturday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for George Koulakes.

He is survived by his wife Niki; his children Spiro, Harry (Denise) and Peter; and one grandchild.

Anthony M. Lazzara

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank for Anthony M. Lazzara, husband of the late Joan.

He is survived by his children Angelo (Phyllis), Charles (Kathleen) and Jonie Ennessy; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Nina (John) DiPasquale, Marge Onesto and Mary Lazzara.

Thomas Masloroff

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Thomas Masloroff, husband of the late Jeanie Bunica.

He is survived by a son John (Diana); four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lucille M. [illegible]

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Lucille M. [illegible], 74, of Midlothian.

She is survived by her husband Benny; her children Gay Lynn (Thomas) Soger, Nancy (Timothy) Pasley and Jill Anna McLean; five grandchildren; and a sister Helen Dempsey.

Ronald E. Baumann

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Julie Billiart church, Tinley Park, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Ronald E. Baumann, 68, husband of the late Rosemary.

He is survived by his stepchildren Karen (James) Kapustiak, and Christine (Gary) Dyke; John, David, and Mark (Pina) Damhesel, and seven stepgrandchildren.

Jerry F. Bunde

Services will be held Thursday, April 15th at 11 a.m. at the Hann Funeral Home, 8230 Harlem Ave., with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Jerry F. Bunde, 66, of Bridgeview. Visitation was Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Bunde was a materials handler for U.S. Industries.

He is survived by sisters, Rae M. Cronch and Sharyn (Robert) Vandenburg.

Aloyse Pearl Chiabai

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with entombment at St. Casimir Mausoleum, for Aloyse "Pearl" Chiabai, a volunteer at Pickard School for 23 years and the Erma Ruiz Public School. She was a life long member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at 24th and Oakley Ave. She retired from the Campbell Soup Company.

She is survived by her brother Mario.

John M. Hammitt

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for John M. Hammitt, husband of the late Catherine.

He is survived by a son John M. (Debra) and three grandchildren.

John George Chivers

Services were held Tuesday at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, for John George Chivers, 47, a U.S. Navy veteran and an 18 year employee of William Wrigley, Jr. Company.

He is survived by his wife Beverly; his mother Sally; sisters Vicki (Craig) Stevens, and Dawn (Roy) Swenson and brothers Bill Litchfield and Michael (Angie) Chivers.

Edna Johnson

Services were held Wednesday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Edna "Eleanor" Johnson, 86, former employee of the South Shore Country Club and retired from the Union League Club, Chicago. She was a resident of the Ridgeland Care Center.

She has no immediate survivors.

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Firefighters will converge upon Tinley Park Convention Center May 15 during Sertoma Centre Inc. Foundation's BIG EVENT, not to extinguish a fire, but to participate in a cook off for a good cause.

The BIG EVENT takes place from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the convention center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave. Major event sponsors include POW-R Sertoma Club; *Daily Southtown* and *Star* newspapers, and The Lombard Company.

Between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m., firehouse chefs from the Chicagoland area will vie against each other in four categories – ribs, chili, chicken, and ethnic samplings – featuring celebrity judges during the Firefighter Cook Off. Firefighters from Chicago and suburban firehouses, including Alsip, Argonne, Bedford Park, Blue Island, Chicago Ridge, Elmhurst, Frankfort, Justice, Lansing, Lombard, New Lenox, Midlothian, Park Ridge, Stickney and more; are intent on making a little smoke of their own by manning the grills during the contest. Everyone is invited to sample entries from the four categories (five food tickets are included in the $5 entry fee – children three and under no charge) before media personalities and noted chefs make the winning selections.

G&L Trophies and Gifts, 4606 W. 111th St., has graciously donated the traveling trophies that will be awarded at 5 p.m. to the "Best of," in each category, as well as a special "gourmet" category that will be judged separately by a celebrity chef.

Other activities that are a part of the Big Event include a Texas Holdem poker tournament (hosted by Action Sertoma Club, a registration accepted in advance by Action's Joe Varamanski 708/489-6988); a live auction at 4 p.m.; singles auction at 4 p.m.; raffles; music; educational sessions for children; and the Unique Boutique shopping experience featuring fine artisan booths, including Charlotte Thea and New jewelry and purses; and, G & L Trophies and Gifts fire/police memorabilia.

All proceeds from the BIG EVENT benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation. Started by the Alsip, Evergreen, and POW-R Sertoma clubs in 1971, Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally-accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness. Communities served include 45 south and southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Two primary facilities are located in Alsip – Administrative Office & Insite Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. Sertoma Centre also operates several community group and foster care homes located in the south suburbs.

For more information, call (708) 371-9700 or click on www.sertomacentre.org.

Owner Gene Furmanek of G&L Trophies and Gifts shows an example of the winning "hardware" to be taken home by the top firehouse chefs in the BIG EVENT Cook Off.

Credit Union Welcomes Our Lady Of Loretto

South Division Credit Union, one of the area's leading non-profit financial cooperatives with more than 7,700 members who live and work throughout the south suburbs, is proud to officially welcome members of the Lady of Loretto Credit Union in Hometown into its growing field of membership. Lady of Loretto CU members enthusiastically approved the merger with SDCU because it will provide them with additional branch locations that offer more convenient walk-in and drive-up service options, extended hours of service, a wider range of products and services, and complete on-line resources via South Division's NetBranch at www.sdcu.org. South Division will continue to offer Lady of Loretto parishioners with the opportunity to conduct their financial transactions at the church on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

"We are very pleased to welcome those who previously conducted their financial business with Lady of Loretto Credit Union as members of South Division Credit Union," proclaimed SDCU's president and CEO Geraldine Burck. "They will find that South Division is an up-to-date and friendly financial organization that combines a wide range of affordable loan products with flexible savings programs designed to help them achieve every financial goal. Plus, we offer convenient financial services, educational programs and secure on-line services."

Study Examines Effects Of Blood-Thinning Drug

Dr. Joseph Stella, a cardiologist with Heart Care Centers of Illinois at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, launched a multi-center national research study to evaluate the safety of a drug that could change the way heart attack patients are treated in this country.

The study will examine the effects of the blood-thinning drug Angiomax (bivalirudin) given to heart attack patients upon arrival at the emergency room. Angiomax is an alternative to a combination of drugs vastly administered to prevent blood clotting and complications in heart attack patients. Dr. Stella was chosen to spearhead the study because he has more experience with Angiomax than any other cardiologist in the United States.

"I have found tremendous success with Angiomax – less bleeding complications and less ischemia," explains Dr. Stella, referring to problems often associated with blood-thinning medications.

In addition to preventing blood clots, anticoagulants or blood thinners are given to heart attack patients to reopen or maintain an open artery after a heart attack, which in turn prevents ischemia – a reduced flow of oxygen to the heart due to a blocked artery.

Dr. Stella's study seeks to confirm the effectiveness of Angiomax over the combination of drugs typically administered, referred to as IIb/IIIa receptor inhibitors. Initial studies, as well as Dr. Stella's own findings, indicate that the drug is as safe and more effective in the treatment of heart attack patients than the traditional medicines.

"If proven correct, this study could have enormous implications to consumers, providing several benefits over what is currently used," says Dr. Stella. "Not only would [the use of Angiomax] produce less bleeding complications, it would also reduce ischemia complications and save a tremendous amount of money."

Cost savings would result from the use of one drug rather than the multiple drugs typically used today.

The national study will be based on data collected from 15 centers around the country chosen to administer Angiomax to heart attack patients in the ER. Dr. Stella said he chose the centers participating in the study based on their familiarity with the drug and ability to conduct research. St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, named a "Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospital," is the only Illinois hospital involved in the study.

The study panel will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the drug in approximately 300 patients by tracking and recording various complications or conditions they might experience, including stroke, excessive bleeding, recurrent ischemia and death. These results will be compared to similar tests using IIb/IIIa-receptor inhibitors.

The study is expected to take approximately nine months to complete.

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Third Annual Bike The Drive Set

Registration is officially open for the third annual Bike the Drive! On May 30th, the Sunday before Memorial Day, 25,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities are expected to once again ride their bikes on a car-free Lake Shore Drive and enjoy gorgeous views of the city's skyline while breathing fresh air instead of exhaust. Bike the Drive (www.BikeTheDrive.org) is produced by and benefits the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, a bicycle advocacy organization, in cooperation with the City of Chicago.

Bike the Drive participants will begin and end their ride in Grant Park. The route encompasses all of Lake Shore Drive between Bryn Mawr and 57th St., with limited vehicle access around I-55. Lake Shore Drive will be closed to car traffic starting at 5 a.m. and the event step-off time is 5:30. As in 2002 and 2003, Lake Shore Drive will reopen to car traffic by 10 a.m. Participants will enjoy the Bike the Drive Festival from 8 a.m. to noon with music, food, vendors and more.

Bike the Drive is a keystone event of Bike Chicago, the city's annual celebration of bicycling (www.bikechicago2004.org). Riders MUST register in advance and registration is limited to the first 25,000 cyclists. Participants should visit www.BikeTheDrive.org, visit local bike or athletic stores for a brochure, or call (312) 42-PEDAL for more information.

"Bike the Drive is now in its third year and it's more popular than ever," said Randy Neufeld, executive director of Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. "We encourage everyone to try Bike the Drive and see what power the simple act of bicycling has to make Chicago a greener, friendlier city."

Bike the Drive's 2004 sponsors include WDRV "The Drive" radio 97.1, WMAQ NBC 5, PAX TV Channel 38, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Orbitz.com, SRAM, CLIF Bar, *Chicago Athlete* and Village Cycle Center. The Chicago Transit Authority is a Bike the Drive partner, and the CTA encourages Bike the Drive participants to Bike and Ride.

Bike the Drive benefits Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, a non-profit, volunteer-based, bicycle advocacy organization dedicated to the improvement of the bicycling environment in the greater Chicago region. Through a proactive process of facility and bike route development, and safety and bicycle education, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation promotes bicycle usage as an energy-efficient, economical, non-polluting form of transportation as well as a healthful and enjoyable form of recreation.

In 2002, Bicycling Magazine named Chicago the #1 city (of those with a population of over one million) for bicycling in the United States, due in large part to the efforts of bike advocates such as Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.

Statewide Highway Litter Pick-Up Day

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is inviting all Illinois Adopt-A-Highway volunteer groups to participate in the sixth annual spring statewide highway litter pick-up day on Saturday, April 24.

Join with other Adopt-A-Highway volunteer groups from around the state to celebrate the beginning of spring and remove winter's litter from Illinois roadways.

We are encouraging each organization to gather its group together on April 24 to participate in the statewide event. Contact your Adopt-A-Highway coordinator for specific information. Coordinator contact information is available on the internet at www.dot.il.gov/aahdistlist.html or by calling IDOT at (217) 782-6953.

The Adopt-A-Highway program began in 1995, and today nearly 1,275 volunteer groups with a total of 10,200 volunteers collect approximately 31,875 bags of trash each year from state highways. More than 3,200 miles of Illinois highways have been adopted, but about 11,000 miles are still available. Interstate highways are not eligible for adoption.

Each volunteer group is responsible for a two-mile section of highway. Groups have the option of which highway section they can adopt, as long as it has not been adopted by another group. Volunteer groups agree to remove litter from their sections of highway at least four times a year for a two year period. As a part of this partnership IDOT provides signs identifying the group.

In a continuing effort to promote a safe work environment, IDOT provides safety vests and bags for all participants. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old, and adequate supervision is required for those under 18.

For further information, visit www.dot.il.gov/aah.html.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 24 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 24 – Saturday – Ernest F. Kolb School Dedication (formerly) Dearborn Heights), 9620 Normandy, 1 p.m.

APRIL 24 – Saturday – German Fest, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th St., 4:30 to 9 p.m.

APRIL 25 – Sunday – Gospel Choir Concert (North Park University G Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

APRIL 27 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

APRIL 27 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

APRIL 27, 28, 29 – Rummage Sale, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave.; Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Bag Day, 9 to 11 a.m.

APRIL 28 & 29 – Wednesday & Thursday – AARP 55 Alive Course, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Register 371-2900, ext. 20.

APRIL 29 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 30 and MAY 1 – Rummage Sale, Christian Women's Fellowship of Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

APRIL 30 – Friday – ARBOR DAY.

Hydrotherapy Program

The Oak Lawn Park District's hydrotherapy program – an aquatic class designed for adults with physical disabilities, such as heart problems, stroke, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, arthritis or knee/hip replacements – is now running at Oak Lawn High School, 95th St. & Southwest Highway, through Tuesday, May 25th. The program is offered from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesdays or 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Fridays by qualified special recreation instructors. The class fee is $25/resident or $32/non-resident for the session.

For more information or to register for this special program, call (708) 857-2200.

BSA Award Joyce

For exhibiting the qualities of the Boy Scouts in his work as a legislator, State Rep. Kevin Joyce was awarded the Good Scout Award recently by the Arrowhead District of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"The Boy Scouts embody fundamental American principles, and it is a tremendous honor to earn their praise," Joyce said. "I'm proud to be affiliated with a group dedicated to serving others and enriching the lives of young people."

Joyce was honored at the Boy Scouts' Arrowhead District banquet held at Palermo's Banquet Hall in Oak Lawn. In addition to receiving the Good Scout Award, Joyce was presented with 21 merit badges to recognize his achievements in helping the youth of the community. Twenty-one badges represents the number required to become an Eagle Scout.

"Rep. Joyce received the Good Scout Award because it represents his total commitment to youth and the community and in particular his commitment to the Boy Scouts of America," said Wayne Gakalski, Scout Master for Troop 1470.

New I-Pass Users Phone Access System

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority announced recently a new phone system giving I-PASS users instant phone access to their account information 24-hour-a-day. With its new Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system, one phone call to 1(800) UC-IPASS, 1(800) 824-7277, will allow people without access to a computer to easily maintain their I-PASS accounts anytime, anyplace.

By calling this toll-free number day or night, I-PASS users can now check balances on their I-PASS account, add money to their transponders with a credit or debit card, update credit card or vehicle information, and even create a PIN to access I-PASS accounts online. I-PASS customers can still speak directly with a live customer service representative during regular business hours, and they can also visit www.getipass.com 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to access their accounts online.

The new IVR system is just one more example of how the Tollway is making it as easy as possible for people to get an I-PASS and manage their accounts. The IVR system is also aimed at increasing operating efficiencies, since it is expected to reduce the on-hold time for customers waiting to be served by I-PASS Customer Care representatives.

"This new IVR technology is an added convenience for our customers and helps meet our reform goal of operating more like a business," said Tollway Executive Director Jack Hartman. "The Tollway is following the route of banks and other financial institutions that use an IVR system to allow their customers account access any time of day."

Customers can buy an I-PASS at Jewel-Osco or online at www.getipass.com, where existing I-PASS customers can now also manage their account online.

"People & Pets" Exhibit Including Special Events

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OL Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. The ACS and the youth volunteers from Oak Lawn High School would like to inform you of the *Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth* that will take place on June 4th and 5th at Oak Lawn High School.

Students of Oak Lawn High School gather teams of 10-15 youth, each person raising a minimum of $100. The teams participating in the ACS Relay for Life are critical to the success of the event, as they are the ones raising money for the ACS. Last year Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth exceeded all expectations and raised $65,000 net as a first year event and is aiming to raise $70,000 in 2004. With over 160 Relay for Life events in Illinois, Relay for Life raised almost $17 million in 2003. Oak Lawn High School is one of only two all-youth events in our region.

As members of this community that care about cancer, we ask you to show your support to sponsor this amazing event. We invite you to call Jenni Goodwin at your local American Cancer Society at (800) 920-1441 to learn more about the ACS Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth.

Little Company Of Mary In Chicago Ridge

The services listed below are provided at the Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall. To register for any of these programs call (708) 423-5774.

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Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering an entertaining program about Feng Shui. Juliette Looye, M.Ed., will present the program at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall on Tuesday, May 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a $7 fee.

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Spreading C.H.E.E.R. is a free program brings together those who have chronic illness such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, or arthritis. The program meets the second Wednesday of the month, May 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall.

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Join Michelle Jaworski, M.D., as she presents the next edition of the Savvy Seniors series, "Osteoporosis." This free program will be at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall on Thursday, May 13 from 1 to 2 p.m.

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Savor the Flavor is a program to help you discover the magic of healthy cooking. The program will be held at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall on Tuesday, May 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Lisa Micetich, R.D., demonstrating delicious ways to cook, while watching the fat and salt content. There is a $7 fee.

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The Pressure Is On, a free educational program to help you make healthy changes that will enhance your life. The program will be held at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall on Thursday, May 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. where your blood pressure will be read upon completion of the presentation.

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Red Ribbon Committee Hosts Event

The Oak Lawn Red Ribbon Committee is continuing its tradition of hosting a spring event to celebrate awareness of alcohol and drug abuse. Youth are invited to participate in activities, featuring music by a disc jockey, dancing, games, contests, and educational displays, on Friday afternoon, April 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Village Green in the center of Oak Lawn. Light food and refreshments will be available at a nominal cost. Teachers and other volunteers will be on hand to coordinate the event.

Planning this spring program is a committee, comprised of representatives from education, business, government, and non-profits. Assisting are (left to right) Rob Serdar of Simmons Middle School; Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank; Mary Egan of Oak Lawn Community High School; Ann Francis of Simmons Middle School; Sue Peltzer of the PTA; Joyce Skuble, Cindy Julien, and John Mitchell of McGugan Junior High School; and Jim Pacetti and Joe Stubbs of the Oak Lawn Police Department. The Oak Lawn Community Partnership, a non-profit organization that is designed to maintain and promote the health and well-being of the community, supports the event.

Lenon Wisdom Spelling Bee

The 25th annual Lenon Wisdom Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Worth Township Youth Commission, will be held on Friday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Park Community High School, 99th & Kedzie.

Students will be participating in the Junior Division, 5th and 6th grades, and the Senior Division, 7th and 8th grades. All students will be receiving a Participation Certificate and trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each division.

If you have any questions, contact Sue at (708) 371-2900.

Friends Of Library Discussion Group

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will hold their last discussion group meetings of the season during the month of May at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The short story discussion group will meet on Wednesday, May 12th to discuss "A Final Report" by William Maxwell. Copies are available at the Fiction Desk.

The novel discussion group will meet on Wednesday, May 26th to discuss "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, at (708) 422-4933.

AARP Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, May 10th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. The guest speaker will be Michelle Paluch Mishur who will discuss "Chicago Public Sculpture."

We will be collecting cans and packages of food for the 4th annual National Day of Service for May 13th at this meeting. The food will be distributed to Worth Township & Pilgrim Faith Pantries.

Food Drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor a Spring Food Drive on Friday, April 30th through Friday, May 14th. Patrons may drop off non-perishable food and paper products at collection barrels in the library's lobby. Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

Day Trip

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn day trip to ethnic grocery stores and bakeries on Chicago's north side on Monday, May 17th.

Explore new flavors and experience multicultural cuisine on this informative tour with stops in the following neighborhoods: Argyle for Vietnamese and Chinese selections; Andersonville for a Swedish bakery and lunch at Reza's Restaurant, where the menu is Persian and Mediterranean; and the Devon St. area for the foods of India. The tour will be led by a docent who is a member of the Chicago Culinary Historians. The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and lunch, is $32 for Friends members and $37 for others. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett at (815) 439-0075.

Methodist Men Hold Pasta Dinner

The Methodist Men at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th St. & Central Ave., are having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 1st from 5 to 8 p.m. Adults are $6, children 12 & under - $3.50, and children 6 & under are free. Tickets are available at the door or call the church at (708) 423-1170.

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Original works of art created by the students in Dan Chamber's Oak Forest High School art classes were on display in the school's Media Center during the last week of school before the Spring Break. The pieces displayed ranged from self-portraits to sculptures. Rachel Heatherly, a student in Studio Art studied the work of artist, Ashley Collins who used different materials to create collages. Rachel took strips of raw wood and created her own collage of a roaring lion. For her efforts she earned a second place award.

Besides being a talented artist, Rachel has enlisted in the United States Navy and will be leaving for boot camp in October. She will be in the Nuclear Engineer Program while in the Navy and plans on pursuing a degree in art in college after her enlistment is over.

Open Viewing

Moraine Valley Community College will host an open viewing on Friday, April 23, starting at 8 p.m. in the college's observatory. The moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn will be visible in the night sky, weather permitting.

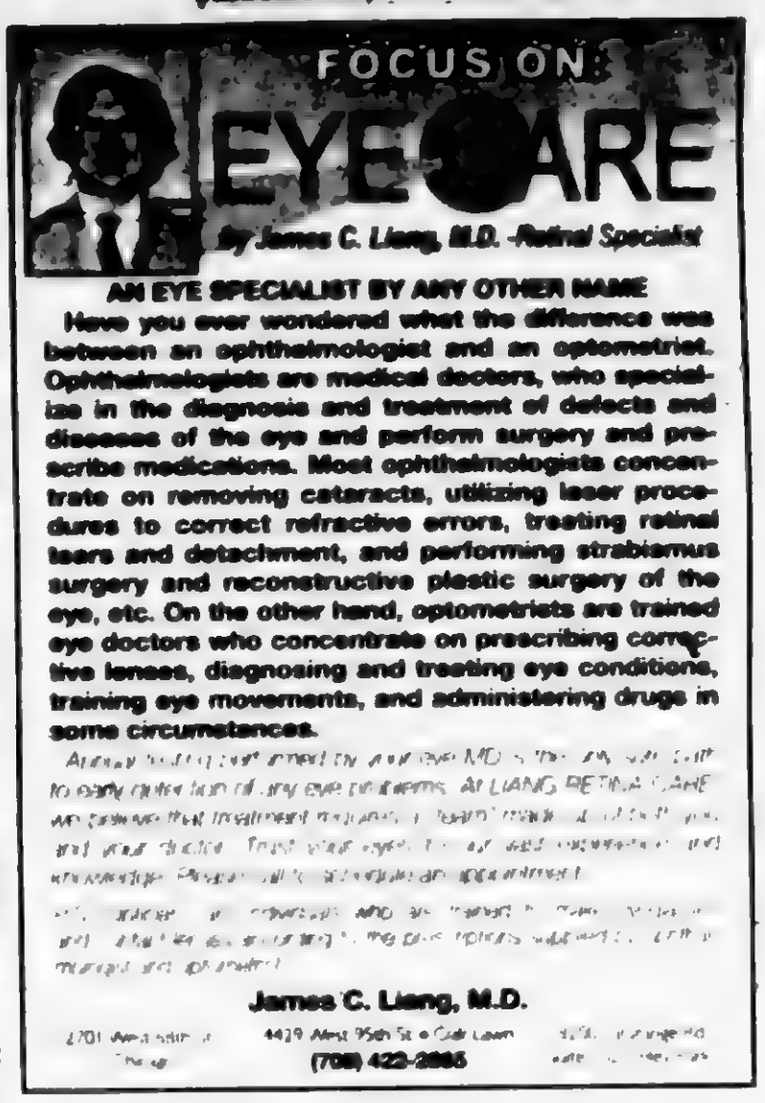
The viewing will be hosted by Tom McCague, associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department. McCague, an amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, built the telescope of approximately $800 in common hardware store items such as plywood, Teflon, PVC pipe, and glass and donated it to the college last fall. The telescope, a 6 ½-foot Newtonian reflecting model, is 13 inches in diameter and took 14 months to build.

The telescope is housed in a dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in a western sector of the college's Nature Study Area, near the corner of 107th St. and Kean Ave. on the Palos Hills campus.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, interested observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring binoculars if they have them. The event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather such as clouds, rain or snow.

Other public viewings have been scheduled for the following dates: Monday, May 24 at 9 p.m.; Friday, June 25 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, July 23 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 27 at 9 p.m.; and Friday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Moraine Valley's observatory is used as a teaching tool, not only for the college, but also for local schools and community groups as well. For more information, or to schedule a campus visit or field trip, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281, e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu, or visit www.morainevalley.edu/TourMV.



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Potential Threat Of Fires At Gas Pumps

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) cautions motorists of the potential threat of fires at the gas pumps after a recent fire set off by static electricity. OSFM and the American Petroleum Institute and the Petroleum Equipment Institute are reminding motorists to avoid potential problems with static electricity at the gas pump by staying outside the vehicle during refueling, and to follow all safe refueling practices during their routine gasoline tank fill-up.

Static electricity-caused fires at the pump are extremely rare. In fact, Americans pump gasoline into their cars an estimated 11 to 12 billion times a year, generally without incident. But static electricity may build up when a motorist re-enters the vehicle during fueling and slides across the seat. When the motorist returns to the nozzle, the static may discharge at the fill point, potentially igniting gasoline vapors and causing a flash or a small sustained fire. Potential problems with static electricity at the pump may occur any time of the year, but most typically incidents have occurred when the air is cool and dry. Although static electricity-related refueling fires are rare, according to API and PEI, these incidents have caused a few injuries and some property damage.

The primary way consumers can avoid static electricity problems at the gas pump is to stay outside the vehicle while refueling. It may be a temptation to get back in the car for any number of reasons. But the average fill-up takes only two minutes, and staying outside the vehicle will greatly reduce the likelihood of any build-up of static electricity that could be discharged at the nozzle.

If a motorist experiences a fire when refueling, leave the nozzle in the fill pipe of the vehicle and back away. Leaving the nozzle in the vehicle will prevent any fire from becoming much more dangerous. Notify the station attendant immediately to shut off all dispensing devices and pumps. If the facility is unattended, use the emergency shutdown button to shut off the pump and try to summon help.

If you must re-enter your vehicle during refueling, be sure to discharge any static that may have built up before reaching for the nozzle. Static may be safely discharged by touching a metal part of the vehicle, such as the vehicle door, or some other metal surface, away from the nozzle, with a bare hand.

Consumers can minimize these and other potential fueling hazards by following safe refueling procedures all year long. Always put portable gasoline storage containers on the ground to fill them and keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the container. Never allow children under licensed driving age to operate the pump.

For more information on avoiding potential problems with static electricity build-up at the pump, refueling safety and safe fuel storage and handling guidelines, visit OSFM's web site at www.state.il.us/osfm.

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Donate Used Phones

Verizon Wireless is encouraging Illinois residents to help domestic violence survivors and commemorate Earth Day at the same time by donating their no longer used wireless phones at the company's local Communications Stores this April.

"An old wireless phone can become a lifeline, rather than trash headed for a landfill, if Illinois residents make donations to Verizon Wireless' Hope Line recycling program," said Tracy Nolan, president of Verizon Wireless' Illinois/Wisconsin Region.

Through its award-winning HopeLine program, the company collects no longer used wireless phones and accessories from any wireless service provider. Most of the phones and equipment are refurbished and sold; then Verizon Wireless uses the proceeds to purchase newer wireless phones for domestic violence survivors and to support domestic violence shelters and organizations. The remaining phones are recycled in an environmentally friendly way.

"Our program has provided many domestic violence survivors with a lifeline that has helped them go about their day-to-day lives with less fear," said Nolan. "The program also offers an alternative to just throwing handsets away. Earth Day is a nice reminder to all of us to pull those unused wireless phones off the dusty shelves and out of the junk drawers so they can be put to good use."

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd but Verizon Wireless Communications Stores accept donations year-round. Recycling a phone is also tax deductible through HopeLine.

Since January 2001, Verizon Wireless has collected more than 1.2 million used wireless phones for the benefit of domestic violence victims and advocacy groups across the country. For more information, call 1(800) 426-2790 or visit the Web, http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

Spring Youth Bird Census Registration

A "Spring Youth Bird Census," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, May 1st at 8 a.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required before the program.

Plum Creek Nature staff, along with volunteers from the Illinois Audubon Society, will lead this mini bird count for children ages 9 and older. Children will participate in the count with a seasoned birder as a guide, then tally the results of the count. Kids should bring binoculars, a lunch and drinking water.

Each child must register prior to the program and have a signed permission slip. Call Plum Creek Nature Center at (708) 946-2216 to register or to learn more about the program.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

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EDITORIAL / OPINION PAGE

Williams Is Named Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named Mayor Anthony Williams, Porker of the Month for April 2004, for seeking $340 million in public funds to build a new baseball stadium in the District of Columbia. Williams will submit the plan to Major League Baseball (MLB) in the next few weeks in an attempt to lure the Montreal Expos to the nation's capitol. Unlike last year's proposal, which required the future owners of the franchise to chip in $125 million for a new stadium, Williams would shift the entire burden onto the backs of taxpayers, giving the owners an intentional walk.

This plan combines two long-standing American pastimes: baseball and government waste. Supporters of tax-financed stadiums typically argue that the economic benefits will far outweigh the public costs. But a recent study by public finance experts Roger Noll of Stanford University and Andrew Zimbalist of Smith College found that "no recent facility appears to have earned anything approaching a reasonable return on investment and no recent facility has been self-financing in terms of its impact on net tax revenues." Furthermore, team owners often threaten to leave cities down the road in an attempt to extort more tax dollars for maintenance and improvements.

The Expos are currently owned by MLB, an arrangement that was intended to last only for the 2002 season but now is in its third year. The club has accumulated more than $60 million in operating losses in that time. The decision to move is pending until a city steps forward with full public financing of a new stadium – an audacious request by MLB. The mayor's plan calls for a tax on DC businesses. But taxes on businesses are ultimately paid by everyday people – in the form of higher prices, lower wages, and lost jobs. Punishing some businesses so that others can thrive is a policy that makes zero economic sense, and it will also force companies to relocate outside of D.C.

The District of Columbia is already a tax parasite on the rest of the nation. It gets back nearly $6.44 in federal outlays for every dollar it pays in federal taxes, according to the Tax Foundation. The annual federal spending bill for the District in fiscal 2004 is $545 million. The money wasted on a baseball stadium will worsen the city's dependence on the federal government, meaning the entire country will indirectly pay for this boondoggle. Mayor Williams is pitching taxpayers everywhere a high inside fastball.

Many politicians and sports commentators extol the symbolic glory of having "America's pastime" represented in the nation's capital. If Mayor Williams wants to pitch for more prestige for Washington, perhaps he should clean the lead out of the city's water system, or reduce the city's crime rate and poverty level instead of financing a new baseball stadium.

Like the little boy who took his ball and went home, Mayor Williams recently said he would not attend Baltimore Orioles' games to protest the lack of a team in D.C. That puts him in the running for crybaby of the year.

Major League Baseball should act like any other business in a free market. Taxpayer-financed stadium-building is corporate welfare, plain and simple. For taking a called third strike by bowing to the demands of corporate hucksters and ripping off taxpayers in DC and around the nation, CAGW names Mayor Anthony Williams, April Porker of the Month.

Apply For New Nursing Tuition Award

Area junior and senior nursing students are invited to apply for a new nursing tuition award at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

The Martin J. Ozinga Jr. Nursing Tuition Award at Little Company, instituted in 2003, will provide tuition reimbursement to a junior or senior nursing student enrolled in an accredited nursing program, including diploma, associate or baccalaureate program. This tuition award is made possible by the First Evergreen Foundation's gift to the Mary Potter Endowment Fund of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation.

Nurses at Little Company have earned great respect for their abilities as compassionate health care practitioners. They have been ranked among the highest quality nurses in the south and southwest areas of Chicagoland, according to consumer research. This tuition award will help Little Company to continue to attract top quality nurses to continue highly rated nursing care to Little Company's patients.

"This is a great opportunity for nursing students and it helps our hospital recruit the best nurses," says Jane Sullivan, Vice-President of Patient Care Services.

Applicants must be in good academic standing and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Potential candidates also must demonstrate nursing competence and leadership skills in professional or community service and be within four semesters of graduation. The monetary award covers one-year tuition and is paid directly to the school in the name of the student.

The amount awarded is variable depending on the college or university that the student is attending. Potential candidates may be nominated by their school or apply on their own for the tuition award.

Students interested in applying for the Nursing Tuition Award can visit Little Company's web site at www.lcmh.org for information and application forms. They also can contact their financial aid office for an application or Karen Sus in Human Services at (708) 229-5063. The application deadline for the current tuition award is May 17th.

Host Native American Heritage Day

Lewis University hosted a Native American Heritage Day on April 14th featuring Lou Aiello, an expert on Eastern Woodland Native American crafts. Aiello spent the day at Lewis teaching the skills used to create Native American handcrafts, tools and lodging. An education station was set up at the Pavilion on the University Green located on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville.

The event was sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum will honor actor and musician Gary Sinise at its inaugural "Above and Beyond Patriot Award Benefit" Thursday, April 29th, at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Honorary Chairman Richard M. Daley and Master of Ceremonies Bill Kurtis will be assisted by honored guest and award presenter General Tommy Franks.

The Above and Beyond Patriot Award Benefit supports the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum. The award is presented to a civilian who contributed to the morale and welfare of the men and women of the United States military, demonstrating an above and beyond dedication to those in uniform, without financial remuneration nor as part of a political or social platform.

The National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum is located at 1801 S. Indiana Ave. in Chicago. The museum uses art created by veterans to educate and stimulate the public to reflect on the experience of war and Vietnam in particular. More than 130 artists have created over 1,000 works of art in the permanent collection including paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and artifacts.

For more information on the Above and Beyond Patriot Award Benefit or the Museum itself call (312) 326-0270.

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Last week Cook County Republicans met in Chicago to decide whom they would select to lead the county Republican organization. After much posturing, a lengthy vote of Chicago ward committeemen and suburban township bosses ensued. Suburban businessman and a Palatine Township Committeeman Gary Skoien was elected as the new leader. Skoien received 61 percent of the weighted votes to 39 percent for first time chairwoman Maureen Murphy of Worth Township. Murphy, a former state representative from Evergreen Park, presently serves as a member of the Cook County Board of Review.

Skoien acknowledged that ideological differences have become a significant problem within the party and suggested that unity was a prerequisite to successful fall election campaigns.

Chicago Republicans also tabbed new leadership by electing 2nd Ward Committeeman Clark Pellet as the new city GOP chairman. Pellet succeeds veteran Lou Kasper.

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Governor Rod R. Blagojevich proclaimed April 18-24, as Volunteer Week in Illinois. During this week, dedicated men, women, and young people throughout Illinois will be saluted for their efforts and their commitment to serve. This year's theme, "Volunteers Inspire By Example" not only recognizes the efforts of volunteers, but also encourages others to help strengthen their communities through service.

"Our nation was built upon a spirit of volunteerism, and the talents and energies of volunteers continue to be one of our greatest resources," Governor Blagojevich said. "National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for communities to applaud the efforts of volunteers and to remind residents about the importance of volunteering and making volunteer service a regular part of their lives."

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Oak Forest City Council has chosen a new city administrator. City Commissioner James Rossi, 54, was proposed by Mayor Patrick Gordon. A longtime resident, Rossi has served on the city Planning and Zoning Commission and Ethics Board the past few years. His contract will run through April 2005, which is concurrent with Mayor Gordon's term. Mr. Rossi worked in a variety of management positions for 29 years with Commonwealth Edison. He retired in 2000.

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The Homer Glen Village Board has likewise hired a new village manager. Mr. Dwight Johnson, a 53 year old former city manager from Plymouth, Minnesota, started this week. He replaced Glenn Spachman, who has agreed to help with the transition by staying temporarily as community development director.

Mr. Johnson's background includes managerial experience in Shoreview, a suburb of St. Paul, and for Grand Island, Nebraska. Johnson's salary was announced as $98,000 a year.

Mr. Johnson became available, according to Mayor Russ Petrizzo, when his wife Pam accepted a vice-presidency at Dominican University in River Forest this past October. The mayor cited Johnson's experience working in a professional setting which is similar to Homer Glen in size and its related issues.

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Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) and Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) are hosting a free Senior Health Fair, providing health screenings and information for area senior citizens, on Monday May 10th, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The following health screenings will be available: body fat analysis, blood pressure screening, pulse oximetry, glaucoma, stress screening, chair massages, osteoporosis, bone density, glucose, cholesterol, and posture analysis. Senior citizens may also apply for state programs, update their ID cards, take the Rules of the Road review course (begins at 10:30 a.m.) and get information from more than 40 state and local programs and services.

All attendees will receive free orthopedic pens. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Senator Radogno's office at (630) 243-0800.

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Last week Senate Bill 2988, introduced by Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16) to give residential tenants in Illinois the right to make necessary repairs and deduct the cost from their rent, successfully passed the Senate.

Under the Residential Tenants Right to Repair Act residential tenants would be able to make necessary repairs and deduct the cost of those repairs from their rent, if their landlord fails to make the repairs within 14 days, after being notified by the tenant in writing. In order to qualify for a deduction, the repair must be made in compliance with the appropriate law, not exceed the lesser of $500 or one-half of the monthly rent, and be made by a certified repairman. In all cases, the tenant is responsible for any damages caused by a repairman.

Additionally, the Act requires that the damage must not be caused deliberately or negligently by the tenant, a member of their family or another person on the premises with the tenants consent.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for their consideration.

"To Your Health" Seniors Column

While it's long been known that Alzheimer's greatly reduces the quality of life, a new study confirms that the disease also decreases the duration of life.

Researchers have found that the average survival after a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease was 5.7 years for women and 4.2 years for men. Also, certain symptoms of the disease, such as problems walking and urinary incontinence, indicated a shorter life expectancy.

The most frightening question for someone newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's traditionally has been one without an answer. "People often wonder what the future will hold and make their plans based on how long they think they or their loved one will live," said the study author Dr. Eric Larson, director of the Center for Health Studies at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle.

A new understanding of Alzheimer's prognosis promises patients and their families a sharper view of the future, guidelines for how to plan for the long-term care of a loved one.

Approximately 4.5 million people in the United States have Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Larson's group collected data on 521 people diagnosed with the disease, in ages ranging from mid-60s to late '80s, during a 10-year span between 1987 and 1996. It is discouraging to note that about half of the people in this study already had significant cognitive loss when they were diagnosed.

The researchers collected information as to other existing diseases (heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke and depression); education, age and Alzheimer's symptoms, including falls, wandering, paranoia and urinary incontinence. A "Mini-Mental State Examination" was also performed on people to evaluate their cognitive abilities.

The study found that people with Alzheimer's have only about half the life expectancy at the time they're diagnosed with the disease than people in the general population. For instance, a woman who lives to be 70 years of age can normally expect to live another 15.7 years. But the study found that a 70-year-old woman with Alzheimer's would only live another eight years.

And a 70-year-old man typically lives another 9.3 more years, but a 70-year-old male with Alzheimer's will only live another 4.4 years, according to the study.

Not surprisingly, the older someone was at the time of the diagnosis, the shorter the life expectancy was.

The presence of other medical conditions and more severe Alzheimer's symptoms indicated the likelihood of a shorter life expectancy.

This may not be directly related to Alzheimer's, but the disease may cause indirect consequences that decrease longevity. For example people with the disease are less active, which may predispose them to heart disease or pneumonia. And they're less adaptable, which may make them more prone to falls and injuries.

While it is difficult for families to hear their loved one is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, it is good to understand what the likelihood of survival is when planning for their care. And this information is particularly valuable for letting physicians know what factors influence how long a person might live.

Knowing how long a person might live could help families plan so they can be sure proper support is available.

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Epilepsy Walk Set

Put on your walking shoes, Chicago, and join the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago for the 2004 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk on Saturday, May 15th in Lincoln Park.

This fourth annual 5K (3.1 mile) event, a combined walk and fun run, begins at 9:30 a.m. at Picnic Grove #2, near the south end of Lincoln Park. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. The registration fee is $25 for adults and teens aged 13 and older, and $15 for children ages 7-12. There is no registration fee for children 6 and under. All participants will receive a free 2004 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk T-shirt. Proceeds from the event will help fund epilepsy support and education throughout the Chicago area.

In addition to the Walk, the morning will include group warm-up exercises, children's games, fun with Jellybean the Clown, and a special performance by the Jesse White Tumblers. Complementary drinks and snacks will also be provided for all participants, courtesy of the Walk's refreshment sponsors.

Participants may join the Walk on-line by going to the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's web site at www.epilepsychicago.org and clicking on the "2004 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk" link. From there, individuals can register, build teams and collect donations for their own efforts in just minutes. Registration forms are also available at all Chicago-area Jewel-Osco locations. Participants can sign up in person on the day of the Walk as well.

Lincoln Park is easily accessible by CTA trains and buses. For specific information, call the RTA Travel Information Hotline at 836-7000 from all local area codes or log onto www.transitchicago.com. A limited number of parking spaces are also available in the Lincoln Park Zoo lot on the south end of the Zoo.

The Walk route begins at Lincoln Park's Picnic Grove #2, goes north along the west side of the Lagoon to Fullerton Ave., turns right, then runs south along Lake Shore Drive to Cannon Drive, and back to Picnic Grove #2 for fun and refreshments.

Rummage

The United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th St., is having a rummage sale on Friday, May 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Township Seniors Meet

The Worth Township Senior's next general meeting will be Friday, May 7. The meeting starts at 12:30 and is in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

Dan Sabados will entertain with good old fashioned songs. Refreshments will be served.

For information call (708) 371-2900, Ext. 28.

Signs Of Spring

The first signs of spring can often be found on the forest floor. Spring wildflowers, however, can be seen for a few weeks only. Come explore these ephemerals on a Spring Wildflower Walk, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, on Saturday, May 1st at 10 a.m. at McKinley Woods in Channahon. The walk is free of charge and open to individuals and family groups.

A District naturalist will lead participants on an hour-long hike in search of spring wildflowers and discuss the facts and legends surrounding them.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes or boots and dress for the weather; walks will be held unless threatening weather conditions exist.

McKinley Woods is located on McKinley Rd., south of Route 6 and Bridge Rd. in Channahon.

For information, call (815) 727-8700 weekdays.

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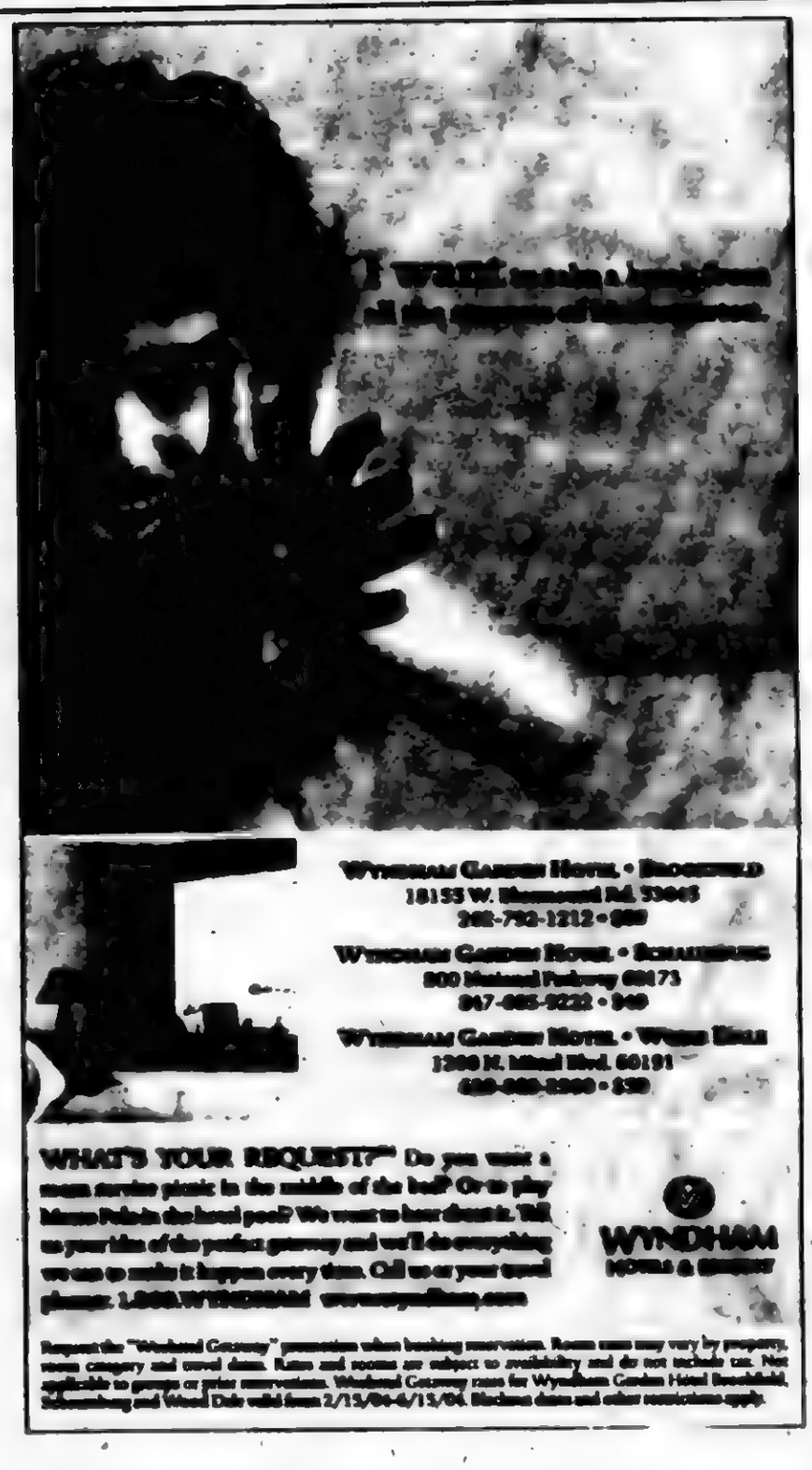

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Programs feature classical, jazz, world, folk, pop, and vocal music concerts, new and classic plays and readings, modern dance performances, art discussions, film screenings, lectures, cultural celebrations, and participatory events for all ages. Regularly scheduled programs include weekday "LunchBreak" concerts and gallery talks, and weekly "Sunday Salon Series" afternoon concerts, among others. Regular building tours are scheduled at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Groups are scheduled at other times by arrangement.

Exhibitions present a wide range of traditional and new media: painting, sculpture, photography, graphics, crafts, architecture and design. A variety of contemporary, historical and cultural offerings include international traveling exhibitions as well as one-person shows by local artists. Several major exhibitions are organized annually by staff of the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs or guest curators. Related lectures, panel discussions, films, symposia and gallery talks are frequently scheduled. Special programs and tours for students are presented.

A monthly calendar of admission-free events is available online at www.chicagoculturalcenter.org.

Railroad Weekends

The Railroad Club of Chicago is sponsoring two summer weekends (May 21st to 23rd, June 18th to 20th) filled with a variety of events for both the beginner and seasoned train enthusiast. These include two evenings of slide shows, two photo trips to so-called train "hot spots" and two all-day excursions to operating railroad museums. Tickets range from $3 to $30, depending upon the event. Information is available by calling (847) 251-2262 or by visiting the club's web site at www.RailCC.org.

The Railroad Club of Chicago is the oldest general interest railroad enthusiast organization in the city, established in 1934, and is celebrating its 70th anniversary by sponsoring these special summer events. There will be an entire evening of slides of the Illinois Central, the "Mainline of Mid-America," followed by one entitled "Midwest Meanderings." Also scheduled are two trips to locations where trains frequently pass (to photograph trains yourself), one day at the "Railroad Park" in Rochelle, IL, and then to the Joliet Union Station. Two excursions to operating museums are planned, one to the Illinois Railway Museum and then to the East Troy Electric Railroad.

If you are unable to make any of these, everyone is welcome to the club's monthly meeting on the third Friday of each month (except July/August) featuring "slide shows of trains from around the world." These begin at 7:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington in Chicago. A $3 donation is requested. A yearly membership for all meetings is $25.

CLASS REUNIONS

. Amundsen High School class of 1974 – 30th reunion – Sept. 4th – Indian Lakes Resort. Call (630) 369-8121.

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Crane Tech Old Timers – 2004 Dinner Reunion – May 19th. Call (847) 564-2694 or (773) 465-5190.

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Daniel Boone Elementary School – 75-Year All-Class Reunion – May 1st – Boone School. Call (773) 534-2160.

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Morgan Park High School – All Alumni Steppers Set – May 1st – 8 p.m. - $10, $12 – IBEW Union Hall, 600 W. Washington. Call (312) 409-2479.

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Curie High School class of 1979 will meet on Sept. 25th. Call (708) 614-7644.

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Gage Park High School class of 1954 will meet on Oct. 8th. Call (708) 349-0908.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1959 to January 1961, will meet on Sept. 18th. Call (708) 352-2952.

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St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991.

Kayhan Kalhor And Ensemble In Admission Free Concert

Following a successful solo concert as part of the inaugural World Music Festival: Chicago 1999, the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs welcomes back Kayhan Kalhor, who will be joined by his ensemble, in an admission-free concert Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. under the grand Tiffany dome in Preston Bradley Hall of the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. The Kayhan Kalhor Ensemble makes its Chicago debut in this concert, which is part of their first U.S. tour and the Chicago Cultural Center Presents series that showcases touring jazz and world music ensembles.

For this program of improvisations, Kayhan Kalhor brings together his own ensemble of brilliant artists from the new generation of Persian classical musicians, including Siamak Jahangiry (ney-flute), Siamak Aghaei (santur-zither), Hamid Khabazi (tar-plucked lute), and Pedram Khaverzamini (tombak-percussion).

Kalhor h as helped popularize Persian music in the West through his numerous recordings, concerts, and work with his groups, the Dastan Ensemble with renowned Iranian vocalist Shahram Nazeri, and his popular India-meets-Iran ensemble. Ghazal, which performed at the Cultural Center in February 2002. He recently collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma's celebrated Silk Road Project and also composed a piece of the Kronos Quartet.

For more information on this free concert, call the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs at (312) 744-6630 or visit the website at www.cityofchicago.org CulturalCenter .

Auditions For "Fools"

Auditions for Neil Simon's comic fable "Fools" will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 3 p.m. at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre. The play is being produced by Heritage Theatre Company (HTC) and will be directed by theatre manager and HTC board member Jo Slowik of Joliet. Auditionees should prepare a one-minute comic monologue, wear comfortable clothes to move in, and be prepared to read from the script.

The HTC production will be staged on the Lewis University outdoor Terrace Stage on June 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. Casting 6 men and 3 women. The plot of "Fools" revolves around a small Russian village that has been cursed with chronic stupidity for 200 years and the new schoolteacher's job is to break the curse. No one tells him that if he stays over 24 hours and fails to break the curse, he will become stupid too!

The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

For more information, call the box office at (815) 836-5500 or check out the HTC web site: www.heritagetheatrecompany.com

Wisconsin Travel Guide

There's so much to see and do in Wisconsin that it takes more than one travel guide to show you. That's why the Wisconsin Department of Tourism is offering two brand new – and free – guides just in time to plan your summer vacation. The *2004 Spring/Summer Event & Recreation Guide* and the *2004-05 Official Wisconsin Travel Guide* will get you started on where to go, what to do, and where to stay on your next trip.

Planning the perfect summer vacation just got easier thanks to the *Spring/Summer Event & Recreation Guide*, which features more than 500 Wisconsin festivals and events. This full-color, 80-page guide highlights more than 20 recreational categories, including ATV trails, birding, brewery and winery tours, guided biking adventures, lighthouse tours, camping, outdoor skills and naturalist programs, canoe rivers, charter sailing and fee fishing.

Not sure where you want to go on your next Wisconsin getaway? Let the *2004-05 Spring/Summer Event & Recreation Guide* be your guide, literally. Color-coded and divided by region, the guide gives you the armchair tour of the entire state with highlights from more than 450 Wisconsin attractions. Eight new destinations, never before featured in the guide, have been added in this most recent edition. As online version of the *Guide*, which looks and acts like its printed cousin, will be offered at travelwisconsin.com by April 1. Using the latest technology, the online version can be perused page-by-page, searched by keyword and easily downloaded, even for those who travel with their laptops.

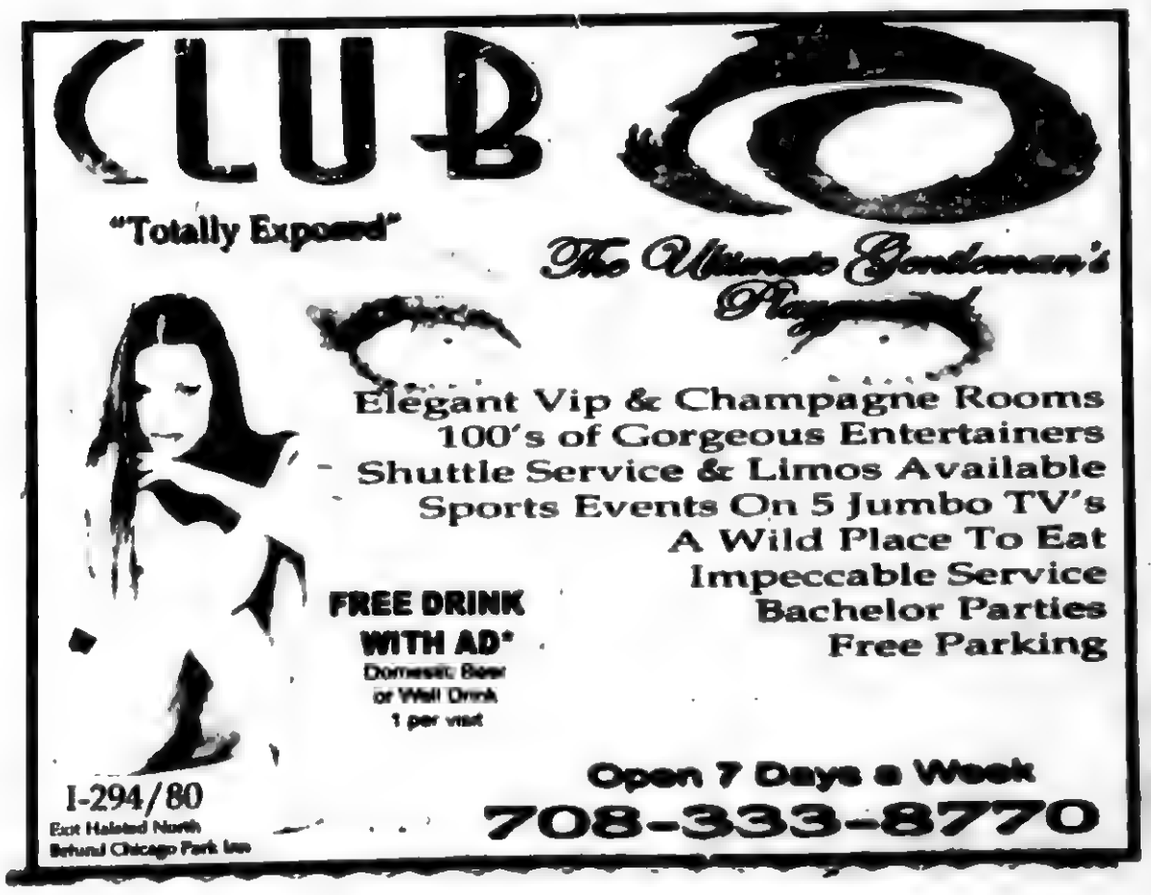
The Wisconsin Department of Tourism also offers free guides on lodging facilities, golf courses, bike trails, arts and craft fairs, historic sites, state parks and more. Publications can be ordered by calling the state's 24-hour, live-operated toll-free number 1-800-432-TRIP/8747, or by visiting travelwisconsin.com. Travelers can also obtain guides and information at any one of the 10 Wisconsin Travel Information Centers located in select state-border cities.

The Palos Village Players will present a different format for their Spring production. Instead of doing one play they have chosen to do a One Act Buffet, five one-acts in varying styles by five different playwrights. They will be presented at 8 p.m. on April 30 and May 1, 7 & 8 and at 2 p.m. on May 1 in the Palos Park Recreation Center, 8600 W. 123rd St.

The plays are: "The Happy Journey" by Thornton Wilder, featuring Gina Dunn of Burbank, Holly Rush and Marie Whitney of Orland Park, David Branigan of Palos Park and Chris Demian of Tinley Park; "The Ugly Duckling" by A.A. Milne with Rubiks of Burbank, Christine Beauregard of Evergreen Park, Holly Rush and Dave Rodriguez of Orland Park, Peg Crawford of Palos Heights, Chris Demian and Bruce Frederick of Tinley Park; "Sorry, Wrong Number" by Louise Fletcher with Wally Roche of Chicago, Terese Griffin of Lemont, Gary Felicetti, Marie Murray, Dave Rodriguez, Lori Rubino, and June Ryl-Kuchar of Orland Park and Lucy Mahoney of Worth; "A Marriage Proposal" by Anton Chekhov featuring Rick Balker of Chicago, and Bob Szczepanski and Mary Tuminello of Orland Park; and "Joey Boy" by Ken Dashow with Rubiks, Laura Wolframski of Chicago, Dorothy Zmich of Oak Lawn, and Charles Erickson of Tinley Park. Steve Bell of Evergreen Park is the director and Peg Crawford of Palos Heights is the producer.

Tickets are $12, $10 for students and seniors. There is also a $20 Theater/Brunch package at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road on Sunday, May 1. Call Hackney's at (708) 448-8300 for brunch reservations. All other reservations call (708) 479-3262.

Pictured left to right are Chris Demian, Bruce Frederick, and Christine Beauregard.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

GSU Presents A Timeless Tale

ArtsPower National Touring Theatre brings Watty Piper's timeless tale, *The Little Engine That Could Earns Her Whistle*, to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, May 1st at 11 a.m. This inspiring tale about hard work, determination and the meaning of true friendship caps The Center's 2003-04 "Especially for Kids" series.

Adapted for the stage by Richad DeRosa (composer) and Chicago's Greg Gunning (playwright, lyricist, director), ArtsPower's *The Little Engine That Could Earns Her Whistle* is an inspiring, feel-good musical that tells the uplifting story of an ordinary train that performs an extraordinary feat of strength and courage. The story follows the adventures of the Little Blue Engine, who dreams of some day pulling the Toy Town Express just like her best friend Rusty. Blue seems too small to make it up the big hill. But in a twist of fate, Blue suddenly finds the future of the Toy Town Express depending solely on her and, in the musical's stirring conclusion, she goes from "I think I can, I think I can" to a triumphant "I thought I could, I thought I could!" The cast for this performance includes Paul Fiteni (Silver), Nova Jimenez (Blue), Jenn Kelly (Red) and Kathleen Stuart (Gold/Rusty).

Tickets are $8. This special Saturday morning series allows parents to share a show with their children. For ticket information, or information about party rooms for before or after the show, call (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center. Parking is free.

Mrs. Illinois Search

Marcie Aceto, the Illinois Director of the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant system announced that the search is still on for Mrs. Illinois. Once selected, the community representative will then advance on to compete in the Mrs. Illinois America Pageant held this year in the beautiful Hemmens Theatre, in Elgin on May 27th and 28th. Contestants will compete to win thousands in prizes, one of which includes a paid trip for 15 days to Palm Springs, California to compete for Mrs. America, at the Magnificent Riviera Resort.

Interested applicants must live or work in the Illinois area, must be married during the time of competition, a resident of the state for at least six months, a U.S. Citizen and be at least 18 years old. There is no age limit or performing talent.

In it's 28th year, the Mrs. America Pageant is the major beauty competition dedicated to recognizing the one person who contributes so much to modern family life, America's Married Woman. While beauty is a key element in the competition, Mrs. Illinois contestants are also urged to voice their opinions on marriage and important issues of the day.

Prospective contestants can request and receive free entry information by contacting Karen at (630) 325-5509.

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Return Of Tatsu Aoki

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) presents the return of Tatsu Aoki for a rare concert featuring his own compositions. The prolific string bass musician performs with taiko drummers Hide Yoshihashi, Amy Homma and Ryan Toguri. The concert takes place on Saturday, May 1st at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a composer talk at 6:30. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased by calling the MCA box office at (312) 297-4010 or going to www.mcachicago.org. This event takes place at the Museum of Contemporary Art Theater, 220 E. Chicago Ave.

Read Soul Of A Citizen

The entire Roosevelt University community – students, faculty, administrators and staff – is being encouraged to participate in a One Book, One University campaign by reading Paul Loeb's *Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in a Cynical Time* in time for an April 29th discussion being led by Loeb.

"There is a pervasive sentiment among people today that nothing is going to change – no matter what is done," said Heather Dalmage, director of the university's Mansfield Institute for Social Justice, which is sponsoring the campaign and book discussion. "In order to make a difference, we must overcome our cynicism."

About 500 Roosevelt community members, including students from as many as eight different classes, are expected to read *Soul of a Citizen*, which challenges all Americans to find hope for creating change in overly cynical times.

A discussion on the book will be led by the book's author, Paul Loeb, who is this year's Mansfield lecturer, at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29th in the university's second-floor Congress Lounge, 430 S. Michigan Ave. The public is invited to attend.

"We want this book to be a conversation starter and place from which we can begin to affect change," said Dalmage.

Loeb is an associate scholar at Seattle's Center for Ethical Leadership, and is the author of *Generation at the Crossroads, Hope in Hard Times* and *Nuclear Culture*. He also comments regularly in the media on social involvement.

"We are challenging people to read this book and join us," said Dalmage. "All of us need to know we can make a difference. We have the ability to create change."

For more information, call (312) 341-2150.

Illinois State Fair Mega Passes Are Available

The Illinois State Fair is offering fairgoers an opportunity to enjoy all the thrills of the carnival midway at a great price.

"Our State Fair offers something for everyone and certainly the carnival midway is one of the most exciting areas on the grounds," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "The Mega Pass is a great value and we want to be able to provide families a savings as they enjoy the midway rides."

The State Fair Mega Pass is available for $50 through Monday, May 31. On June 1, the price will increase to $60 and may be purchased through the run of the Fair. Passes are not valid for admission to the fairgrounds or rides on the Skyglider and Giant Slide.

Mega Passes may be purchased at the Emmerson Building, located on Main Street north of Ethnic Village. Office hours are weekdays, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is (217) 782-0775. Mail order forms also are available on the Illinois State Fair website at www.illinoisstatefair.info.

The 2004 Illinois State Fair runs August 13-22 in Springfield.

Ballroom Dancing At Willowbrook

Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave., is offering a special ballroom dance called "A Rare Saturday Evening" from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 1st. The popular Teddy Lee Orchestra will provide the best in ballroom dance music.

Typically, Willowbrook Ballroom books wedding receptions and private parties on Saturday nights, so it is rare to have an opening. Birute Jodwalis, owner of the ballroom, made the decision to use this "rare Saturday evening" for the scores of ballroom dancers from Chicago and its suburbs.

There will be live music, no lessons, just dance, dance, dance.

Attire at "A Rare Saturday Evening" is jackets for men, tie optional. Ladies are encouraged to wear dressy casual to ball gowns and all fashions in between.

Admission is $15 per person. For more information, call (708) 839-1000 or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

MVCC Presents "Tommy"

Moraine Valley's Academic Theater will present the story of "the deaf, dumb and blind kid" as he transforms from young boy to pinball wizard to pop-sensation in a reproduction of The Who's conceptual rock opera "Tommy" from April 23rd to 25th. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 25th at 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

In 1969, the legendary British rock band, The Who, recorded the original rock opera "Tommy." In 1975 the album was made into a movie starring band members alongside the likes of Eric Clapton, Elton John, Ann Margaret, Jack Nicholson and Tina Turner. "Tommy" tells the story of a boy rendered deaf, dumb and blind by the sight of his father's murder. His psychedelic journey through a maze of abusive relatives and strange cures eventually leads to enlightenment and sainthood. Most recently "Tommy" has become a Broadway hit. The rock score is composed of some of The Who's most memorable songs: *I'm Free, Acid Queen, Pinball Wizard* and many more. Guitarist Pete Townsend wrote music and lyrics for the production and also helped write the book with the help of director/producer Des McAnuff. The stage version includes additional music by drummer Keith Moon and late bassist John Entwistle.

Dr. Craig Rosen, program coordinator of Academic Theater and assistant professor of theater at Moraine Valley, is directing the Moraine Valley production. For more information or tickets, call the Moraine Valley box office at (708) 974-5500.

Appearing At The Carraig

Pat Daly and Sounds of Green will be appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub set in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., on Friday, April 23rd at 9:30 p.m. Bluestack will appear on Saturday, April 24th at 10 p.m. There is no cover charge for either evening.

"THE CORNER"

YOUR Favorite Recipe and/or Helpful Hints

SAVORY CRESCENT CHICKEN SQUARES

4 sandwiches

Preheated 350° oven *Baking sheet* *Prep Time 30 minutes*

- 1 package (3oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 3 TBSP. butter or margarine, melted
- 2 cups cooked, cubed chicken, OR 2 cans (5oz.) boned chicken
- 1/4 TSP. salt
- 1/8 TSP. pepper
- 2 TBSP. milk
- 1 TBSP. chopped chives or onion
- 1 TBSP. chopped pimento (optional)
- 1 can (8oz.) Pillsbury Refrigerated Quick Crescent or Italian Flavor Crescent Dinner Rolls

In medium bowl, blend cream cheese and 2 tablespoons of the butter until smooth. Add chicken, salt, pepper, milk, onion and pimento; mix well. Separate crescent dough into 4 rectangles; firmly press perforations to seal. Spoon 1/2 cup mixture onto center of each rectangle. Pull 4 corners of dough to top center of chicken mixture, twist slightly and seal edges. Brush tops with remaining 1 tablespoon butter; dip in crouton crumbs. Place on baking sheet and bake 20 or 25 minutes, until golden brown. Refrigerate any leftovers.

EASY BAKED BEANS

- One 1 lb. can (2 cups) Pork & Beans
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 3 TBSP. chopped onion
- 2 TBSP. chopped green pepper
- 1/2 TSP. salt
- 3 slices of bacon, cut in 1 in. pieces

In a quart casserole, combine all ingredients. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 min.

If brown sugar gets lumpy put an apple wedge in package and microwave on high for 20 seconds.

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An estimated 70 million people in the United States suffer from sleep problems. A good night's sleep is invaluable in this day and age. Although millions of people in this country suffer from sleep disorders, most don't recognize the symptoms and fewer realize they can be successfully treated.

How do you know if you or a family member has a sleep disorder? Often a disorder is first recognized by a spouse or other family member. Here are some typical symptoms: loud snoring; difficulty falling asleep or remaining asleep; restless legs before falling to sleep or remaining asleep; restless legs before sleep or jerking during sleep; excessive daytime sleepiness or fatigue; difficulty breathing or choking or gasping during sleep; sleepwalking, night terrors, sleep paralysis, sleep seizures or other unusual behavior during sleep; and irregular sleep/wake patterns.

Treatment usually involves a 30 to 60-minute evaluation and if recommended, the patient then undergoes a more detailed sleep study. Sleep pattern testing is performed in the comfort of a bedroom environment. Sleep evaluations and studies are covered by most insurance, particularly with referrals from primary care doctors. Accessible scheduling and prompt review of reports results in speedy diagnosis and treatment of the problem.

When a good night's sleep, yours or your spouses, is the exception rather than the rule, relax and rest easy! Call the professionals at Little Company of Mary Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center at (708) 424-9288.

Pictured: Lead Sleep Technician Paulette Swierck, R.S.P.T., observes a patient's sleeping habits in the control room of Little Company of Mary Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center.

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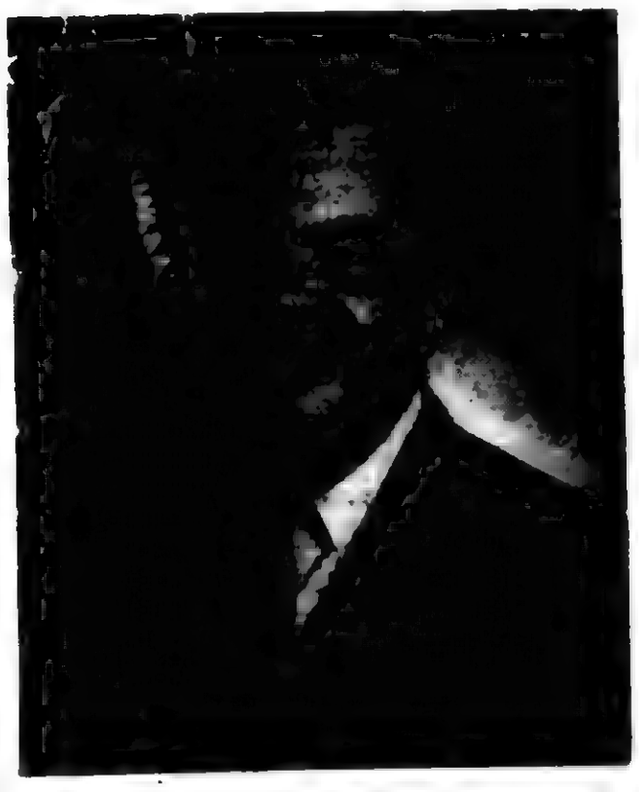

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People And Pets

In honor of "Be Kind to Animals Week, the City of Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control (ACC) is hosting the "People & Pets" exhibit including special events from May 1st to 8th at Chicago Animal Care and Control, 2741 S. Western Ave. in Chicago, each day between noon and 7 p.m.

Animal lovers will be able to explore the unique relationship between humans and companion animals. Topics include the human/animal bond, responsible pet ownership and other interesting companion animal subjects. Participants are also given the opportunity to visit Chicago's homeless animals at Illinois' largest animal shelter – and maybe take a new pet home.

The kickoff is at noon on Saturday, May 1st. Internationally known animal behaviorist and trainer, Dennis Hill (as seen on WTTW's "One Dog at a Time"), will demonstrate his unique method of dog training and talk about how to empower rather than overpower your dog. He also will personally autograph copies of his books and videos.

On Sunday, May 2nd at noon, Chicago's very own "Animal Cops," members of the Chicago Police Department's Animal Abuse Control Team, will discuss how they combat dog fighting and other animal abuses.

Starting at noon on Saturday, May 8th is "Animal Career Day" at which participants can learn about career opportunities in helping animals.

Guided tours of the facility are available each day during the exhibit.

"Chicago is pleased to host this event," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "Education and awareness are the cornerstones of healthy, happy relationships between humans and animals."

Chicago Animal Care and Control operates 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The shelter provides veterinary care, fresh food, clean water and shelter to more than 26,000 lost, stray, injured, abused, sick and unwanted animals – more than any other shelter or adoption facility in Illinois. Because so many adoptable pets come to ACC each day, it is a continuous challenge to find homes for the pets and save them from euthanasia.

"We invite Chicago animal lovers to join us in celebrating the wonderful bond between humans and animals," said Nikki Proutsos, executive director of ACC. "We also want to increase public awareness of the opportunity to adopt animals through the city in hopes of reducing the amount of unwanted and homeless animals in Chicago."

Otte On State Council

Mike Otte, Director of Elim Christian School (a division of Elim Christian Services), has been appointed to the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities, founded by federal mandate in order to advise the Illinois State Board of Education on policies and regulations regarding educating children with disabilities.

Otte was appointed to a four-year term following a recommendation by Sen. Emil Jones. His appointment to the Advisory Council was also approved by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich. During his term, Otte will attend several full council meetings each year as well as serving on two specialized committees.

Otte will represent Illinois' private schools for those with disabilities. Composed of 27 members, the council addresses the educational needs of hundreds of thousands of children with special needs in public and nonpublic special education programs.

When asked what he hopes to add to the Council, Otte said, "My first responsibility is to be an advocate for children with disabilities in Illinois. I also will be examining upcoming rules, regulations and laws from a private provider perspective. I need to be an advocate for disabled students who will thrive in a private school like Elim. I will work to ensure that the voice of private schools is heard and that the programs of private schools are regarded as an important part of educating those with disabilities."

Rookery Opens Soon

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, one of the premier rookeries (a breeding place for birds) in northeastern Illinois, will open for the season on Saturday, May 1st. The rookery, owned and managed by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and every Wednesday at 10 a.m. through the middle of August.

Five species of birds, including the state threatened black-crowned night heron, nest on islands in the middle of the lake. Public programs are provided by Will County Audubon volunteers, who talk about the history of the rookery and the birds that nest there. Viewing scopes put visitors right on the islands.

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve is located on Renwick Rd., 0.5 mile east of Route 30 (Plainfield Rd.) in Plainfield.

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Madigan's New Web Site

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced her office has redesigned the Attorney General's official Web site – complete with an easy-to-remember URL – to increase public access to the more than 1,000 pages of information her office provides online.

Visitors to Madigan's new Web site should notice a significant change. The new site indexes the wide array of information and documents available through the office into commonsense categories. This new way of organizing the site content is user-friendly for both first-time and frequent visitors.

Madigan also unveiled new content along with the redesign. Madigan's site now features MethNet, a detailed section of the site that outlines laws, penalties and initiatives related to methamphetamine production and use. Illinois law enforcement and residents are encouraged to browse MethNet at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/methnt/index.html.

Other additions include a new Teen Dating Online Resource Kit designed to help parents, teachers and teens learn and talk about teen dating violence. The kit can be found online at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/communities/youthadvocacy/teendate.html.

"No one wants to wade through page after page of unrelated documents," Madigan said. "Whether you are a farmer looking to prevent supplies from being stolen to make meth or a parent concerned with how to recognize if your teenager is being abused by her boyfriend, you can now easily access useful information at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov."

Madigan said one example of the wide variety of content on the site is the recently developed and posted model ordinance drafted to assist local governments and school districts to meet the requirements of the new ethics laws. The model ordinance can be accessed by clicking on www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/government/ethics/ordinance.html.

The site also includes detailed descriptions of the laws protecting veterans, a directory of pro bono legal service providers and a directory of domestic violence and sexual assault service providers.

Madigan's Web team will continue to improve usability on the site and develop advanced search and site maps. In addition, Madigan's staff continues to translate the site contents into various languages. From the home page, a large number of documents currently are available in Spanish, with others available in Polish, Korean and Chinese.

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Marist RedHawks

The Marist High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Don Skelly, Dominic Altobelli, Matt Mahay, Mike Geraci, Bob Denton, Kevin Cotter, Tom Bastien, Kevin Zintak, Sean Murphy, Brett Newsome, Jeremy Zintak, Don Higgins, Pat Hogan, Chris Ehlers, Mark Vitaliano, Matt Hagar, Kyle Matkaitis, Kyle Zilis, Bo Garman, Don Kiedrow, Jake Sobcak, Kevin O'Connell and Kevin Wyman. Head Coach is Joel Jonas with Assistant Coaches Marty Reppolo, Joe Inzinga and Tom Fabrizio. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Joel Jonas

RedHawks Recognize Potential Expect Post Season Play

Conference: East Suburban Catholic
School Colors: Red/White/Gold
Nickname: Marist RedHawks
Class: 2A

As Joel Jonas enters his fifth season as head coach of the Marist RedHawks, he expects his seniors to exhibit the leadership and smart play that a championship club must possess.

"I've challenged this team, particularly the seniors to lead by example...to support each other...and be prepared for any game situation," said Jonas.

The RedHawks lost several fine players from last year's squad. The two most glaring losses were Florida Marlins' draft pick J.T. Restko (.439 B.A., .720 slugging pct., 36 RBI's, 6 HR's) and George Fear (.479 B.A., .702 slugging pct., 40 RBI's, 4 HR's). Both Restko and Fear were first team All-Area performers. Additional contributors included pitchers Adam Altobelli, Dan Kolodziej, A.J. Hajcuk and outfielders Matt Brannigan, Dane Parker and Mark Sundh. All of these guys will be missed.

The top returning players for Marist include: senior left-handed pitcher Bo Garman (5'9", 165), who was 6-1 last season. Fellow senior pitchers expected to log significant innings are Kyle Zilis (6', 175), Chris Ehlers (6', 170), Matt Hagar (5'9", 155) and starting first baseman Brett Newsome (6', 190) in relief. Look for junior hurlers Tom Bastien (5'10", 160), Kyle Matkaitis (6'1", 175) and Don Kiedrow (6', 175) to contribute.

The infield should be comprised of Newsome (1B), senior Kevin Cotter (2nd, 5'8", 145), junior Dominic Altobelli (SS, 5'11", 165) and senior Kevin Zintak (3B, 6'3"250). Seniors Jeremy Zintak (6'4", 200) and Matt Mahay (5'9, 160) and junior Don Skelly (5'8", 170) have locked up the outfield.

Last season the RedHawks struggled to find a pitching rotation that could keep the club from having to come from behind way too often. This season Coach Jonas believes that his rotation is sound and there are enough strong arms to complete the RedHawks demanding schedule. This club will hit and play sound defense. Hopefully they will get the pitching they need.

MARIST REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
24	St. Viator (DH)	H	10:00 am
26	Marian	A	4:30 pm
27	Sandburg	A	4:30 pm
28	Marian	H	4:30 pm
MAY			
1	St. Patrick (DH)	H	10:00 am
3	JCA	A	4:30 pm
5	JCA	H	4:30 pm
8	Carmel (DH)	H	10:00 am
10	Benet	A	4:30
12	Benet	H	4:30
13	St. Laurence	H	7:00
15	Notre Dame (DH)	A	10:00
18	Mt. Carmel	H	7:00
19	St. Rita	H	4:30
21	Andrew	A	4:30

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Mike Zunica

Mustangs Hope To Maintain Momentum...Looking Downstate

Nickname: St. Rita Mustangs
Class: 2A
Conference: Catholic League North
School Colors: Blue/Red

Head coach Mike Zunica is convinced that he has the right formula for winning games this season. Zunica's Mustangs always feature good pitching and solid defense. His players are fundamentally sound and always prepared to play. Twenty-six victories highlighted the 2003 campaign and this year's squad looks to be stronger. The Mustangs return six starters from their second consecutive regional championship last year. This recipe for success is the stuff of which Catholic League Champions are made. This season Zunica feels his team "could be better than last year. We have an outstanding junior class that compliments our seniors. We are stronger one-thru-nine than we've ever been since I've been here." He continued "we're strong up the middle, an excellent defensive infield and a catcher who can throw out runners on the bases. If our pitchers throw strikes, we'll win."

The Mustangs pitching staff is deep. The starting rotation is led by junior lefty Ryne White (5 ft. 11, 175). White earned all-conference honors as a sophomore. Seniors Bob Gleich (6 ft., 190) and Brian Jennings (5 ft., 11, 170), both right handers and junior Brett Kribs (5 ft. 9, 145) complete the starting corps.

The infield is anchored by junior shortstop Tim Marzec (5 ft. 11, 175). Marzec also earned all-conference honors last season. Junior third baseman Robbie Cummings (6 ft., 160) and first basemen Gleich or White will strengthen the infield. Three second basemen, juniors Bill Heaney (5 ft. 10, 160), Mike Shanahan (5 ft. 9, 165) and sophomore Dominic Raymond (6 ft., 170) are competing for innings. Junior catcher Greg Versich (6 ft., 180) has a great arm and a solid game behind the plate. The outfield includes senior Dennis Maderak (6 ft., 165) in centerfield and junior Mike Kafka (6 ft., 150) in right. A variety of players are fighting it out for the final outfield position.

Coach Zunica stated that several of his players play multiple positions, giving him the added flexibility of a number of offensive or defensive looks. "We may rotate some new guys in as the need arises, so we can get them valuable game experience."

The Mustangs look to have the right blend to secure another conference championship this year. As long as they stay healthy, they should have a big year

ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	St. Ignatius	H	4:30 pm
24	Gordon Tech (DH)	H	11:00 am
26	Mt. Carmel	H	4:30 pm
28	Fenwick	H	4:30 pm
MAY			
1	Holy Cross (DH)	H	11:00 am
3	Providence	A	4:30 pm
5	Leo	H	4:30 pm
6	St. Francis de Sales	A	4:30 pm
8	Loyola Academy (DH)	H	11:00 am
12	St. Laurence	A	4:30 pm
15	Brother Rice (DH)	H	11:00 am
17	St. Francis de Sales	H	4:30 pm
19	Marist	A	7:00 pm
TBA	De La Salle	A	3:00 pm
22	TF South	H	11:00 am
27	Benet Academy	A	TBA

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EVERGREEN PARK MUSTANGS

The Evergreen Park High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Anthony Capizzi, Nicholas Cardona, Brian Conover, Kevin Corley, Martin Dertz, James Doherty, Scott Durco, Justin Hooker, Tony Knight, Matt Krebs, Edward Lambrecht, John Masterson, Mike Murphy, Daniel Neal, Jim O'Toole, Julio Velez, Phillip Viggiani and Jason Zemke. Head Coach is Mark Smyth. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Mark Smyth

Mustangs Continue To Improve Look For Conference Crown

Nickname: Mustangs
Class: 2A
Conference: Suburban Prairie White
School Colors: Green/Gray

Varsity head coach Mark Smyth enters his fourth season at the helm of a Mustang squad that won 13 games last season (13-15). Coach Smyth hopes to rebuild his club by injecting a blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm from last year's conference championship sophomore team. With five seniors returning, and 12 juniors and one freshman added to the mix, Smyth has a big job ahead of him.

There are some gaping holes to fill with the graduation of three year starters Jim Adduci (1B/OF) and Bob Elgersma (SS). Adduci had back-to-back exceptional seasons averaging .546 hitting. The All-Conference standout is now playing at Northern Illinois University. The absence of Sam Rizzo (P/OF), Ryan Van Puyen (C) and Tony Stazzone (P) also will be felt.

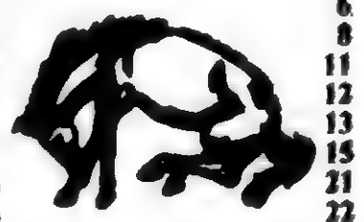
Smyth cites four senior starters from a year ago as the heart of his club. Kevin Corley (1B), James Doherty (OF), Justin Hooker (C) and Edward Lambrecht (P) have exhibited excellent leadership. Fellow senior Jason Zemke (1B) will also offer help in a reserve role. Five juniors who will be expected to come through immediately are: Nicolas Cardona (P/OF), Anthony Capizzi (SS/P), Daniel Neal (P/OF), Jim O'Toole (P) and John Masterson (OF). The bench is strengthened by Brian Conover, Martin Dertz, Tony Knight, Matt Krebs, Mike Murphy, Julio Velez, Phillip Viggiani and freshman Scott Durco.

According to Coach Smyth "our strength should be our offense. We should be solid throughout the batting order. We know we can score runs. We have to play team defense and our pitching needs to give us quality innings."

"We play in a very competitive conference. We need all our players to step up, particularly our juniors. Our future looks promising."

EVERGREEN PARK REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Ridgewood	A	4:45 pm
24	Richards (DH)	A	11:00 am
27	Fenton	H	4:45 pm
28	Fenton	A	4:45 pm
29	Fenton	H	4:45 pm
MAY			
3	Stagg	A	4:45 pm
4	Riverside-Brookfield	A	4:30 pm
5	Riverside-Brookfield	H	4:30 pm
6	Riverside-Brookfield	A	4:45 pm
8	Reavis	A	11:00 am
11	Westmont	H	4:45 pm
12	Westmont	A	4:45 pm
13	Westmont	H	4:45 pm
15	Bremen (DH)	H	10:00 am
21	Tinley Park	H	4:30 pm
22	Yorkville (DH)	A	10:00 am



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H.L. RICHARDS BULLDOGS

The Richards High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Kyle Bergman, Joe Carden, Jason Coronado, Kurt Dietrick, Bryan Druktenis, Eric Erickson, Jonathan Guzzo, Dan Heimerdinger, Bob Holland, Brad Kehoe, Rick Kehoe, Jeff Minarik, Brian Smith, Dan Szczecinski, Josh Treccani, Kyle Treglown, Mike Vulyak and Matt Whitney. Coaches are Brian Wujcik, Joe Mendez, Kevin Quinn and Jeff Kortz. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Brian Wujcik

Beware Of The Bulldogs They're Hungry

Nickname: Richards Bulldogs
Class: 2A
Conference: SICA North
School Colors: Old Gold/White

Head coach Brian Wujcik has spent 12 years grooming baseball players at Richards High School so he should know when he has a good feeling about a team. Wujcik has nurtured his program into one of the most successful in this area. He gets some fine athletes and he surrounds them with others who are willing to sacrifice and improve their skills. Last season's 23-12 record was good...but not necessarily satisfying for the coach or his team. "Last season we peaked too soon. We were 16-4 early and then let our momentum slip away. We don't want that to happen again," Wujcik said.

The Bulldogs lost some fine players to graduation. Gone are hurlers Mike Dragosavich, Mark Erickson, Peter Miller and Kris Stuhlmiller as well as infielders Tim Kamin and John Tiffy. These young men contributed substantially to their classes achieving 20 plus win seasons throughout their varsity years.

Coach Wujcik is fortunate to welcome back nine senior veterans who have plenty of experience. The 'Dog's #1 returning senior pitcher/hitter Brian Smith (posted junior stats that were exceptional as two time all-conference selection). Smith recorded 10 victories against one loss, including nine complete games. His 1.86 ERA showed his dominance. Offensively, Smith batted .500, had 39 RBIs, 6 HRS and a slugging percentage of .814. Smith is headed to Northern Illinois University next fall. Joining Smith is another two-time conference selection Bryan Druktenis, The senior outfielder hit .405, including 45 hits, 37 RBIs and 11 steals. Fellow senior out-fielder Dan Szczecinski (second team all-conference) hit .388 with 30 RBIs and a .577 slugging percentage. Add senior pitcher/outfielder J.R. Guzzo (.356, 26 RBIS), another all-conference player. Fellow seniors, catcher Kurt Dietrick, shortstop Kyle Bergman, third baseman/pitcher Joe Carden and reserves Josh Treccani and Mike Vulyak to the list of steady veterans.

"Depending on who we have on the mound, we could start eight veteran seniors," said Wujcik.

Wujcik believes that his pitching staff of Smith, Guzzo, Carden and Szczecinski from the strongest group he's coached because of their experience.

A fourth regional championship appearance since 1997 and a seventh straight 20 win season is definitely a possibility for the Bulldogs.

RICHARDS REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	T.F. North	H	4:30 pm
24	Evergreen Park	H	11:00 am
26	Stagg	H	4:30 pm
27	Reavis	H	4:15 pm
29	Reavis	A	4:15 pm
MAY			
1	Sandburg (DH)	H	11:00 am
3	Argo	A	4:15 pm
5	Argo	H	4:15 pm
6	Oak Lawn	H	4:15 pm
8	Lincoln-Way East (DH)	H	11:00 am
11	Oak Lawn	A	6:30 pm
13	Bolingbrook	A	4:30 pm
15	Shepard (DH)	H	11:00 am
17	Bolingbrook	H	4:30 pm
19	Romeoville	H	4:30 pm
21	Romeoville	A	4:30 pm

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The Oak Forest High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Kevin Bajer, Dan Brown, Dave Foss, Dave Going, Dave Gonzalez, Kris Homerding, Jason Hospes, Joe Infantino, Josh Johnson, Mike Klimson, Don Larkin, Dave Norkus, Joe Rose, Rob Strale, T.J. Szafranski, Tim Vickers and Gary Zeleznak. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

OAK FOREST REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Bremen	H	4:30 pm
23-24	Lincoln Tournament	A	TBA
26	Hillcrest	A	4:30 pm
28	Hillcrest	H	4:30 pm
30	Tinley Park	H	4:30 pm
MAY			
1	Thornwood (DH)	A	11:00 am
4	Tinley Park	A	4:15
6	Tinley Park	H	[illegible]
8	Bolingbrook (DH)	A	[illegible]
10	Eisenhower	A	[illegible]
15	Vernon Hills (DH)	A	[illegible]
18	T.F. North	H	[illegible]
20	T.F. North	A	[illegible]
22	Lincoln-Way Central (DH)	H	[illegible]

Ron Czarnecki

Beware Of The Bengals They're On The Way Back

Nickname: Oak Forest Bengals
Class: 2A
Conference: SICA Central
School Colors: Black/Gold

Oak Forest Bengals' head coach Ron Czarnecki returns for his second year as the Bengal program continues to improve. Czarnecki understands that the Oak Forest faithful expect excellence and last season's 19 victories were certainly appreciated. His returning 17-man squad includes 10 seniors, six juniors and one sophomore. While the squad might look a bit lean at first glance, they return several key players.

Two time All-Conference senior catcher Josh Johnson returns to anchor the pitching staff. The 5'10", 185 lb. Johnson has the skills and energy to get the pitching staff to reach their potential. Three senior and two junior pitchers are expected to carry the load for the Bengals. Dave Foss (6'2", 210), Joe Infantino (6'1"165) and Joe Rose (6'3", 170) along with juniors Mike Klimson (6',185) and Kris Homerding (5'9", 150) are in Coach Czarnecki's stable. Fellow senior shortstop Don Larkin (5'11", 165) and second baseman Gary Zeleznak (5'9", 175) will strengthen the middle infield game. Zeleznak was an all conference player as a junior. Last fall Larkin was selected as the SICA Central's Offensive Player of the Year as the Bengals starting quarterback. Other seniors that are expected to contribute include Kevin Bajer (6'1", 165, OF), Dave Gonzalez (5'6", 140, OF), Jason Hospes (5'10", 155, OF) and T.J. Szafranski (5'10", 180, 3B/2B). Juniors Dan Brown (5'11", 180, OF), Dave Going (5'7", 140, OF), Mike Klimson (6', 185, P/1B), Rob Strale (6'1", 155, 3B/SS), Tim Vickers (5'11", 150, 2B) and sophomore Dave Norkus (5'10", 170, P/1B) are going to secure playing time.

Coach Czarnecki feels confident that he has enough talent to compete in the SICA Central. They do need their senior leaders to exhibit the kind of work ethic and attitude that the underclassmen can emulate. The Bengals are always a good, fundamental team to watch and if their pitching can come through they may be hammering on that 20 win door.

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BREMEN BRAVES

The Bremen High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Bernard Jackson, Matt Jesse, Alan Landini, Eric Young, Hinton Huckabee, Joe Doesburg, Stan Marek, Nick Woike, Bill Holeman, Tom McDowell, Ken Schroeder, Joe Fuentes, Mike Eifel, Eric Bricker, Matt Yuris, Brett Miller, Dave Goldberg and Mike Oleshko. Head Coach is Brad Esposito; Assistant Coaches are Bill Flood, Mike cline and Bob Eifel. (Photo by Pat Lorenze)

Brad Esposito

Braves Welcome New Coach And He Likes What He Sees

Nickname: Bremen Braves
Class: 2A
Conference: SICA Central
Colors: Red/Gray

The SICA Central Conference is year in and year out one of the toughest in the Chicagoland area. Normally the conference champion and runners-up have to prove both their talent and enjoy some good luck.

The Bremen Braves, under the guidance of former De La Salle coach Brad Esposito, look eager to accept the challenge. In his first year at Bremen, Coach Esposito welcomes back seven seniors, eight juniors and three sophomores to the Varsity squad. The Braves, who won their first regional title since '84 last year, did lose a number of veteran players to graduation. However, Esposito feels that he has enough veteran leadership, especially in senior captain Mike Eifel (C/P/IF) to get his club back in the winner's circle. Eifel, a transfer from De La Salle, hit .357 last year, exhibits the kind of power that scouts look for in a player. He also can throw from behind the plate to second base consistently at 2.0, according to his coach.

Top players of the Braves include seniors Eifel, Joe Doesburg (OF) and Matt Jesse (P/IF). Junior Eric Bricker (C/IF/P) and sophomores Alan Landini (IF/P), Hinton Huckabee (IF) and Brett Miller (OF) are expected to lead the way for the Braves. Additional strength should come from seniors Bernard Jackson (OF/P), Nick Woike (IF/P), Bill Holeman (IF) and Tom McDowell (OF). Juniors Eric Young (IF), Stan Marek (OF/P), Ken Schroeder (IF), Joe Fuentes (OF), Mike Oleshko (OF/P), Mattt Yuris (IF/C/OF) and Dave Goldberg (IF).

According to Coach Esposito, the Braves "should be strong up the middle. We have to have pitching. Our seniors have to lead by example and our team has to execute sound fundamentals baseball."

The Braves are a talented club that needs to mature quickly if they plan to repeat as regional champs.

BREMEN REMAINING GAMES

APRIL				6	T.F. North	A	[illegible]
22	Oak Forest	H	4:30 am	10	T.F. North	H	[illegible]
23	Rich East	H	4:30 am	13	Hillcrest	A	[illegible]
24	Rich South	H	11:00 am	14	Hillcrest	A	[illegible]
26	Tinley Park	H	4:30 pm	15	Evergreen Park	A	[illegible]
27	St. Francis De Sales	A	4:00 pm	18	T.F. South	A	[illegible]
28	Tinley Park	A	4:15 pm	20	T.F. South	H	[illegible]
MAY				22	Bradley/Bourbonnais	H	[illegible]
1	Homewood Flossmoor	A	11:00 am				

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SHEPARD ASTROS

The Shepard High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Phil Babich, Ramie Hamdan, Ricky Innocenti, Jeff Ithal, Nick Kimmer, Jason Koller, Jeff Molenhouse, Shawn Neubauer, Brian Paliga, Justin Peters, Pat Rathburn, Don Selby, Eric Spongberg, Mike Storrs, Jim VanSyckle, Adam Werner, Ken Weytkow, and Kevin Wilson. Head Coach is Frank DiFoggio, assistant by Tom Arroyo, Jim Benes and Glenn Labedz. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

SHEPARD REMAINING GAMES

APRIL				5	Thornton	H	4:30
22	Oak Lawn	H	4:15 pm	7	Thornridge	H	4:30
23	St. Laurence	A	4:15 pm	11	Thornridge	A	4:30
27	Homewood-Flossmoor	H	4:15 pm	13	Thornwood	A	4:30
30	Chicago Christian	A	4:15 pm	15	Richards (DH)	A	11:00
MAY				17	Thornwood	H	4:30
1	Bolingbrook (DH)	A	4:30 pm	19	Bloom	A	4:15
3	Thornton	A	4:30 pm	21	Bloom	H	4:15

Astros Look To Capture SICA East Crown

Frank DiFoggio
Nickname: Shepard Astros
Class: 2A

Conference: SICA East
School Colors: Brown/Orange

Head coach Frank DiFoggio enters his seventh year as the leader of a team that looks to have the talent and spirit to trust in each other and make some very good things happen. Last season's 17-16 record was a beauty. The Astros came within an out of winning the SICA East Championship from perennial strong-boy Homewood-Flossmoor. The Astros look to be in good shape talent-wise. Now its time to see if DiFoggio's players can put all of the pieces together.

Coach DiFoggio remarked that he lost some fine players to graduation last year. Catcher Mike Novak, third baseman, John Kats, infielders Tim Bennett and Austin Kirar and second baseman Bill Storrs will be noticeably absent. However a number of seniors (8) and several starters return for the Astros. The pitching staff will be led by three large senior pitchers. Shawn Neubauer (6 ft. 2, 190) is back for his fourth varsity season. The multi-talented Neubauer went 6-5, with 67 strikeouts in over 60 innings. He hurled five complete games. He also hit .297 BA, .342 slugging pct., 6 HRs, 24 RBIs. Shawn will play first base when not on the mound. Three-year letterman Phil Babich (6 ft. 4, 240) is coming off a banner football season which found him earning a scholarship to the Naval Academy. Babich posted a .320 BA, 3-2 record with 59 Ks in 53 innings last season. This year he claims he is just playing for fun as he will play football at Navy. The final piece of the Astro Triangle is Jim Van Syckle (6 ft. 6, 215) who despite one modest victory in his career has been offered a baseball scholarship to Illinois State University this fall. Guess the 91 mph fastball has nothing to do with the story, eh. Catching will be senior Nick Kimmer (5 ft. 11, 155). Outfielders includes Pat Rathbun (5 ft. 7, 125) and Adam Werner (.329 BA and also going to a military school...West Point-Army). The infield will be led by senior shortstop Eric Spongberg (6 ft. 1, 175) and junior second baseman Jason Kolke (5 ft. 8, 155). The corners will be minded by Jeff Molenhouse (6 ft. 3, 185, 3B) and Babish at first. Mike Storrs (6 ft. 1, 180) will also see time at first. Another addition to the DH spot or pitching rotation could be sophomore Don Selby (6 ft, 185). Selby hit nine dingers as a fresh. He could be a pleasant surprise.

Look of juniors Rick Innocenti, Jeff Ithal, Justin Peters, and Kevin Wilson to provide solid depth to the aforementioned lineup.

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The St. Laurence High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Kyle Prohaska, Vince Doorhy, Zenon McHugh, Alex Puzas, Nick Leno, Jim Hosty, Tim O'Brien, Mike Dronzek, Ryan Milligan, Doug Reynolds, John Buhle, Ray Kinczyk, Tom Sipple, Matt Kuraszek, Joe Lopat, Kenny Harenberg, Mike Faber, Dan Oconner, Joe Kennedy, Jason Jurczak, Jim Seehoffer and Mike Bargle. Head Coach is Mike Corbett, assisted by Steve Hensley, Frank Mataja, Anthony Luna and Tom Kelly.(Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

ST. LAURENCE REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Providence	H	4:30 pm
23	Shepard	H	4:30 pm
24	Brother Rice (DH)	H	10:00 am
26	Holy Cross	A	4:30 pm
28	De La Salle	H	4:30 pm
29	Bishop McNamara	A	4:30 pm
MAY			
1	Hales (DH)	A	11:00 am
3	St. Ignatius	H	4:30 pm
5	Fenwick	A	4:30 pm
6	Bishop McNamara	H	4:30 pm
8	Leo (DH)	H	11:00 am
10	De La Salle	A	4:30 pm
12	St. Rita	H	4:30 pm
13	Marist	A	7:00 pm
15	St. Francis de Sales	A	10:00 am
17	Providence	A	4:30 pm
18	St. Patrick	A	4:15 pm
20	Northside Prep	H	4:30 pm
22	Brother Rice	A	10:30 am

Mike Corbett

Corbett Challenges Vikings To Pull Together

Nickname: St. Laurence Vikings
Class: 2A
Conference: Catholic League South
School Colors: Black/Gold

Head coach Mike Corbett has seen it all at St. Laurence. After a sub-par record of 11-24 in 2003 Corbett and his assistants Steve Hensley, Frank Mataja, Anthony Luna and Tom Kelly have gone back to the drawing board. They re-evaluated their program and their players commitment to the Viking program.

The 2004 Viking squad finds Coach Corbett scrambling to replace nine departed seniors. Center-fielder Dan Dronzek (.380 B.A., 35 hits, 20 steals) and third baseman Dennis White (.366 B.A., 25 RBIs, 34 hits) did the job last season. Fellow teammates pitchers Matt Mackowiak, Ryan Sandrik, Chris Smith; a catcher Brandon McHugh; shortstop Shaun Sowa; and outfielders Matt Kenny and Matt Koll will also be missed.

Corbett feels his returning squad, which includes 11 seniors and 11 juniors, show promise. His six starting seniors include: Pitcher, Jason Jurczak (2-4, 2.93 ERA), catcher Kyle Prohaska (if recovered from injury), Zenon McHugh (3B/P), Vince Doorhy (2B), Joe Lopat (1B), Kenny Harenberg (CF/P). Mike Faber (P/C) will also see action. Junior Tim O'Brien looks like the starter at shortstop. The outfield should consist of four juniors: Mike Dronzek, Jim Hosty, Joe Kennedy and Nick Leno.

The starting pitching rotation looks to be seniors Jurczak and Harenberg and juniors left Tom Sipple and righty Ray Kinczyk.

Bench strength will come from seniors Alex Puzas, Ryan Milligan, John Buhle and Mike Bargle and juniors Doug Reynolds, Matt Kuraszek, Dan O'Connor and Jim Seehoffer.

While Coach Corbett conceded that last year's 11 victories were a disappointment, he feels that this year's club will work harder to attain success." Last season we were a poor offensive team. Obviously we have to get better. We have got to get timely hitting and score more runs. No matter how good the pitching is, we have to stay close if we want to win. Our players know that if they work hard, good things will happen. Overall we must get better if we are to be competitive in the Catholic League South. We know what we have to do...now we've got to get the job done," Corbett concluded.

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Skip Sullivan

Spartans Rededicate Themselves Will Learn On-The-Fly

Nickname: Oak Lawn Spartans
Class: 2A

Head coach Skip Sullivan enters his 10th season as the Spartan leader. Last year's 14-17 record was not reflective of the usual success that Sullivan's Spartans expected to experience. Only twice in the past nine years have the Spartans finished below .500. This 2004 edition will need to mature fast. They are, by their coaches own admission, a very inexperienced varsity club.

"Last season, we never quite got any momentum going and didn't put it together. We had some talent but some of the people we were counting on had tough years. We struggled to score runs and didn't play defense as well as I had expected we would. We just struggled," related Sullivan.

The Spartans have lost a number of talented players from last year's team. All-area shortstop Jason Clarke (.453 B.A., .[illegible] slugging pct., 24 RBIs) was the offensive sparkplug. Infielders Mike Grabarek and Keith Trisk, catcher Tony [illegible], outfielder Rocky Gotto and pitcher Scott Orban (7-[illegible], 2.67 ERA) will be missed. Also lost for the season is top pitcher Joe Ekline, whose torn ACL during football finished him.

Conference: SICA North
School Colors: Kelley Green/White

All conference senior catcher Ed Tomasik (6'3", 215) returns to quarterback the defense. Tomasik, a three-sport athlete, has some pop in his bat and the energy to motivate his pitching staff. Senior Adam Probst (6'1", 215) is the most versatile player in the lineup. He'll play first on third and DH in addition to logging time on the mound. Senior outfielder/pitcher Bill Howard (6'1", 175) and fellow senior pitcher/ infielder Tony Romero (5'11", 150) will also do double duty. Three juniors who Sullivan expects to come into their own are shortstop Dave Sexton (6', 150) and pitcher/infielders Dennis Vietoris (6'1", 170) and Dave Kasprowicz (6'2", 180).

"This is the least experienced team I've ever had," said Sullivan. "The seniors must provide leadership and produce. We're going to have to grow up on the job. Our underclassmen have had some success with 22 wins and a conference co-championship last season. I feel good about that. Our players work as hard in practice as they do in games. We just hope that they adjust to varsity competition quickly," he concluded.

OAK LAWN REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Shepard	A	4:15 pm
24	Thornridge	A	11:00 am
27	Argo	H	4:15 pm
29	Argo	H	4:15 pm
MAY			
3	Romeoville	H	4:30 pm
5	Romeoville	A	4:30 pm
6	Richards	A	4:15 pm
11	Richards	H	5:00 pm
13	Reavis	A	4:15 pm
15	Thornton F. South	H	11:00 am
17	Reavis	H	5:00 pm
19	Bolingbrook	H	4:30 pm
21	Bolingbrook	A	4:30 pm

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BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS

The Brother Rice High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Jason Aguiar, Matt Bessenhofer, Dan Eble, Erik Faust, Mike Fazy, Bob Focht, Casey Flikins, Joe Gibson, Corey Greene, Dan Harris, Mike Hayden, Scot Hayden, Ryan Kelton, Tom McPhillips, Craig Miller, Neil O'Loughlin, Brian Omiecinski, Tom Rhein, Brett Schaefer, Austin Schroeder, Matt Seroka, Bill Smith, and Mike Sterk. Head Coach is Tim Lyons, Assistant Coaches are Kevin Boudreau, John Jensen, Don Noga and Tom Omiecinski. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Head Coach
Tim Lyons

Crusaders Expect Big Year Conference Crown & Beyond

Nicknames: Br. Rice Crusaders
Class: AA
Conference: Catholic League South
School Colors: Maroon/Burnt Orange

On the heels of a 28-11 record last season, including a regional championship (their first since 1983), the Crusaders have great expectations for this season. The strength of Coach Tim Lyons team are numerous. Excellent starting pitching, a strong bullpen, outstanding hitting and typically tight defense keynote the Crusader squad.

As always the Crusaders lost some talented players to graduation. As the most productive offensive player in the lineup they will miss outfielder Matt Flavin (.398, .566 slugging pct., .507 on-base pct.). Also notably absent will be Tim Braun (3B), Mark Albeno (OF), Tim Degnan (OF), Brian Herman (SS), Tim O'Connell (1B), and pitchers Greg Moss and Dan Hennigan. However, the Crusaders seem to be able to reload at a moments notice. Their pitching rotation is strong and deep. Matt Bessenhofer is 16-2 the past two varsity seasons. Add Matt Seroka and Dan Harris who have combined for a 15-5 record a year ago and you've got quite a start. Billy Smith will complete the mound corps. Catcher/DH Brett Schaefer (.386, 34 RBI) had arm surgery in the off season and is said to be back at 100 percent. Schaefer is drawing interest from a number of Division 1 programs. Tom Rhein (3B) (.308) and Mike Fazy (1B/DH/P) (.311, 44 RBI), along with Joe Gibson (SS), Erik Faust (LF) and Dan Eble (CF) are all expected to continue to propel the Crusader offensive machine. During summer ball Gibson and Faust seemed to come into their own, producing big hits and power numbers.

The Crusaders beat Catholic League rival Mount Carmel for last year's sectional championship and we suspect that anything less this season might be considered unacceptable. One of the best maneuvers Coach Lyons has instituted is strengthening the non-conference schedule for his young players. This experience under pressure pays major dividends come playoff time.

With the pitching and defense that the Crusaders possess, they could find themselves deep into the state playoffs. Rice looks to be the odds-on favorite for a Catholic League South crown as well.

According to Coach Lyons, "We feel good about our team. We have the potential to do real well and we expect to enjoy another successful campaign."

BROTHER RICE REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Leo	H	4:00 pm
24	St. Laurence (DH)	A	10:00 am
26	Loyola	A	7:00 pm
28	Bishop McNamara	H	4:00 pm
29	Providence	A	4:00 pm
MAY			
1	Mount Carmel (DH)	A	11:00 am
5	St. Ignatius	A	4:00 pm
6	Providence	H	4:00 pm
8	De La Salle (DH)	H	10:00 am
10	Bishop McNamara	A	4:00 pm
12	Fenwick	H	4:00 pm
14	Homewood-Flossmoor	A	7:00 pm
15	St. Rita	A	11:00 am
17	Leo	A	4:00 pm
22	St. Laurence (Sr. Day)	H	10:30 pm
25	Stagg	A	4:15 pm

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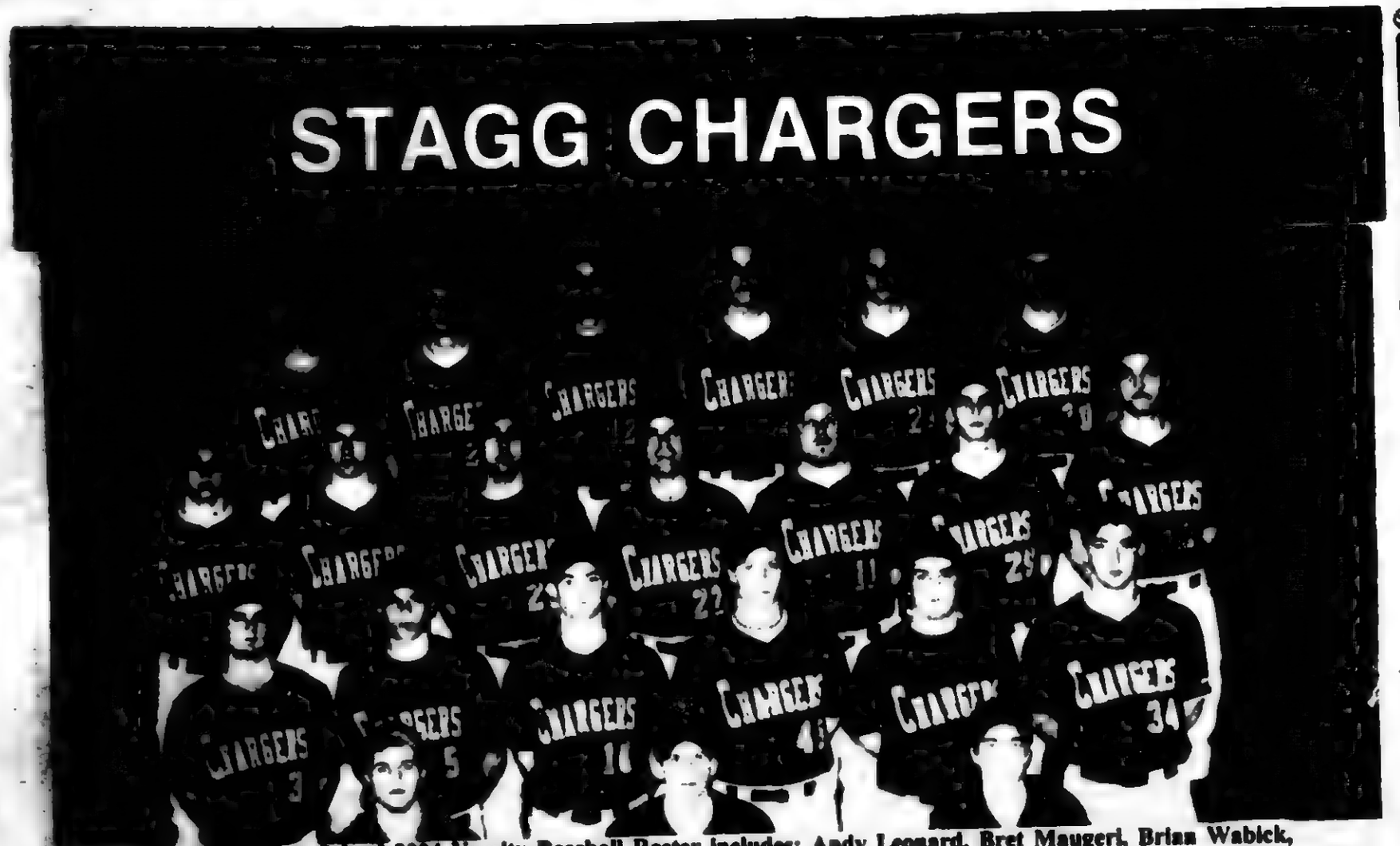

The Stagg High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Andy Leonard, Bret Maugeri, Brian Wabick, Matt Donahue, Scott Snyder, Chris Huber, Joe Ganz, Neil Wahlgren, Sam Carrozza, Ryan Reinke, Tony Lindemulder, Ada, Staboez, Rob Hamilton, Matt Rauba, Eric Royer, Dan Flaherty, Anthony Valcarcel, West Martz and Chris Carvey. Head Coach is David Snider, Assistant Coaches are Tony Pena and Brian Buglio. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Dave Snyder

Chargers Eye SICA Conference Crown

Nickname: Stagg Chargers
Class: 2A
Conference: SICA West
School Colors: Navy Blue/Burnt Orange

Head coach Dave Snyder has spent the past seven years putting his mark on the Chargers baseball landscape. He inherited an average program and proceeded to rebuild it piece by piece. Here's what we see...five-20 plus win seasons and three-regional championships. That's right. The Stagg program is now a well respected entity. Several of Coach Snyders former players have graduated to play inter-collegiately as well. Where once stood a shaky foundation, we now find a firmly constructed successful program that can compete with its formable SICA West opponents.

The Chargers 20-14 season a year ago left them feeling somewhat hollow. They seemed to lose momentum at inopportune times. They also lost some fine ballplayers to graduation. Xavier University claimed Mike Creevy and he hasn't disappointed them. His 18 wins in a varsity pitching career, coupled with outstanding hitting over three seasons will be difficult to duplicate. Fellow pitchers Dan Ziegler and Brett Anderson, along with first baseman Andrew Genach and outfielders Dave Merdis and Mike Gentile are certainly missed.

Coach Snyder notes that "a number of experienced players have returned this season. We have a nucleus to work with." Leading the charge will be three-year shortstop Joe Ganz (6 ft. 2, 200). A multi-sport athlete, Ganz stats speak for themselves (.436 BA, 48 hits, 31 RBIs, .636 slugging pct.). Ganz will be following his dream to play Division-1 football on a scholarship from the University of Nebraska. The Chargers are further strengthened up the middle by junior second baseman Bret Maugeri, whose strong fielding and double play ability pays dividends daily. Senior third baseman Anthony Valcarcel and junior first baseman Wes Martz will work the corners. Senior catcher Rob Hamilton (6 ft. 3, 185) will provide an ample target for the pitchers. In the outfield look for senior Ryan Reinke (5 Ft. 10, 170), junior Brian Wabick (5 ft. 10, 165) and sophomore Andy Leonard (5 ft. 8, 140) to snag any balls near them.

The Charger mound corps should be anchored by senior righty Adam Staboez (6 ft. 1, 200). Staboez was the feel good story for Stagg last season, recording an 8-1 record with a 2.17 ERA and 62 Ks. Fellow seniors Matt Rauba (6 ft, 175) and Eric Royer (6 ft. 2, 200) look to be the compliment to Staboez. Both have shown pretty good stuff in recent outings.

In the past five seasons, Snyder's Chargers have won 121 games! Quite a credit to both is coaching ability, his staff and his players.

"We have good kids here at Stagg. They have a lot of pride and they work hard. Each team I've coached here seemed to develop its own personality or identity. I'm confident we will develop a strong team," Snyders said. "We must play consistently well in order to win. Our schedule is difficult for a reason. It prepares us for playoffs and tournament time. We know we'll be ready for anything thrown at us."

STAGG CHARGERS REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Lincoln-Way East	H	4:30 pm
24	Bradley (DH)	H	10:00 am
26	Richards	A	4:30 pm
29	Lincoln-Way Central	A	4:30 pm
MAY			
3	Evergreen Park	H	4:30 pm
4	Lincoln-Way Central	H	4:30 pm
6	Andrew	H	4:30 pm
8	Harlan (DH)	H	11:00 am
10	Andrew	A	4:30 pm
12	Joliet	A	4:30 pm
13	Joliet	H	4:30 pm
17	T.F. North	H	4:30 pm
18	Sandburg	A	4:30 pm
20	Sandburg	H	4:30 pm

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Greg Kolke

Argonauts Goal... SICA North Title

Nickname: Argo Argonauts
Class: 2A

Conference: SICA North
School Colors: Maroon/Gray

Kelly (P/1F) are expected to strengthen the club in reserve roles.

The team goal of the Argonauts is that each player must be willing to sacrifice personal goals for team goals. Every practice or game, players will be expected to give the best effort they can give. The players must be aggressive in all areas of the game. According to Coach Kolke this includes strong pitching, understanding team concepts and philosophies, and developing sound team chemistry.

"We have a solid squad with a strong case of veteran players. Our junior class is equally balanced and can help to fill in the position lost to graduation from a year ago. Our team has reached a point where we believe we will be succeasful each time we take the field."

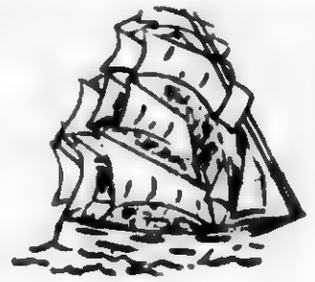
If the Argonauts can stay focused and healthy, they could contend for that illusive SICA North crown.

The Argonauts, coached by Greg Kolke, plan to build upon their outstanding '03 record of 23-12. The 23 wins set a school record and the Argonauts have no reason to expect anything less if they want to capture the SICA North Conference title. The last time Argo was in this position, they captured the regional title. Problem is that was 1976!

Coach Kolke welcomes back eight seniors and 10 juniors this spring. Top seniors returning include: Gary Bjorklund (P/1B), John Burger (C), Rick Defazio (P/IF), Rich Knoll (OF/2B), Don Kasper (3B/P), Robert Mataragas (P/1B), Kyle Gasparas (OF) and Jay Robertson (OF).

Notable returning juniors include: Alex Rosenbeck (C), Tony Robertson (P/IF), and Adam Dimer (3B/P). Fellow juniors Justin Roderick (IF/P), Jeremy Trend (OF), Erik Kruse (IF), Jon Arguelles (OF/P), Frank O'Doud (IF/P), Robert Krzak (OF) and Sean

ARGO REMAINING GAMES



APRIL			
27	Oak Lawn	H	4:15 pm
29	Oak Lawn	A	4:15 pm
MAY			
1	Hillcrest	H	11:00 am
3	Richards	H	4:15 pm
5	Richards	A	4:15 pm
7	Bolingbrook	A	4:15 pm
11	Bolingbrook	H	4:15 pm
13	Romeoville	H	4:15 pm
15	Lemont (DH)	A	11:00 am
17	Romeoville	A	4:15 pm
19	Reavis	A	4:15 pm
21	Reavis	H	4:15 pm
22	Bloom	A	11:00 am

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REAVIS RAMS

The Reavis High School 2004 Varsity Baseball Roster includes: Lewis Blaszczyk, Matthew Boyer, Joshua Colangelo, Timothy Ferguson, Justin Field, Brian Geever, Karl Gotsch, James Heichert, Russell Kazda, Daniel Manski, Kyle Mueller, Matthew Mueller, Kevin Rockett, Matthew Rojas, Yasir Suliman, Joel Urquizo, Joseph Ward and Jason White. Head Coach is Donald Erickson. (Photo by Pat Lorenzo)

Don Erickson

Rams Ready For SICA North Title Chase

Conference: SICA North
School Colors: Navy Blue/White
Nickname: Reavis Rams
Class: 2A

Head coach Don Erickson is a throwback to the days of no nonsense baseball. He's perfectly cast in his role as the Rams headman. Erickson is a meat and potatoes guy. He, as well as his players reflect the solid blue collar work ethic which has typified the type of ball player Reavis puts on the field. The Rams train with each other, year round, so that they can maintain that extra edge on the competition. Erickson's players are disciplined and totally pre-pared for each game. They play to win and expect to win. "We don't have a lot of depth, but we have some good players coming back. We don't have a lot of holes either. If we stay together and avoid injuries we'll have a good season," he said.

The Rams did lose some valuable players from last year's 20 victory season. Catcher Chris Wells, second baseman Daniel Bryja, shortstops Thomas Joy and Shawn Lucas, thirdbaseman Michael Casey and outfielders Ryan DeLaney, Joe DiGiacomo, David Guerrero and Dustin Gazda.

The top returnees on this year's squad are: pitcher/ third baseman Kyle Mueller, Yasir Suliman (outfield/ pitcher), pitcher/first baseman Lou Blaszcyk, catcher Matt Rojas and catcher/outfielder Karl Grotsch.

Mueller was all-SICA North last season, hitting .354 with 21 RBIs. He also went 7-4 with a 2.16 ERA on the mound. Look for him to improve those stats. Suliman, who was academically ineligible last season, has gotten himself together and will bat cleanup for the Rams. Blaszycyk also posted present-able numbers last season hitting .304. Add a strong sophomore class moving up to varsity this season and it peaks our interest. Reavis sophs tied Oak Lawn for the conference crown last season.

"Our players had a good summer last year. They worked hard and bonded together. If we play hard and improve our defense, we could do some good things. I expect my players to stay hungry. We have enough talent, if we play the way we are capable of, to get the job done. Our kids won't ever give up. They'll fight for every win," concluded Erickson.

REAVIS REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
27	Richards	A	4:15 pm
29	Richards	H	4:15 pm
MAY			
1	Lincoln-Way Central	H	11:00 am
3	Bolingbrook	A	4:15 pm
5	Bolingbrook	H	4:15 pm
6	Romeoville	H	4:15 pm
8	Evergreen Park (DH)	H	11:00 am
11	Romeoville	A	4:15 pm
13	Oak Lawn	H	4:15 pm
17	Oak Lawn	A	4:15 pm
19	Argo	H	4:15 pm
21	Argo	A	4:15 pm
22	Joliet West	A	11:00 am

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Doug Sutor

Mighty Eagles Plan... Return To State Finals

Nickname: Sandburg Eagles
Class: 2A
Conference: SICA West
School Colors: Blue/Gold

Head coach Doug Sutor has coached a number of talent-laden teams in his many years at Sandburg. Two years ago his Eagles won the Class AA State Championship. Last season his 26-9 club reached the Elite Eight and Sutor believes that an unexpected five errors in the quarterfinal, one run loss to Lyons Township cost the Eagles a possible repeat title. Lyons Township went on to win the AA State crown.

The 2004 version of the Eagles is certainly capable of going back down state. Surely it won't be easy to replace conference Player of the Year Ryan Campbell (.509 BA, 43 RBIs, 56 hits, .880 slugging pct. and 8-4, 1.63 ERA). Campbell was the straw that stirred Sandburg. Catcher Jim Cassidy, first baeman Andy Earhart, infielder Jason Olson, outfielders Tim Alberts and Bill Guska, and pitcher Dan Atkenson will likewise be missed. However, the Eagles have an array of talented players on hand or waiting in the wings for their shot.

The Eagles know that they have to be ready for each game as their continued prosperity makes them hard to overlook. They don't expect any opponent to pitch anyone other than an ace at them. They have an ace of their own in senior right hander Jon Crettol (5 ft. 11, 180). He went 8-1, with 67 Ks in 63 innings and his summer ball numbers were better, including a no-hitter and one-hitter. Crettol will be followed to the mound by fellow seniors Steve Strutz (6 ft. 1, 215) and Justin Hawker (5 ft 10, 180). Both Strutz and Hawker sparkled in summer league play. Look for juniors Phil Gurgone (5 ft 10, 160), Sam Messino (6 ft. 2, 195) and Dave Moreno (6 ft. 1, 150) to add depth to the mound corps.

The infield is in safe hands with three-year starting senior, shortstop Lee Fischer (6 ft. 1, 160). Sutor feels that the Illinois State recruit has all the defensive skills to play Division I ball. "He makes it look effortless," said Sutor. Senior Joe Martin (5 ft. 11, 180) starts at second with Hawker looking to lock down third. Senior Ian Higgins (6 ft. 2, 190) should get the rod at first. All-conference selection John Kowalski (.322, 20 RBIs, 6 HRs) will be in left field. Ryan Topf (6 ft., 175), Jerry Castro (5 ft. 11, 170), Jeff Popp (6 ft. 3, 175) and Bill Shmerdiak (6 ft. 4, 200) will all share time in the outfield. Kyle Kapalik (5 ft. 11, 180) will start behind the plate. Kyle Hallett (5 ft. 10, 170) will back him up.

Coach Sutor contends that chemistry is the key to a successful team. "Ill be disappointed if we don't have a good year. We had a great summer campaign, going 17-2. Our team ERA was under one! Our players know what it takes to prepare for the playoffs and our coaches must motivate all of our players to keep competing for playing time," he concluded.

SANDBURG REMAINING GAMES

APRIL			
22	Lockport	H	4:30 pm
24	Homewood-Flossmoor	H	11:00 am
26	Andrew	H	4:30 pm
27	Marist	H	4:30 pm
28	Andrew	A	4:30 pm
MAY			
1	Richards (DH)	A	11:00 am
3	TF South	A	4:30 pm
4	Romeoville	H	4:30 pm
6	Lincoln-Way Central	A	4:30 pm
8	Clemente (DH)	A	11:00 am
10	Lincoln-Way Central	H	4:30 pm
12	Lincoln-Way East	H	4:30 pm
14	Lincoln-Way East	A	4:30 pm
15	Crete-Monee	A	11:00 am
18	Stagg	H	4:30 pm
20	Stagg	H	11:00 am
22	Von Steuben	H	11:00 am
24	Thornwood	A	4:30 pm

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The higher camping fees at most sites are the first increases approved for state park campgrounds in Illinois since 1992. The additional revenue will be used for campground operations and maintenance, the costs of which have increased steadily during the last 12 years. State sites host more than 600,000 campground visitors annually.

For information on the new fees for campsites and hookup fees where utilities are provides go to: (217) 785-0970 or http. dnr.state.il.us.

■**ALSIP DEEP-SIXES BOATERS:** It defies all logic and common sense, but the Village of Alsip has unwisely changed their boat launch hours at the ramp on Rte. 83 near Cicero Ave. The without-notice new hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. This makes no sense, and hopefully the person or persons who came up with this hare-brained idea will change it back to the way it has been for years: **Open for launching 24 hours a day.**

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■**MUZZLELOADER RECALL:** According to an article in the April issue of *North American Hunter*, "Connecticut Valley Arms Inc. (CVA) is voluntarily recalling all of the company's in-line muzzleloading rifles manufactured between 1995 and 1996. If you currently possess a CVA in-line muzzleloading rifle with a 95 or 96 serial number, purchased one and sold or gave it to another person, and the barrel hasn't yet been replaced, contact CVA at (770) 449-4687. No other firearms models within the CVA product line are affected by this recall."

■**WISCONSIN FISHING REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE:** The 2004 fishing season opens May 1 with good prospects for anglers, whether it's a shore lunch, a trophy fish, or fast action they seek, according to the annual fishing forecasts provided by Wisconsin fisheries biologists.

Forecasts for specific waters and fish species are found in the 2004 Wisconsin Fishing Report, which is now available online at the Department of Natural Resources Web Site at dnr.wi.gov. or www.fishingwisconsin.org.

The 2004 Wisconsin Fishing Report contains summaries provided by fisheries staff of recent fish population surveys on popular waters, description of habitat improvement projects, stocking totals, and hints on where anglers can find information to steer them to the waters that can provide the kind of fishing experience they want.

■**TOP COURT UPHOLDS WISCONSIN DOVE HUNTING SEASON:** The authority of the DNR to set mourning dove hunting seasons in Wisconsin was upheld on April 6, in a unanimous decision from the state Supreme Court. Wisconsin's next dove hunt will run as planned, Sept. 1 through Oct. 30, 2004.

Results of a DNR survey mailed to a random sample of 6,000 small game license holders at the end of the 2003 dove season, indicated that 24,000 hunters participated in the season for an average of four days and harvested an estimated 202,000 mourning doves.

An estimated four to five million doves migrate from Wisconsin each fall. This is good news for Wisconsin hunters. Illinois hunters also benefit because the hunting pressure will move doves south into Illinois early in the season.

Guay Signs Intent

Chelsey Guay, a senior at Escanaba High School in Michigan, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's volleyball team.

The 5-11 prep will serve as an outside hitter/middle blocker for the Cougars this fall. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing at SXU.

Kick Off Beginning Running Program

The Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) kicks off its eight-week, "Beginning Running Program" at seven city and suburban locations:

Monday, April 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Chicago – Lincoln Park** at Children's Memorial Hospital, Bigler Auditorium, 707 W. Fullerton Ave.

Monday, April 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Chicago – South Shore** at South Shore Cultural Center, 71st St. on the lakefront.

Tuesday, May 4th from 7 to 8 p.m. – **Lake Zurich** at Paulus Park, 400 Whitney Rd.

Wednesday, May 5th from 7 to 8 p.m. – **Wheaton** at Wheaton College, Billy Graham Center, 501 College Ave.

Thursday, May 6th from 6 to 7 p.m. – **Downtown Chicago** at Chicago Athletic Assn., 12 S. Michigan Ave.

Thursday, May 6th from 7 to 8 p.m. – **Orland Park** at The Human Race Sports, 15148 S. LaGrange Rd.

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Register on-line at www.cararuns.org or call (312) 666-9836.

SXU Adds Five Preps To Football Roster

Head coach Mike Feminis beefed up the 2004 St. Xavier University football roster recently with the addition of five talented preps from around the Chicago area. All five players have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and academic careers as Cougars this fall.

Feminis was able to land two highly touted players from his alma mater, Marian Catholic High School, in running back Chris Rodriguez and wide receiver/tight end Andy Lietz.

Rodriguez was named to the Class 6A Illinois High School Coaches All-State team, the Star Publications All-Area team, the Southtown Economist All-Area team, and was the East Suburban Catholic Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He was also named to the Sun-Times All-Chicago Area team as a Special Mention. He is the son of Felix and Donna Rodriguez of Olympia Fields.

Lietz was an East Suburban Catholic All-Conference First Team selection and named to the Star Publication's and Southtown Economist's All-Area teams. He was also a member of the 2003 Illinois H.S. Football Coaches Assn. Class 6A Academic All-State team. Lietz is the son of Howard and Debra Lietz of Blue Island.

Feminis also landed Andrew Kolodziej, who played defensive end for the 2003 5A state champion Joliet Catholic Academy Hilltoppers. He was a first team member of the East Suburban Catholic All-Conference team. Kolodziej is the son of Tom and Cindy Kolodziej of Joliet.

SXU added another defensive player from Mt. Carmel High School, Nick Halloran, a defensive back.

Jim Strimel, a defensive lineman from Lincoln-Way Central in New Lenox, also joined the Cougar football team and will walk on to the Cougars this fall. He is the son of Steve and Karen Strimel, also of New Lenox. His brother Steve transferred to SXU in January and will serve as a running back for the Cougars this fall.

The Cougars finished the 2003 regular season with a record of 7-4, including 5-2 in MSFA Midwest League play to claim a share of the MSFA league championship.

Bedalow Helps Lead SXU Team To Victory

Senior rightfielder Brandon Bedalow went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored to help lead the St. Xavier University baseball team to an 8-6 CCAC win over Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) on Friday.

The game went back-and-forth in the early innings with CCSJ striking with a run in the first inning and SXU answering with a run in the bottom of the second. Both teams scored two runs in the third inning and the Cougars took a 5-4 lead in the fifth, thanks to a two-RBI triple by Bedalow. The Crimson Wave scored two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 6-5 advantage before sophomore shortstop Brendan Christy hit a solo shot to right field to tie the game, 6-6, heading into the seventh inning.

After a scoreless seventh inning, SXU kept CCSJ scoreless in the top of the eighth and Bedalow drew a leadoff walk to open the bottom of the frame. He later scored a sacrifice fly to centerfield by senior second baseman Ryan Howell and the Cougars snagged an insurance run later in the inning when freshman third baseman Craig Buske scored from second on a RBI double by sophomore centerfielder Chris Gruber.

Howell Is Named Player Of The Week

Saint Xavier University senior second baseman Ryan Howell (Hometown, Oak Lawn H.S.) was named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference CCAC) Baseball Player of the Week Tuesday for his outstanding play last week as the Cougars recorded a 6-2 record over eight games.

Howell compiled a .452 batting average (14-for-31) on the week and recorded two triples, two home runs, nine runs scored and nine RBI. The senior captain started at second base in all SXU's eight games last week and recorded 17 putouts and 22 assists with only one error.

Basketball Tournament

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have openings in their annual summer regional youth basketball tournament in the Bolingbrook area at the Bolingbrook Park District Recreation Centers from June 4th to 6th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is May 14th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS summer tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265 or tournament director Joe Morelli at (630) 759-5874.

Summer Sports Camps

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd. in Chicago, has announced the schedules for its summer sports camps. This year, six camps will be operated on the school grounds and run at various times throughout the summer. The dates, age group and contact person are as follows:

Boys Camp: Three one-week sessions: June 14th to 18th, 21st to 25th and June 28th to July 2nd; boys ages 60-11, contact Mark Klutcharch.

Football Camp: Two sessions: June 14th to 18th, boys in grades 5-8; June 14th to 24th (Monday through Thursday), incoming Brother Rice freshmen, contact Steve Nye.

Soccer Camp: Two sessions: June 14th to 18th, boys and girls in grades 1-8; June 21st to 23rd, incoming Brother Rice freshmen, contact Nick Markulin.

Baseball Camp: Three sessions: June 28th to July 2nd (8 to 9:30 a.m.) for boys in grades 3-5; June 28th to July 2nd (10 to 11:30 a.m.) for boys in grades 6-7; July 5th to 9th for boys in 8th grade, incoming Brother Rice freshmen; contact Tim Lyons.

Swimming Camp: July 12th to 16th; boys in grades 6-incoming Brother Rice freshmen; limited to the first 50 registered; contact Keith Dombkowski.

Basketball Camp: Two sessions: July 12th to 16th and July 19th to 24th; boys in grades 5-incoming Brother Rice freshmen; contact Pat Richardson.

Volleyball Camp: Two sessions: July 26th to 30th and Aug. 2nd to 6th; boys in grades 5-incoming Brother Rice freshmen; contact Dan Dwyer.

All contact persons can be reached at Brother Rice at (773) 429-4300 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. any school day.

McCormick Earns All-America Honors

Lewis University senior sprinter Ashaunta McCormick earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

McCormick, a seven-time outdoor All-American, earned her first indoor All-America award by placing seventh in the 60 meters (:07.85).

McCormick collected all-conference honors in three events at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Championships. She won the 55 meters (:07.12) and 200 meters (:25.46) and was a member of the Flyers' winning 800-meter relay squad (1:42.56). McCormick also scored as a member of Lewis' runner-up 1600-meter relay team (3:59.39).

Freshman Geoff Rozovics was part of the Flyers' winning 800-meter relay team (1:29.94). Rozovics picked up another All-GLVC honor by finishing second in the 200 meters (:22.62) and also scored in the 55 meters (fourth, :06.58).

Other scoring efforts were turned in by senior Frances Oprondek in the shot put (sixth, 39-3 ¾) and weight throw (sixth, 46-2 ¾); senior John Kern in the high jump (tie-sixth, 6-0 ½); sophomore Kaydie King in the long jump (seventh, 16-1 ¼); and senior Tracey [illegible] and freshman Jasmine Williams in the distance medley relay (fifth, 13:52.58).

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BASEBALL
Monday, 4-12-04
Andrew 12, Bloom 2
Bremen 12, Chicago Christian 5
Brother Rice 9, Brother Rich (Mich) 7
De La Salle 15, Leo 0
Eisenhower 2, Thornridge 0
Lincoln-Way Central 11, Thornwood 3
Lockport 12, West Aurora 2
Marian Catholic 7, T.F. South 6
Marist 10, Illiana Christian 0
Mt. Carmel 12, St. Laurence 0
Oak Lawn 4, Lincoln-Way East 3, 8 inn.
Providence 11, Bishop McNamara 4
Reavis 11, Tinley Park 1
Richards 14, Rich East 0
St. Ignatius 9, St. Rita 6
Sandburg 12, Oak Forest 0
Stagg 15, Romeoville 2
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Bremen 10, Crete-Monee 4
Evergreen Park 5, Elmwood Park 4
H-F 6, Lincoln-Way Central 4
Il. Christian 6, Aurora Christian 4
Lemont 5, Plainfield South 4
Reavis 6, St. Ignatius 1
Richards 3, Marist 0
Sandburg 8, Oak Lawn 3
Shepard 12, Romeoville 2
Timothy Christian 5, Chicago Christian 3
U-High 15, Morgan Park Acad. 4
Wednesday, 4-14-04
Bremen 6, Eisenhower 2
Brother Rice 11-13, Hales 1-3
Chicago Christian 16, Timothy Christian 15
De La Salle 12, Leo 1
Elmwood Park 7, Evergreen Park 5
Hyde Park 14, Evergreen Park 12
Lincoln-Way East 14, Lincoln-Way Central 6
Marian Catholic 16, Bloom 6
Mt. Carmel 19, St. Laurence 2
Oak Forest 17, T.F. South 5
Oak Lawn 6, Tinley Park 4
Plainfield South 5, Lemont 0
Providence 9, Bishop McNamara 0
St. Ignatius 8, Gordon Tech 2
St. Rita 10, Fenwick 5
Sandburg 8, Joliet 7
Shepard 5, Argo 3
T.F. North 5, Hillcrest 2
Thursday, 4-15-04
Argo 1, Chicago Christian 0
De La Salle 15, Mather 1
Il. Christian 6, St. Francis de Sales 4
Lincoln-Way Central 14, Romeoville 5
Lincoln-Way East 9-10, Bolingbrook 0-0
Marian Catholic 16, Bremen 9
Plainfield South 10, Lemont 6
Reavis 15, Thornton 1
Richards 13, Providence 3
St. Laurence 14, Foreman 4
Tinley Park 13, Morgan Park Acad. 3
Friday, 4-16-04
Andrew 8, Bradley 2
Argo 9, Thornridge 2
Glenbard West 5, Brother Rice 4
Illiana Christian 19, Hales 10
[illegible] 4, Robeson 8
Lincoln-Way East 2, Lincoln-Way Central [illegible]
Morgan Park Acad. 17, Elgin Acad. 8
St. Rita 14, Hyde Park 0 (5 inn)
Sandburg 9, Joliet 8 (8 inn.)
T.F. North 9, Hillcrest 8
T.F. South 11, Oak Forest 6
Saturday, 4-17-04
Argo 7, Bremen 5
Brother Rice 5, St. Francis de Sales 0
Carmel 2-10, Marian Catholic 1-3
Chicago Chr. 12-16, Westminster Chr [illegible]
De La Salle 7, St. Ignatius 6
Eisenhower 6, Crete-Monee 2
Hillcrest 6-4, Thornridge 5-8
Illiana Chr. 15-7, Wheaton Acad. 7-15
Lincoln-Way East 7-12, Rich East 0-2
Lockport 3, Minooka 2 (8 inn.)
Loyola 7, St. Laurence 6 (8 inn.)
Montini 10, Evergreen Park 8
New Trier 12, Sandburg 5
Oak Forest 5, Reavis 3
Oak Lawn 5, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Providence 5, Gordon Tech 0
Richards 9, Andrew 8
St. Rita 14, Hales 1
Stagg 17, Bolingbrook 2 (5 inn.)
Tinley Park 4, Rich South 3

BOYS TENNIS
Monday 4-12-04
Benet 5, Brother Rice 0
Morgan Park Acad. 4, St. Laurence 1
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Lincoln-Way East 0
Marian Catholic 5, St. Patrick 0
Morgan Park Acad. 5, Hillcrest 0
Wednesday, 4-14-04
Lincoln-Way East 5, Stagg 2
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way Central 5, St. Laurence 0
Lincoln-Way Central 5, Romeoville 0
Marian Catholic 3, Lincoln-Way Central 2
Marian Catholic 5, Romeoville 0
Marian Catholic 5, St. Laurence 0
Thursday, 4-15-04
Andrew 4, Lockport 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Stagg 1
Joliet Catholic 3, Marian Catholic 2
Lincoln-Way East 4, Joliet 1
Oak Lawn 4, Argo 1
Sandburg 4, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Saturday, 4-17-04
Buffalo Grove 5, Argo 0

Brother Rice Tournament
Final Team Standings: 1, St. Francis 61. 2, Chicago Lab 55. 3, Joliet Catholic 42. 4, Brothe Rice 26. 5, Evanston 24. 6, Lincoln-Way Central 21. 7, Rich Central 17. 8, Illiana Christian 8.
Geneva Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, IMSA 16. 2, Geneva 14. 3, C.L. Central 13. 4. Lincoln-Way East 10. 5. Oswego 8. 6, St. Charles East 7. 7, Lemont 3. 8, De Kalb 1.
Glenbard West Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Fenwick 20. 2, Sandburg 18. 3, tie, Downers South and Palatine 12. 5, Glenbard West 11. 6, tie, Glenbard South and Wheaton South 7. 8, Glenbard East 3.
Hinsdale Central Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Hinsdale Central 62. 2, Hinsdale South 55. 3, Sandburg 39. 4, Naperville Central 34. 5, Oak Lawn 22. 6, Glenbard East 13.
Naperville North Tournament
Final Team Standings: 1, Lyons 44. 2, Benet 37. 3, Rockford Guilford 36. 4, Naperville North 28. 5, C.L. South 23. 6, Downers South 22. 7, Waubonsie Valley 17. 8, Marist 8.
Stagg Tournament
Final Team Standings: 1, Oak Lawn 36. 2, Providence 35. 3, Stagg 25. 4, Elgin Academy 20. 5, Thornwood 18. 6, tie, Chicago Christian and Reavis 14. 8, St. Laurence 11.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 4-12-04
Argo d. T.F. North 25-23, 25-22
Oak Lawn d. Richards 25-14, 25-23
Shepard d. Oak Forest 25-16, 25-16
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Andrew d. Lincoln-Way C. 15-25, 25-21, 27-25
Carmel d. Marian Catholic 25-17, 25-14
St. Viator d. Marist 20-25, 25-22, 25-17
Stagg d. H-F 25-18, 21-25, 25-21
Wednesday, 4-14-04
St. Rita d. Evanston 25-12, 25-19
Plainfield d. Joliet Cath. 25-13, 25-19
Thursday, 4-15-04
H-F d. Andrew 25-16, 19-25, 25-21
Lincoln-way C. d. Joliet 25-10, 25-12
Marist d. Notre Dame 25-20, 29-27
St. Viator d. Marian Cath. 25-18, 25-20
Sandburg d. Lockport 25-27, 25-19, 27-25
Stagg d. Lincoln-Way E. 16-25, 25-23, 25-23

BOYS WATER POLO
Monday, 4-12-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 14, Lincoln-Way E. 7
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Homewood-Flossmoor [illegible], Lincoln-Way C. [illegible]
Sandburg 15, Andrew 5
Wednesday, 4-14-04
Fenwick [illegible], Brother Rice [illegible]
Hinsdale C. [illegible], Lincoln-Way C. [illegible]
Sandburg 6, Naperville Central 5
Thursday, 4-15-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Stagg [illegible]
Lincoln-Way Central [illegible], Andrew 5
Friday, 4-16-04
Lincoln-Way Central [illegible], Naperville C. White 5
Glenbrook South 11, Lincoln-Way Central 5
Saturday, 4-17-04
Glenbrook South 11, Lincoln-Way East 5
Lincoln-Way East 8, Buffalo Grove 3
Lincoln-Way East [illegible], Naperville Central 5
Naperville Central 10, Lincoln-Way East 2
Brother Rice Tournament
Sandburg 10, St. Rita [illegible]
Brother Rice JV 13, Mt Carmel 10
Mundelein 15, St.Rita 11
Brother Rice 10, Sandburg [illegible]
Fenwick 13, Mt. Carmel 5
St. Patrick 17, Mt. Carmel 4
St. Rita 13, Mt. Carmel 5
Mundelein 14, Brother Rice JV 3
Sandburg 8, St. Patrick 5 (3rd)
Fenwick [illegible], Brother Rice 5 (title).

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 4-12-04
Bradley 2, Tinley Park 0
Chicago Christian 3, Bremen 0
Lincoln-Way Central 2, Andrew 1
Lincoln-Way East 2, Sandburg 1
Marist 9, Richards 0
Stagg 1, Joliet 0
Larkin
Lockport 1, Plainfield South 0, PK
Rolling Meadows 5, Marian Catholic 0
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Argo 6, Oak Lawn 0
Bloom 3, Eisenhower 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 1, Shepard 0
Marian Catholic 2, Marist 0
Reavis [illegible], Richards 1
Wednesday, 4-14-04
De La Salle 6, Hyde Park 0
Lincoln-Way East 4, Andrew 0
Providence 4, Nazareth 0
Stagg 1, Sandburg 0
Larkin
Lockport 2, Rolling Meadows 1
Plainfield South 3, Marian Catholic 1

Thursday, 4-15-04
Argo 1, Leyden 0
Bolingbrook 5, Reavis 3
Chicago Christian 2, Westminster 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 12, Eisenhower 0
Latin 7, Morgan Park Acad. 0
Lemont 7, Riverside-Brookfield 0
Marist 8, Ill. Christian 3
Oak Forest 5, Bloom 3
Romeoville 2, Oak Lawn 1
Friday, 4-16-04
Marian Catholic 5, Streamwood 0
Mother McAuley 3, Highland Park 1
Saturday, 4-17-04
Downers South 1, Lincoln-Way East 0
Morton 8, Oak Lawn 0
Lake Forest Tournament
Lake Forest 5, Mother McAuley 1
Libertyville 0, Sandburg 0
Sandburg 6, Rockford Guilford 0

SOFTBALL
Monday, 4-12-04
Eisenhower 21, Thornton 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 2, Oak Forest 1
Lincoln-Way Central 3, T.F. South 0
Lockport 5, Sandburg 2 (10 inn.)
Marian Catholic 14, Nazareth 2
Marist 2, Providence 1 (8 inn.)
Minooka 4, Andrew 2
Mother McAuley 11, IHM 0
Mt. Assisi 1, Evergreen Park 0
Queen of Peace 4-4, Loyola 0-0
Richards 5, Crete-Monee 2
St. Ignatius 10, Notre Dame 0
Stagg 11, Shepard 6
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Andrew 3, Shepard 1
Chicago Christian 7, Timothy Christian 4
Crete-Monee 5, Bremen 4
Illiana Christian 20-7, Aurora Christian 0-0
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Reavis 0
Morgan Park Acad. 17, Cristo Rey 2
Oak Park 4-8, Providence 0-0
Queen of Peace 3, Loyola 1
Resurrection 4, Mother McAuley 2
Wheaton South 6, Lockport 1
Wednesday, 4-14-04
Argo 11, Rich East 0
Chicago Christian 11, Timothy Christian 8
Lincoln-Way Central 7, Lincoln-Way East 0
Lockport 4, Stagg 0
Loyola 10-12, Maria 0-1
Morton 9-11, Reavis 0-5
Mother McAuley 2, Mt. Assisi 0
Providence 8, Marist 6
Queen of Peace 4-6, Oak Lawn 0-0
St. Francis de Sales 11-22, Seton 0-0
Sandburg 2, Joliet 0
Shepard [illegible], Richards 6
T.F. North 21, Hillcrest 6
T.F. South 3, Oak Forest 1
Thursday, 4-15-04
Barrington 4, Lincoln-Way Central 3
Bolingbrook 2-4, Lemont 0-2
Chicago Christian 3, Walter Lutheran 2
Lincoln-Way East 3-12, Reavis 0-0
Marian Catholic 5, Bremen 0
Morton [illegible]-3, Argo 2-0
Mt. Assisi 5-12, IHM 1-6
Queen of Peace 3, Mother McAuley 2
Sandburg 3, Downers Grove South 2
Friday, 4-16-04
Andrew 1, Joliet 0
Chicago Christian 2, Timothy Christian 2
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Marist 2
Lincoln-Way East [illegible], Stagg 1
Loyola 1, Mother McAuley 0
Wendy's Classic
Sandburg 1, Milwaukee (Ind.) 0

Saturday, 4-16-04
Eisenhower 11, Thornridge 5
Latin 9-0, De La Salle 1-1
Lincoln-Way Central 16-6, Fenwick 1-1
Lincoln-Way Est 8-12, Providence 0-3
Lockport 3-6, Downers South 0-5
Lyons 2, Stagg 0
Marian Catholic 12-10, St. Viator 3-0
Marist 4-9, Carmel 1-1
Mother Guerin 17-5, Seton 4-2
St. Ignatius 10-10, CICS Northtown 0-0
Shepard 8-0, Lemont 7-10
Chicagoland Challenge
Illiana Christian 7, Burlington Central 0
Illiana Christian 1, Forrester 0
Stanford-Olympia 5, Illiana Christian 3
Lemont Tournament
Oak Forest 1, Evergreen Park 0
Lemont 2, Sterling 0
Oak Lawn 5, Hinsdale South 2
Mt. Assisi 4, Elmwood Park 0
Oak Forest 3, Driscoll 1
Lemont 4, Westmont 2
Morton 2, Oak Lawn 0
Riverside-Brookfield 9, Mt. Assisi 0
Consolation
Evergreen Park 7, Mt. Assisi 6
Evergreen Park 1, Sterling 0
Evergreen Park 6, Elmwood Park 5 (title)
Semifinals
Oak Forest 2, Lemont 1
Morton 2, Riverside-Brookfield 0
Riverside-Brookfield 3, Lemont 0 (3rd)
Oak Forest 6, Morton 5 (title)
Wendy's Classic
Sandburg 4, Bloom-Carroll (OH) 0
Sandburg 9, Sycamore (OH) Mohawks 0

GIRLS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Sandburg 10, Andrew 7
Wednesday, 4-14-04
Sandburg 8, Naperville Central 5
Thursday, 4-15-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 19, Stagg 3
Sandburg 16, Bradley 2

Sandburg 4-17-04
Latin Invitational
Buffalo Grove 145, Marian Catholic 8
Marian Catholic 12, St. Charles N. 11
Naperville C. 11, Marian Catholic 3
Lockport Tournament
Andrew 8, Lincoln-Way East 6
Lincoln-Way East 13, Lockport 3
Lincoln-Way East 10, Hinsdale Central 5

BARRINGTON
Monday, 4-12-04
Hinsdale Central 8, Andrew 8
Shepard
Hinsdale South 12, West Aurora 3
Hinsdale South 12, Shepard 3
Shepard 8, West Aurora 7
Tuesday, 4-13-04
Andrew 14, Lockport 1
Oak Forest 8, T.F. North 7
Reavis 14, T.F. South 1
Thursday, 4-15-04
Lincoln-Way East 11, Stagg 4
Sandburg 10, Lincoln-Way Central 5
T.F. North 10, Argo 5
Saturday, 4-17-04
New Trier Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1, Downers North 61. 2, Andrew 44. 3, Prospect 37. 4, tie, Evanston and Lockport 27. 6, New Trier 23. 7, Lyons 18. 8, West Aurora 16. 9, tie, Hersey and Shepard 14. 11, Maine South 10. 12, Palatine 9. 13, Oak Forest 4. 14, Oak Park 3.

SXU Defeats Fighting Saints

In a rare non-conference meeting between CCAC rivals St. Xavier University and University of St. Francis (Ill.) on Thursday, the Cougar baseball team could not be stopped, thanks in part to a 3-for-4 and six RBI performance at the plate by freshman third baseman Nick Tantillo. SXU racked up 19 hits and 18 runs in the game to defeat the Fighting Saints, 18-4.

Tantillo finished the game with two doubles and a home run, while earning two RBI on each hit. Senior second baseman Ryan Howell went a perfect 3-for-3 with three runs scored while sophomore shortstop Brendan Christy also went 3-for-3 scoring four runs and driving in two RBI.

Junior righte Pat Flynn earned the win for SXU, going five innings and giving up four runs (all earned) off five hits.

Sophomore Team Wins

Sophomore outfielder Chris Gruber put up some big numbers at the plate to help lead the St. Xavier University baseball team to three wins over the weekend, including a CCAC doubleheader sweep of Trinity International University in Deerfield on Saturday (April 17th). The Cougars defeated TIU, 13-2, in game one and 5-2 in the nightcap before splitting a doubleheader with Indiana Institute of Technology on Sunday, winning the first game, 7-5, and dropping the second 16-11.

SXU Splits Double Header

The No. 15 St. Xavier University softball team shut out NCAA Division III opponent St. Mary's College (Ind.) in game one, but had trouble scoring runs in the nightcap splitting a doubleheader with the Belles on Sunday at the SXU Softball Complex in Chicago. The Cougars won game one, 4-0, and dropped the second game, 2-1, in eight innings.

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

COMBINING FOODS AND MEDICATION

People of all ages take over-the-counter medicines, prescription drugs, or both. Especially among many older adults, regular medication intake is common. Knowing how to take medications safely and effectively is ultimately your responsibility. Labels do not necessarily provide adequate explanations or directions, so it is once again a case of "consumer beware." If you are uncertain how and when to take your medicine, asking your health care provider and pharmacist your questions is extremely important

SOME DON'T MIX

Taking medication may not seem like a nutrition issue, yet when food and medicines are taken together, they often interact. That is not surprising since the chemistry of the stomach and intestines differ before and several hours after eating. Food and the substances released in your body during digestion may either enhance or hinder the effectiveness of some medication. And medication can improve or interfere with the way nutrients are absorbed or used.

Your goal? To get the full benefits of both food and medicine. Here are some pointers to help you with medication intake.

Some should be taken with meals. With food, they are less likely to irritate the stomach. Aspirin and ibuprofen are two examples.

Some should be taken on an empty stomach, perhaps an hour before or three hours after eating. Food may slow their absorption and action. That is true of some antibiotics for example.

Some should be taken with plenty of water. This is true of most cholesterol-lowering drugs.

Some food and medications should not be consumed within several hours of each other. For example fruit juice and high acid foods can destroy one type of penicillin. And calcium in dairy foods and calcium supplements binds with tetracycline, so it passes through the body without being absorbed.

Medications should not be taken with alcoholic beverages. Alcohol can block the effects of some drugs, and amplify the effects of others, causing serious side effects. Medication can also intensify the effects of alcohol on your body.

How do you know to take medicine with a meal or on an empty stomach? First, read the directions printed on the container. If you don't see directions, ask your health care professional. A pharmacist is usually readily on hand at your pharmacy to help you with these questions. The directions should also state what to do if you miss a dose. Again, ask if you don't see the information. And if you need instructions printed in large type, they should be provided to you.

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Smiles For Life Charity

Smiles for Life is a dental charity that donates money from teeth whitening to children's charities across the country. The Crown Council dentists have raised more than $15 million since 1998. Dr. Joseph M. O'Connell's office, 15028 Cicero Ave., earned special recognition from the Crown Council for raising over $7,000 last year. They would like to double that for the children this year.

One hundred percent of all donations go to the charity. The dentists pay for the materials and office time and Garth Brooks' "touch em all foundation" pays the administrative costs.

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Future Of Healthcare For Women

Longer waits to see your doctor, difficulty finding a physician to deliver your baby, and bigger bills for care; this is the future of healthcare for women in Illinois, according to a new survey by the Chicago-based OB/GYN Crisis Coalition in cooperation with the Illinois Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). The Coalition, a concerned group of obstetricians and gynecologists (ob/gyns) dedicated to protecting patient access and quality care, fielded the survey to assess the impact of escalating medical liability premiums on the long-term practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Illinois.

Conducted in February and March, the survey reveals that over the last two years, 11 percent of ob/gyns have stopped practicing obstetrics as a result of medical liability concerns. Based on how many office visits physicians report in an average month (N=250), that means 46,250 office visits for ob/gyn services have been lost across the state in the last two years.

Even more alarming, the survey also reveals that 89 percent of ob/gyns would *not* recommend that new physicians practice in the state because of liability concerns. In fact, virtually all (99 percent) of ob/gyns responding to the survey believe the increasing cost of liability insurance is the single biggest concern facing their profession today and that Illinois is in a state of crisis (98 percent of physicians surveyed).

"Illinois is in the midst of a full-blown healthcare crisis," said Dr. Lewis Blumenthal, co-chair of the OB/GYN Crisis Coalition. "I'm worried about my colleagues who can no longer afford to practice in the state – and for the women who are losing their doctors who have cared for them for years. In some parts of the state, like Joliet, the metro-east St. Louis area and even in Chicagoland, it's already hard for patients to find new physicians to manage their care and deliver their babies."

Liability insurance premiums have increased an average of 66 percent in Illinois since 2001, averaging $92,567 and going as high as $150,000 in some geographic areas.

While the number of doctors who have stopped practicing obstetrics over the last two years is of concern, patient access to ob/gyn care threatens to become even more limited in the future if Illinois' medical liability issues are not resolved. According to the survey, more than half (56 percent) of ob/gyns in the state are considering stopping obstetrics entirely in the next two years due to medical liability concerns.

"Many obstetricians in Illinois are giving up the practices they love and the patients they care about – all because our policymakers in Springfield and Washington have been unable to forge a solution," said Dr. Howard Strassner, chair, Illinois Section, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG).

The survey indicates that even more physicians are likely to modify the scope of their medical practice over the next two years because of medical liability concerns. Seventy-two percent of ob/gyns report that they will decrease the scope of medical services they offer and 80 percent indicate they will see fewer high-risk patients, further limiting the access to care for at-risk women in Illinois. "Anybody concerned about the healthcare of women in Illinois should be shocked by the survey's findings. It is the exclamation point to the Coalition's urgent call for policymakers to develop a meaningful and real solution to the problem," Blumenthal said. "It's no longer about what might happen to healthcare in our state, it's about what is happening now."

Multiple Sclerosis Society Symposium

Remyelination, or repairing the fatty tissue (myelin) that insulates the nerve fibers in the central nervous system, is the topic of the ninth annual Fannie and Charles Penikoff Research Symposium to be presented on Saturday, April 17th by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Destruction of myelin is the primary cause of MS symptoms including impaired mobility, fatigue and muscle spasticity. Ultimately, remyelination may translate to a return of function for many people with MS.

The event will feature a keynote address by Bruce D. Trapp, Ph.D., chairman of the Dept. of Neurosciences at the Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Professor of Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University and Ohio State University, as well as an interactive discussion by a panel of expert MS neurologists and researchers.

An internationally renowned expert in the field of remyelination, Dr. Trapp has been awarded numerous multiyear grants from various funding institutions. His research involves the pathobiology of neurological disability in people with multiple sclerosis and the cellular and molecular biology if myelination in the central and peripheral nervous systems.

Open to people with MS, their families and friends, as well as healthcare professionals, the symposium will be held live from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at three locations throughout the state in the Chicago, Peoria and Springfield areas. The Marriott Chicago Downtown Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., will host the event with satellite locations linked live via web conference in the Peoria area at the Ashland House and Convention Center, 201 E. Ashland in Morton, and Springfield at the Renaissance Springfield Hotel, 701 E. Adams St. The symposium will also be webcast in real time via the web site at www.msillinois.org.

Registration is required – visit www.msillinois.org or call 1(800) FIGHT MS. The fees are as follows – space is limited at each site: Chicago - $25 includes lunch at the Marriott Chicago Downtown Hotel. The hotel is readily accessible by public transportation. Parking is $11 at North Bridge Self Park (5 hours).

Y-Me Open Door Meet

The Northwest Indiana Group of Y-ME of Illinois, an organization dedicated to breast cancer education and support, will hold its next Open Door Meeting on Saturday, May 8th in the Doctors' Meeting Room on the west side of Community Hospital's cafeteria, 901 MacArthur Blvd in Munster, Indiana, at 10 a.m. This meeting will feature a lecture entitled "Balancing Your Body's Energies through Nutrition, Relaxation and Meditation" by Tern Sakelaris, R.D.M.S., Clinical Dietitian at Community Hospital, and Linda Haines, R.N., Certified Yoga Instructor. Breast cancer patients, their families and friends, and health professionals interested in the topic are welcome at Open Door Meetings. This session is free of charge and reservations are not necessary.

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Preparing for the "Water Me – I'm Growing" Children's Shower on April 28 at Lincoln Mall in Matteson are (left to right), Mia Carter, Community Policing Coordinator for the Matteson Police Department, and her 3-month-old son, Malcolm; Glenda Evans, R.N., Director of Aunt Martha's Healthy Families Illinois/Parents Too Soon (HFI/PTS) Program; Diane Snyder, President of the Flossmoor Service League; Joan Schmitt, Aunt Martha's Administrator of Early Childhood and Family Support Services; and Kerinda Griffin of Ford Heights, with eight-month-old son, Jason Cowing. Griffin is a participant in Aunt Martha's HFI/PTS Program. Carter, Evans, Snyder, and Schmitt are all members of Aunt Martha's Advisory Committee for HFI/PTS and HIPPY (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters). "Water Me – I'm Growing" will benefit the children, ages 0-5, who are enrolled in either HFI/PTS or HIPPY.

Prior to the shower, which is scheduled for 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, area residents may drop off their baby/mom and toddler gifts at the following locations: Village Hall in Lincoln Mall, located on the second level, from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; Matteson Village Commons, Matteson; or Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center's administrative office, 233 W. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights (North Building), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

Additional information about the upcoming Children's Shower may be obtained by calling (708) 709-7382.

Open Health And Nursing Job Fair Set

South Suburban College's Nursing Dept., in conjunction with the Career Development and Jobs Center, is proud to sponsor a Health and Nursing Job Fair open to students and the public. The Fair will be held at the Fitness Center at SSC's main campus, 15800 S. State St. in South Holland, on Tuesday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Job Fair will provide agencies and job seekers an opportunity to get together and exchange applications and resumes. Healthcare providers from Chicago and the south suburban region will be at the event.

SSC's Nursing Dept. will also be on hand to provide free health screenings. The screenings will include blood pressure, TB, cholesterol, glucose, body fat analysis, height & weight, O2 saturation, heart disease education, and education on a variety of other health topics. Health screenings will continue on Wednesday and Thursday in the college's atrium.

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Through the joint effort of Girl Scouts of Chicago and consumer products company Unilever, local teens and tweens from Gallistel Language Academy in Chicago recently learned about healthy eating, exercise, media lineracy, team-building and other techniques for building their self-esteem.

Approximately 350 boys and girls from the school participated in a series of interactive workshops designed as part of **"uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Unilever Self-Esteem Program."** The program was established in the fall of 2001 to address the problem of low self-esteem among our nation's teens and tweens. Research conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute shows that low self-esteem among girls often leads to other serious problems such as eating disorders, depression, risky sexual behavior and substance abuse.

Through the **uniquely ME! program**, teens and pre-teens learn valuable self-esteem building tips through a variety of age-appropriate activities featured in the program's three resource booklets: **uniquely ME!** *The Way To Be* targets 8-10 year-olds and **uniquely ME!** *Inside Out* and **uniquely ME!** *The Real Deal* targets 11-14 year-olds. These booklets, available in English and bilingual English/Spanish, are available by contacting Girl Scouts of Chicago.

"We are thrilled to present the **uniquely ME!** program to teens and tweens in the Chicago community," said Brooke Wiseman, CEO of Girl Scouts of Chicago. "To truly encourage and support our children in their endeavors to achieve their highest ideals, we must show them how to recognize and appreciate their own 'unique' talents and strengths and feel confident revealing their true inner-beauty."

"Unilever is committed to helping youth reach their full potential by addressing the physical, intellectual and emotional aspects of self-esteem," said Stacie Nevadomski, Director Corporate Affairs, Unilever. "By partnering with organizations like Girl Scouts and Gallistel School, who understand the needs of the children in our communities, we are able to develop and support programs such as these that strive to foster good self-esteem and a sense of confidence in kids to help them best meet the challenges of life."

For more information, call (312) 416-2500 or visit www.girlscouts.org.

NARFE Hold Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 28 at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. (5300 West).

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership.

At the meeting members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. There usually is a guest speaker as well.

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Murphy Questions Pilot Program

With the newly reanimated efforts of Jim Houlihan to amend his seven percent solution legislation into a three year pilot program Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy called Tuesday for suburban legislators to support families by adding an amendment to Assessor Houlihan's seven percent assessment cap legislation which would make the cap retroactive to 2001. North suburban property was reassessed in 2001 and south suburban property was reassessed in 2002. The amendment would protect suburban property taxpayers from bearing the brunt of a tax cap that would otherwise favor Chicago taxpayers over suburban taxpayers. Chicago property was most recently reassessed in 2003 but tax bills based on that new assessment are not due to be paid until late in 2004.

"The suburbs make up 56% of all parcels in Cook County," said Commissioner Murphy. "Yet this legislation is just coincidentally being introduced by a Chicago Democrat in a year when Chicago taxpayers would have most to gain and suburban taxpayers would be stuck footing the bill. It would be irresponsible for any suburban legislator, no matter what party they belong to, to vote for this legislation unless it is retroactive to 2001. This would provide property tax relief to suburban taxpayers in addition to those living in Chicago," concluded Murphy.

Despite Houlihan's contention that his assessment cap legislation will help hold down taxes, it has had a difficult time getting the votes necessary to make it to the governor's desk. Opponents argue that this is a band aid approach to high property taxes which only serves to shift the tax burden from one group of taxpayers to another. While Chicago's residential property owners would be the first to benefit, those likely to shoulder a higher proportionate share of the tax burden if Houlihan's legislation is passed include commercial and industrial property owners, apartment renters, low value property owners and taxpayers who's property values are going up less than seven percent each year.

Celebrate Arbor Day At The Zoo

Branch out and head to Brookfield Zoo for a tree-mendous ceremony in celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 30th. At 11 a.m. young visitors will be able to assist the zoo's grounds crew in planting a sugar maple just southwest of the zoo's Roosevelt Fountain.

Attending the annual event are representatives from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, including President John H. Stroger, Jr. and General Superintendent Steve Bylina, as well as CEO and President of Brookfield Zoo, Stuart Strahl. Adding to the festivities will be a performance by the Mattawan High School Girls Choir from Michigan. The group will sing tree-themed and patriotic songs.

In addition, at the Hamill Family Play Zoo (separate admission applies), youngsters can help plant acorns in the Greenhouse and take home a sapling (while supplies last) to plant in their own yard.

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Each section explores a topic in-depth and then provides suggested teaching strategies, activities, test questions, maps, time lines, and out-of-class research. *Illinois History Teacher* is researched and written by college and high school history teachers and other history professionals, and is published by IHPA's Educational Services.

"This new edition of *Illinois History Teacher* is a valuable resource for teaching about Illinois history," said IHPA Director Maynard Crossland. "It is designed to offer teachers ideas on how to use historic maps in the classroom, and provides them with many maps they can use right from the book."

Sections in the new publication include: The Geographic Setting; The Illinois Country, 1673-1787; Illinois in the Pioneer Period, 1787-1832; The Era of Canals and Railroads, 1832-1930s; Automobile State, 1920s-2000; and Illinois – Yesterday and Today, 1960-Present. Each section contains maps and curriculum materials that may be used as is or adapted for use in particular classrooms.

Teachers who wish to obtain free copies may call (217) 785-6916 or write: Illinois History Teacher, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507.

Bremen High School Drama Troupe take a bow after the production of "Figments," a comedy.

Bremen's Drama Troupe

The Bremen High School drama troupe presented the comedy play "Figments" on April 1-4 in the Bremen High School Gymnasium.

Cast members included Ann Erickson, Katie Biesiada, Kevin Waszekauskas, Kim Azana, Judith Diaz, Dan Kellogg, Francine Biedron, Ashley Yeager, Rebecca Warszalek, Jessica Warzalek, Rich Hunt, Anthony Kwiatkowski, Lisa Cook, Stephanie Seebock, Julie Mickley, Michael Abdelkoui, Adrienne Schultz, Antonio Sifuentez and Robert Nowak.

"Figments" is a story about a playwright who is trying to come up with an idea for a new play using the "figments of his imagination."

"The characters came together in this hilarious comedy with a touch of heart and the play was a great success," said Director Matt Slomka.

Sheriff's College Safety Class

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced his office is offering a new program to inform high school students of the potential risks they might face in college.

The "College Safety 101" program is designed to prepare future college students for the pressures and potential dangers of college life. The program teaches students positive ways to approach common problems many college students encounter, such as alcohol and drug abuse, personal safety, sexual assault, gambling, hazing, and credit card abuse.

"In the excitement of preparing for college, students and parents often overlook potential risks college students can face," explained Sheriff Sheahan. "This program is designed not to scare students, but to teach them to safeguard themselves against these problems so that their college experience can be as enjoyable and exciting as it is meant to be."

The program will be presented to Richards High School in Oak Lawn on April 28th at 9 a.m. and Nazareth Academy in LaGrange on May 18th at 7:55 a.m.

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You should also write to your credit bureaus and ask them for copies of your reports. Review them to make sure that no new accounts have been opened in your name. You should also check the section of your report that lists "inquiries." If any "inquiries" appear from the entity that opened the account, you can request that these be removed from your report.

After a few months, order a copy of your report to ensure that no new fraudulent activity has taken place.

Contact any creditors where the identify thieves opened or tampered with your accounts. Your creditors may run the gamut from credit card companies to utilities to banks and lenders. According to the law, consumers must notify their credit card companies in writing about the theft. It is important to immediately close the account under your name and open a new one with a personal identification number (PIN) and password.

File a report with the local police. Follow up by getting a copy of the police report in case a creditor needs proof of the crime.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Amerquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Anna Marie Drazin, Defendants. No. 03Ch-16312.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 10836 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,657.84.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Kronas at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.
194451C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor by Merger to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Vanita A. Lewis, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11631.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 16620 Knottingwood Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $175,942.24.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
195327C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, successor on interest to St. Paul Federal Bank for Savings, Plaintiff, vs. Theresa A. Williams a/k/a Theresa Williams a/k/a Theresa A. Laxton a/k/a Theresa Laxton, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-16271.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 5830 W. 109th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $115,890.17.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Violet R. Drozd, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-15781.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7928 S. Central Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family home one story wood frame separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $102,619.23.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0307517.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194684C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jesus Castro, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-15368.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7806 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story brick construction separate 1.5 car garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,731.17.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0307242.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

197306C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Woodie G. Johnson, et al., Defendant. Case No. 00Ch-13375.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14700 S. Mozart, Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $151,938.39.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-00-5595.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195458C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Rogelio Silva Vaquera a/k/a Rogelio Silva, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-9845.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 22, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 7753 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $141,129.59.

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6490.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195602C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kathy Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16139.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14840 S. Kilpatrick, Unit 604, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $71,759.96.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9480.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195200C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Norman T. Litland, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-10318.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 7924 S. Lamon Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,950.40.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-5143.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194696C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Midwest Mortgage Solutions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Duane Alan Klunk, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16455.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6519 W. 91st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $107,733.25.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9837.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195028C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Citifinancial Mtge. Co., Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Grant E. Owens a/k/a Grantland Owens, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6801

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57146
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on December 19, 2003.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on May 15, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Outside the Northeast entrance of the Lobby, Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 8841 S. Fairfield Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $149,259.67.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

203628C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dale M. Prince, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7356.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57667
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 2, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3531 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling, brick construction.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $167,919.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202093C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Timothy Lichter, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-23221.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15257 S. Millard Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $125,652.14.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33165.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. US Bank N.A., f/k/a Firstar Bank N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anita Salaam a/k/a Anita Harden, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2117.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9360 S. 85th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $212,692.92.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0300603.

194381C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Steve J. Gorski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14652.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4435 152nd St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $151,599.83.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Provident Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Brian T. Anders, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16814.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14717 S. Major Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,322.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33996.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194941C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Andrea E. Kevin, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14093.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4042 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $95,162.31.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306460.

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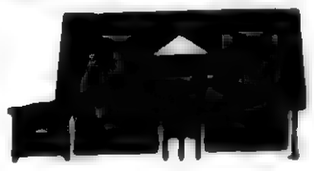

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jon Barnhouse a/k/a Jon M. Barnhouse, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-13864.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 4, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4839 Engle Rd., Unit #3A, Alsip, IL 60462.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $75,176.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8266.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

196669C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Successor in Interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Clark a/k/a Angela P. Clark, et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-16878.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 24, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 147000 Mozart, Unit A, Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,849.22.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

194498C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-1, Agreement dated 3/1/98, Plaintiff, vs. Edna Hayes, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-5273.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 3, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14050 Lydia Ave., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 E. Wacker Place, Chicago, IL 60601. (312) 236-0077.

196382C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $40,090.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.

194500C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie Przybyla a/k/a Debbie Comocho, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12400.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 6432 128th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $75,980.43.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305666.

196613C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Belal Shargawi, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7370.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 3, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 10930 S. Central Ave., Unit 2A, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,615.40.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

196366C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Leavy Deal III, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-15353.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3315 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with a detached 1.5 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $103,031.19.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0307007.

196488C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Patrick A. McKeown, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-16534.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9121 S. Monitor Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/548-6058.

194458C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2, Plaintiff, vs. Pattye J. Jackson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13934.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9254 S. Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story + attic brick construction separate (2 car) garage red brick.

The judgment amount was $94,319.99.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306659.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194682C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Karina Trujillo a/k/a Karina Navarro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13695.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3723 W. Pippin St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence two story brick construction separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $189,714.16.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further suoject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0306474.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Joseph P. Abrams

Services were held Monday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, for Joseph P. Abrams.

He is survived by his wife Margaret L.; his children Joseph P. (Angeline), Donald and Robert D.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Edna L. Genender

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 23rd at Free Sons Cemetery, 1600 S. DesPlaines, Forest Park, for Edna L. Genender, 93, of Mt. Greenwood, wife of the late Samuel. Edna was the leader of the Mt. Greenwood Kitchen Band. She worked at Continental Can Company for many years and was active in many organizations. She was also a leader of Cub Scout Troop 3611, helped with Meals on Wheels, corresponding secretary for the Mt. Greenwood Senior Citizens Club. She is survived by her children Pauline Deniel and James (Fran); two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John Brendan Crosby

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John Brendan Crosby, 64.

He is survived by his wife Susan; his children Vivian (Peter) Recchia, Daniel and Jeffrey (Athena); one grandchild; a sister Mary DeLuca and brothers Martin, James (Marie), William and Thomas.

Rose M. Fitzgerald

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rose M. Fitzgerald, a member of Evergreen Park American Legion 854 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband Edward; children Edward (Jan) and James E.; and four grandchildren.

Gregory Kunka

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Gregory "George" Kunka.

He is survived by a sister Genevieve Koster.

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, Illinois, N.A. f/k/a Bank One, Springfield Successor by Merger to Bank One, Chicago, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Harold C. Berndt, Jr. a/k/a Harold Berndt, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16800.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7731 S. Thomas Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $45,296.66.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1ST MORTGAGE and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8710.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrin Riles, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14930.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7915 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,404.00.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7573.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. William Pappas, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6292.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2835 W. 97th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,040.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3602.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Barbara T. Duffy

Mass was said Tuesday at Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Barbara T. Duffy, wife of the late John Joseph.

She is survived by her children John "Jack" (Tricia), Janice (Donald) Ross, Terrence "Terry" (Jennifer) and Barb Duffy Jr.; and seven grandchildren.

Agnes Kolnik

Services were held Wednesday at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Agnes Kolnik, wife of the late Victor.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Irwin F. Rempert

Mass was said Monday at Holy Trinity Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Lucas Cemetery, for Irwin F. Rempert.

He is survived by his wife Annette; his children Ralph and Grace (Arthur) Younker; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister Lillian Rempert.

Julian K. Pallasch

Mass was said Friday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Julian J. Pallasch, 81, of Justice. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the Army Air Corps.

He is survived by his sister, Geraldine Roberts.

Richard Alfred Geese

Richard Alfred Geese passes away April 14th at the age of 104. A memorial services was held Thursday, April 22nd for him and his wife Edith who died April 9, 2001, at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 Harlem Ave. Richard served with the 5th Army Division during World War I. He was a retired policeman on the Evanston police force, member and past Commander of the North Shore American Legion Post 42, member of North Shore Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Association, The Odd Fellows, Elk Club, Moose Lodge and the Republican Party.

They are survived by their children Vivian Igoe, Winnifred French, and Adelaid Cycon; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Helen E. Kneisly

Services were held Tuesday at the Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, for Helen E. "Betty" Kneisly, 73, wife of the late Louis, retiree of Venture Stores, Inc.

She is survived by her sisters Frances (Luke) Alexander, Virginia Neuman, Agnes Keifer, and Barbara Klinkhammer and brothers Peter (Janelle) and Richard (Deb) Darge.

Carolyn R. Peterson

Services were held Monday at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blue Island, with interment in Preston, Iowa, for Carolyn R. Peterson, retired Library Administrator for the Village of Midlothian and wife of the late Gene. Carolyn was a librarian administrator for 21 years. She graduated from Wartburg College in Iowa. She was a longtime resident of Midlothian and a long time member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church where she was a day school teacher for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Kari (Ben) Peterson-Mills; sister Janet (Adolf) Hehr; brothers Henry (Karen) and Roger (Marge) Nolting.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Joseph J. Stewart

A memorial mass was said Monday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, for Joseph J. Stewart, 67, a 30-year resident of Burbank. He was a retired roofer for Local #11 for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; daughters Janet (Bruce) Ramsden and Kathy (Dean) Dodge; sons, Denny (Dawn), Danny (Cindy), Andrew (Vanessa) and Timmy (Sherry); 16 grandchildren; sister Mary Ann and brothers, Bill and Tom.

Robert R. Stumpf

Mass was said Wednesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Assumption Cemetery, for Robert R. Stumpf, a veteran and retired United Postal Worker.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children Michael (Melanie) and Diane (Keith) Johnson; three grandchildren and a sister Phyllis (Ed) Meilner.

Berenice F. Tracy

Mass was said Wednesday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Berenice F. Tracy, 82, wife of the late Robert "Tim."

She is survived by her children Susan (Michael) Tracy-Jozik, Kathleen (Theodore) Walczak, and Thomas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph J. Wegg

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Joseph J.Wegg, 81, a Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed with R.R. Donnelley and Sons with over 40 years of service and a member of American Legion Darius-Girenas Post 271.

He is survived by his wife Helen; his children Robert, Alan (Jackie), and Leslie; eight grandchildren and brothers Leonard and Richard.

Agnes Conlin

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Agnes Conlin, of Orland Park formerly of Oak Lawn and St. Germaine Parish, wife of the late John. She was a ward secretary and volunteer at Christ Hospital and Medical Center for 40 years.

She is survived by her children Sharon (John) Cunnea, Diane Lauen and Susan (William) Van Berschot; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother Thomas (Eileen) Martin.

Dolores A. O'Donovan

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dolores A. O'Donovan, 93, wife of the late William.

She is survived by her children Kathleen (Michael, C.F.D.) Walsh, Maureen (Kenneth), Zydek and Michael (Cindy); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Heads Campaign

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago (UCP) named Chris Picone, Principal of Chicago-based Stage Development Company, LLC, as Chairman of its 2003-04 annual campaign. Joining Picone as lead vice-chairman is Ike Hong, President of Pacific Construction Services, Inc. Picone and Hong are leading an elite group of fundraisers who will work year round to secure individual and corporate donations for UCP Chicago. This year's goal is $2.5 million.

The 2002-03 UCP annual campaign raised more than $1.9 million for programs and services that help advance the independence of children and adults with disabilities. As a not-for-profit organization, UCP Chicago relies heavily on individual and corporate gifts as well as funds raised through various special events throughout the year.

A special feature of UCP Chicago's annual campaign is its Partners Who Care Television Special. The special will air on WLS ABC7 Chicago on April 16th at 1 p.m., May 16th at noon, and May 29th at 1 p.m. The one-hour program highlights UCP Chicago's programs and services as well as individuals' inspiring success stories. The show's viewers also have an opportunity to call UCP Chicago to make a generous donation. Donors who call during the show will receive tickets to UCP's Jack Brickhouse Tribute at US Cellular Field if they donate at least $35. The 2nd annual tribute honors Hall of Fame Broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, a longtime UCP supporter and board member, during a White Sox game on Aug. 18th.

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Some CDs give the issuing financial institution the right to terminate the CD after a set period of time, but the investor may not have the same right. Make sure to investigate any call features of the CD. Typically, callable CDs are sold by brokers – sometimes over the phone. Your State Securities Board should offer a helpful checklist to use in evaluating these as investments.

Keep in mind that, although CDs are a safe investment, interest rates are locked in. While this is good in a bad economic market, if rates go up, you're stuck with a locked-in rate unless you have a variable rate CD with a good index.

CDs can be a good investment for young and old alike. For younger people, a high-yield, long-term investment with a maturity date of 18-20 years may be a good investment. However, if you're 55 or older, you might prefer a CD with a shorter maturity date. Many Americans may be hesitant to deal with today's volatile stock market. They want to know their money is safe, federally insured, and will provide them with a predictable source of income.

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Bean Bag Tournament

The Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St., is getting set to host its first bean-bag tournament on Tuesday, May 18th and Thursday, May 20th, with help from Cool Beens, a championship bean-bag organization.

The competition of two-person teams will begin at 6:30 each night. All ages are welcome for a chance to win cash prizes and to advance to the state championships later in the year.

Pre-registration is required at $30 per team at Stony Creek. For more information or to sign up for the tournament, call (708) 857-2433.

Best Of Show Award

Kristina Rinkunaite, a student at Richards High School, won the Best of Show award at the Moraine Valley Community College School Art Show earlier this month. Judges presented this award to the artwork they graded as the finest submitted from the 11 high schools that had students participate.

A number of other Richards students also won awards; they are Ryan Le, second place; Kevin Caliendo, third place; and honorable mention, John Donatowicz, Patrice Connelly, Christine Janiszewski, Jim Papadopoulos, Robbyn Yuen, Catherine Blinstrup, Kate Enright, Tom Ciezezak, Gildardo De La Torre, Kevin Caliendo and Abe Kofahi.

Ornamental Tree Planting

On Friday, April 30th, the village will be ceremonially planting two parkway ornamental trees in front of Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. Children representing each of the third grade classrooms in the district will be present. The ceremony will occur at 1 p.m. with elected officials, village staff, school staff and representatives.

As part of the village of Oak Lawn's celebration for Arbor Day 2004, Heather Green, Village Forester, will be speaking to third graders at different schools on April 28th, 29th and 30th. She will give an overview of her responsibilities as Village Forester and the importance of trees and their care.

For more information, contact Heather Green at (708) 499-7098.

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch Set

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host an extravaganza Mother's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand and Astoria Ballrooms.

This buffet features numerous breakfast items with custom omelettes, a Belgian Waffle Station, a carving station with prime rib, ham and lamb, enticing seafood and salads, and much more. An entire Sweet Room is devoted to fabulous desserts!

The popular Kiddie Buffet includes "Kid Friendly Food" like macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, chocolate milk and cookies. Available to all guests, but especially geared toward kids! Not separately priced, just an additional selection to this already fabulous buffet.

Live music, fresh flowers, ice carvings and entertainment are located in both ballrooms. Adults - $33.95, children 6-12 - $14.95, toddlers 3-5 - $7.95, children 2 & under – no charge. Plenty of free parking. Reservations required. Call (708) 229-8850. Non-smoking brunch, wheelchair accessible.

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Hospital Calendar Of Program Classes

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Home Alone - a Red Cross Program for children ages 6 to 8 years old. This $5 class will be held on Monday, May 3 from 3 to 4 p.m. The class teaches tips on walking home from school, dealing with strangers, answering the phone and coping with emergencies.

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Foot Screening - a free foot screening on Wednesday, May 5 from 10 a.m. until noon. Little Company podiatrists will conduct this screening.

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Osteoporosis Can Be Treated - a free class on Wednesday, May 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dr. Phyllis Bonaminio, M.D., will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis, a condition common among the adult population.

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Bright Beginning Breakfast Club – a free educational program where Syed Mohsin, M.D., will speak on hypertension and stroke. Enjoy coffee and conversation on Thursday, May 13 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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Breathe Easier – a free "Asthma 101" program on Saturday, May 15 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Hospital professionals will conduct an adult workshop on how to take charge of your asthma. Information will include asthma triggers, treatment, and management and lifestyle changes to enhance your well being.

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Mind Over Matter – a mental health workshop on Saturday, May 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anne Bartolotta, R.N., M.S., and Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., will present "Help is on the Way," a skill-building workshop that teaches you how to channel your angef and manage your short term stress. The cost is $75 and includes lunch.

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Annual Men's Wellness Event – a special program for men that includes: comprehensive blood testing (valued at $300), blood oxygen levels and other health screenings. Join in for a continental breakfast on Saturday, June 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., where Little Company physician, Thomas Quinn, M.D., will discuss "Men and Heart Disease." The fee is $50.

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Yoga – is an ongoing class that is instructed by Mary Ann Zellman on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Yoga combines physical poses and breathing techniques to achieve physical and mental well-being. Yoga reduces stress and improves strength, balance and flexibility as it brings balance to your body, mind and spirit.

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Get on the Ball and Lose Weight – exercise classes on Tuesday and Thursdays, both 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is an ongoing class that incorporates an exercise ball, stretching, weights, aerobics, Pilates and meditation. Regular exercise has many benefits such as lower blood pressure, lower blood sugar and improved muscle strength. Barb Kolenda is the fitness instructor and each class session runs eight weeks. Call for dates and fees.

Dedicate Kolb School

Ridgeland School District 122 in Oak Lawn will dedicate the former Dearborn Heights Elementary School as Ernest F. Kolb Elementary School after the former mayor.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the school, 9620 S. Normandy Ave., Oak Lawn.

The family of the former mayor, who died last summer, will be on hand for the dedication.

The dedication will include photos, student performances, speeches by dignitaries and tours of the building.

Pilgrim Faith Event

Guitars, keyboards, poets, and musicians will transfrom Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., into a coffeehouse on Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Kick back, relax, and enjoy various desserts, snacks, and beverages while taking in the entertainment on stage. Grab a few friends and sign up to perform. Local talent is welcome such as singers, worship bands, poets, pianists, and skit performers.

For more information contact the church office at (708) 422-4200.

Dist. 218 Gets Financial Recognition

District 218 improved its finance rating this year from the Illinois State Board of Education from "financial review" to "financial recognition," marking the second consecutive year the district has improved its grade.

The state board of education categorizes school districts annually with the following ratings: Financial Watch, Financial Early Warning, Financial Review, and Financial Recognition, the highest rating possible.

"We promised the residents of our district that we would be fiscally responsible and operate as cost effectively as possibly in all areas. The real upside is that we have not compromised our instructional program for students. While it is true that we have cut some of our low enrollment courses, the Board has actually increased its curricular offerings to students. The reading classes and new classes in technology are but a few examples," said Superintendent Dr. Kevin G. Burns.

School districts earn their ratings based on five criteria, including final balance-to-revenue ratio; expenditures to revenues ratio; days cash on hand; percent of short-term borrowing available; and percent of long-term debt remaining.

Just three years ago, district administrators projected that District 218 would run out of cash by the end of the 2003-04 school year. That bleak financial picture is no longer the case as the District 218 Board of Education and administration has curtailed its spending and eliminated staff positions to balance its budget.

"Passing the referendum certainly helped, but the board and administration recognized that changes were in order long before then and implemented them accordingly," Burns said.

To combat revenue shortfalls, the district cut many programs and personnel. For example, in 1994 the district employed 400 administrators and teachers. Today, despite an increase in enrollment of more than 500 students since 1994, the district employs 350 administrators and teachers.

Beginning three years ago, the district began a system-wide reduction in spending that included curtailing overtime pay and travel to national conferences.

Other measures included maintaining one of the leanest administrative staffs in the south suburbs. Academic department chairpersons work at the district level – most other districts employ chairpersons at individual buildings. In the last six years, the district has cut the number of chairpersons from nine to six. District 218 also is one of the few school systems in the South Inter-Conference Assn. (SICA) that does not employ assistant athletic directors.

Aside from cutting costs, the district also has aggressively pursued grants to improve facilities and security without any expense to taxpayers. The district has received two grants from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation this year that will save more than $150,000 per year in utility costs while improving lighting conditions in classrooms. The district also has received grant funds to upgrade security measures in school buildings.

The cost savings and new revenue sources have allowed the district to begin renovation work at Eisenhower, Richards, Shepard and ASPEN high schools and the Administrative Center without any additional cost to taxpayers. These projects have included the replacement of boilers and chillers.

District 218 operates in a state that ranks 48th out of the 50 in the level of financial support it receives from the state government. In the mid-1980s, District 218 received about 25 percent of its revenue from the state. Today, it receives about 8 percent, while the national average is 49 percent.

Unfunded mandates, particularly in special education and bilingual education, the Cook County property tax cap, aging facilities, spiraling healthcare costs, and other factors conspire to create an environment in which schools continually must find new ways to remain financially solvent.

Mother McAuley Hosted Annual Choral Festival

McAuley Music Dept. hosted its annual Choral Festival on March 4th, welcoming 65 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. This event is specifically designed to provide an enriching musical experience for talented young women. The event provided students the opportunity to learn repertoire and choreography while becoming acquainted with the McAuley environment as a choral student. The festival concluded that evening with a performance for family members, utilizing skills learned at the workshop. Students from the following schools participated in the Choral Festival: Ashburn Lutheran, Morgan Park, Queen of Martyrs, Simmons Middle School, St. Barnabas, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Gerald, St. Linus and St. Paul.

Voices Of The Valley Performance

The Oak Lawn Park District's Voices of the Valley Chamber Singers – an adult choral group – will perform "Songs Around the World" at Moraine Valley Community Church, 8601 W. 107th St., at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 25th.

Soloists at this free performance will be Roseanne Arnold, Ronald Chambers, Frank Chellberg, Marilyn Kebluck, Howard McWilliams, Renee Mrazek, Andrew Russel and Florence Sklenar. The accompanist is Rosemary Cunningham DeSanto; the director is Alice Maguire.

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Oak Lawn High School Drama Students Honored As

New State Champions

Oak Lawn Community High School drama students were honored as the new State Champions for their Group Interpretation of "Protestants Cry, Too" and for their second place finish in the Drama Category for "Absolutely! (Perhaps)." The students received a first place ranking (for the first time in the school's history) at the sectionals which qualified them for the state finals held at Southeastern Illinois College on the weekend of March 26-27. Acting Mayor Ron Stancik, at the Oak Lawn Board of Trustee's meeting, presented a sign proclaiming them the state champions adding that had this been a sports team a parade or rally would have been held.

The cast of "Protestants Cry, Too" included All-State members Julie Hinks, Josh Lopez, Michael Norris, Ed Suda and Brian Weems. Also performing were Dorothy Kroll, Sean Goldrick, Rebecca Pulr, Elise Bauman, and Allison Stanko. This performance was directed by Mark Donaway assisted by Dennis Anastasopolis.

The cast of "Absolutely! (Perhaps)" included All-State members Nicole Cassidy, Guin Grana, Justin Lopez, and Dave Vogner. Also performing were Megan Hinks, Caitlin Goldrick, Brian Fay, Patrick Cooper, Adrienne Thurzo, Andrew Coate, Kristina Reyes, Wayne Miller, Sean Goldrick, Michael Norris, and Allison Stanko. This performance was directed by Tom Dzurison assisted by Dennis Anastasopolis, Jennifer Galante, Meredith Morris, and Marcus Wargin.

The board voted to concur with the Planning and Development Commission's recommendation and approved an ordinance vacating the first east/west alley north of 95th St. between 51st Ave. and Tulley Ave. and the first 125 feet of the north, south alley immediately north of and adjacent to that alley. The request is part of the RTG-Oak Lawn, LLC development on the north side of 95th between Tulley and 51st Ave. A five story building will include approximately 13,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor and 62 condominium units on the second through fifth floors.

Re-appointed to the Fair Housing Commission were Fred Robey of District 1 and Mary Dwyer of District 3. The board approved a proclamation proclaiming May as Historic Preservation Month. Trustee Hurckes, who sits on the Historic Preservation Commission, stated that a display will be set up in the lobby.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 30 – Friday – ARBOR DAY.
APRIL 30 – Friday – 25th Annual Lenon Wisdom Spelling Bee, Evergreen Park High School, 99th and Kedzie Ave., 6:30 p.m. (Sponsored by Worth Township Youth Commission)
APRIL 30 and MAY 1 – Rummage Sale, Christian Women's Fellowship of Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.
MAY 1 – Saturday – Spaghetti Dinner, Methodist Men at the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn, 100th and Central Ave., 5 to 8 p.m.
MAY 1 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.
MAY 3 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
MAY 3 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
MAY 4 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.
MAY 5 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Ray-mond, 8 p.m.
MAY 6 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.
MAY 6 – Thursday – Mother-Daughter Banquet, Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th and Brandt, 6:30 p.m.
APRIL 1 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
MAY 6 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
MAY 6 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

Kolb School Ceremony

The ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the Ernest F. Kolb Elementary School, 9620 Normandy Ave., was held on Saturday, April 24th. Doing the honors are left to right Thomas O'Donnell, principal of Kolb School and Peggy Kolb, wife of the late Mayor of Oak Lawn Ernest F. Kolb. (More pictures are featured on page 2.)

Methodist Men Hold Spaghetti Dinner

Methodist Men at the [illegible] Methodist [illegible] Oak Lawn, 100th [illegible] & Central Ave., are having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 1st from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3.50, children 12 and younger. Children six and younger may eat free. Tickets are available at the door or call the church at (708) 423-1170.

Ornamental Trees Planting Ceremony

On Friday, April 30, the Village will be ceremonially planting two parkway ornamental trees in front of Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. Children representing each of the third grade class rooms in the district will be present. The ceremony will occur at 1 p.m. with elected officials, village staff, school staff and representatives.

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't disclose that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800's, by J. Sterling Morton. On the first Arbor Day held on April 10, 1872, it is estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska.

Today the most common date for state observances is the last Friday in April, and several U.S. Presidents have proclaimed a national Arbor Day on that date. Arbor Day has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world. In some, it is the king and queen who leads the national celebration, and in many countries exotic trees not suited to North America are planted in commemoration of the day.

As part of the Village of Oak Lawn's celebration for Arbor Day, Heather Green, Village Forester will be speaking to third-graders at different schools on April 28th, 29th and 30th. She will give an overview of her responsibilities as Village Forester and the importance of trees and their care.

Green commented on the positive response she received from participants in last year's celebration. Most notably the recognition by children when she did field calls this past year. Children would ask if their tree was okay and remembered the "tree lady" from school.

Man Shot to Death

Ronald Surin was shot to death while parked at a fast-food restaurant in Harvey.

The 50-year-old Oak Lawn resident was found slumped behind the wheel of his Toyota Camry outside of Big Daddy's restaurant, 162nd and Halsted by a restaurant patron.

Surin of the 9400 block of Parkside Avenue was taken to St. James Hospital and Health Centers in Olympia Fields, where he later died. An autopsy revealed he died of multiple gunshot wounds. The death was ruled a homicide. No suspects were in custody as of last week.

Give The Oak Lawn Story As A Gift

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift for someone special who lives in Oak Lawn or once did years ago? Then you'll want to give her "The Oak Lawn Story," a limited-edition book about the Village of Oak Lawn with more than 230 fascinating photographs and enlightening stories from the archives of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

The book costs $33.95, which includes a $10 tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation. You may purchase copies at the library's Reception Booth. Check or money order payment only. Shipping is available at a cost of $4 per book.

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a 501-c-3 tax-exempt organization that formed in 1993 to seek private sector support for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

The Oak Lawn Public Library is at 5300 W. 95th St.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at (708) 422-4990.

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Colors were presented by Brownie Troop 492 at the dedication ceremony of the Ernest F. Kolb Elementary School. Students of the school led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Kolb chorus and Ridgeland 122 band led the National Anthem.

Peggy Kolb (center) is surrounded by family and friends including Congressman William Lipinski (far right) at the dedication of the Ernest F. Kolb School in honor of her late husband the former mayor of Oak Lawn.

Regal Center Fined For Failure To Investigate Alleged Assault

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health has fined Regal Health and Rehabilitation Center $10,000 for failure to immediately and thoroughly investigate an alleged sexual assault. The 143-bed skilled and intermediate care facility is located at 9525 S. Mayfield Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Responding to complaints, Department surveyors learned an employee witnessed another employee sexually assault a resident. Although the incident was reported to the facility's administration, it was two days before an investigation was launched. The facility also waited two days before notifying the resident's physician and representative, the local police and the Department.

The resident was not taken to a hospital for an examination and the facility did not save the resident's clothing and bed linens for evidence. Most of the staff was unaware of the facility's abuse policy or what should be done after an allegation of sexual abuse.

The alleged attacker was fired after he cornered the witness in a room following her report of the incident. He has been charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault and unlawful restraint.

A Department-ordered plan of correction required the facility to conduct immediate and thorough investigations; to review and revise, if necessary, its policies on abuse; and to train staff on appropriate actions and interventions to prevent resident abuse and on the reporting process when there is an allegation of abuse.

Regal Health and Rehabilitation Center has requested a hearing on the Department's action. No hearing date has been set.

Flower Sale

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., is holding its Annual Flower Sale on Friday, April 30 from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 1st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, May 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come and buy your Mother's Day gifts and all the plantings you'll need for a beautiful yard.

For more information, contact the church office at (708) 422-4200.

Inaugural Budding Artist Spring Show

Enjoy an early spring evening of art on Thursday, May 6, at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

The park district's inaugural Budding Artist Spring Art Show, an art competition for ages eight to 18, and an art exposition for adults, will begin at 6 p.m., featuring more than 140 pieces of artwork by area artists of all ages.

"Oak Lawn is home to a large number of creative and talented people, as the number of entries in this art showcase demonstrates," says Laurie Snaer, Oak Lawn Park District art instructor and event coordinator.

Artwork was entered in several media, including colored pencil, watercolor, clay sculpture and oil paint. The art will be judged and awards will be presented in several categories on May 6. Event sponsors include Spectrum Art Supplies of Chicago, Dick Blick of Galesburg, Cheap Joe's Art Stuff of Boone, N.C., Windy City Thunderbolts of Crestwood and Beggar's Pizza of Oak Lawn.

"Please show your support for the kids, the adults and the park district's visual-arts programs by coming out to see this free exhibit," said Snaer.

Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call (708) 857-2200 or [illegible]

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Support Women's Reproductive Rights

Unprecedented numbers of women, men and families from across the country and around the world participated in the March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC, to demonstrate overwhelming majority support for women's reproductive rights.

The March comes at a critical time when reproductive freedoms are under attack as never before. Federal and state policies that restrict access to abortion and also to the information and services that prevent the need for abortion, deny women their fundamental right to make private decisions about their health and their lives.

The March for Women's Lives was an extraordinary moment in our nation's history. Thousands of people from Illinois journeyed to our nation's capitol to join nearly a million people and representatives from thousands of co-sponsoring women's rights, civil rights, and health care organizations that care about women and families.

Last Saturday evening, April 24th, Illinoisans piled into 11 buses and began their journey to the White House and the U.S. Capitol to be a part of this historic march. Buses departed from Chicago, Oak Park, Champaign, Peoria and Springfield – with a stop in Decatur.

"I've seen firsthand the damaging effects of teen pregnancy and STDs in my school. Teens like myself must have access to information about birth control and how to best protect themselves against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases," said Sonja Mixon, a student at Evanston Township High School.

"This march was about core American values and civil rights," said Steve Trombley, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area. "Ensuring that all individuals are able to make their own reproductive choices is a fundamental human right and a million people from around the world will march on Washington to ensure that decisions about childbearing are made by a woman in consultation with her family, her doctor, and her conscience – not by politicians."

Today, pro-choice Americans face formidable obstacles. In recent months anti-choice legislators have passed dangerous and misleading abortion bans at the federal and state levels, threatening the lives and health of women. Legislators have imposed biased counseling laws and obstructionist mandatory waiting periods. These laws unnecessarily burden women who live in one of the 87 percent of U.S. counties without an abortion provider and who must travel hours or days to access safe reproductive health care.

Planned Parenthood and its affiliates are working with more than 1,200 women's rights, civil rights, and health care organizations that care about women and families to mobilize people nationwide and in other countries, as well, to join the march and ensure that the reproductive health and rights of women everywhere are protected.

Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Set Scholarship Deadline

Two $1,000 scholarships are again available through the sponsorship of the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club. Applicants must be Illinois resident students of Lithuanian ancestry. High school seniors graduating this summer and higher education level students are eligible. The deadline date is Friday, May 14th.

Awardees will be the guests of the Women's Club at the 37th Debutante Amber Ball to be held on Sunday, Aug. 15th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Oak Lawn. In this 81st year of philanthropic activities, the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club will again allocate the proceeds of the Amber Ball to the CLWC Scholarship/Benefit Fund.

Applications are available from Cecilia Matul, president, (708) 460-6004.

Protect Kids Vision

Taking a significant step in the fight to protect children's vision, Illinois First Lady Patti Blagojevich recently launched a new statewide awareness campaign to educate parents about Amblyopia. Amblyopia, or "lazy eye," is the most common cause of serious vision impairment in children. At the Chicago Children's Museum, Mrs. Blagojevich announced Illinois is the first state in the nation to launch an awareness campaign that specifically targets Amblyopia.

"As a parent, I never really understood just how common and how serious Amblyopia could be. Parents and doctors need to work together to catch the problem early. It's not easy for doctors to test young children's eyesight. But if parents understand more about Amblyopia, I believe that increased awareness will help save the vision of many children," Mrs. Blagojevich said.

Amblyopia affects two to three percent of all children and is caused by a severe vision problem in one eye. If it is detected in time, Amblyopia can almost always be successfully treated. But about 50 percent of the time no one realizes there is a problem and children can lose their vision in one eye.

As part of the statewide awareness campaign, Gov. Blagojevich declared April as Amblyopia Awareness Month. During the month of April families and physicians alike will become more aware of the seriousness of the disorder and its lifelong effects.

To learn more about Amblyopia or to find out how a child can be tested, Illinoisans can call the Dept. of Public Health's Vision and Hearing program toll-free at 1(800) 547-0466. Those without health insurance can call 1(866) OUR-KIDS to receive information about KidCare, the state health insurance program for children.

Shoppers, collectors, and prospectors alike are sure to strike it rich in the Unique Boutique at Tinley Park Convention Center Saturday, May 15 during Sertoma Centre Inc. Foundation's BIG Event.

From 12 noon to 5 p.m. the BIG Event takes place at the convention center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave., with major sponsors POW-R Sertoma Club; *Daily Southtown* and *Star* newspapers; and The Lombard Company.

Shoppers can flock to the fine artisan booths of the Unique Boutique between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Just a few of the merchants displaying spectacular wares are Charlotte's Then and Now (jewelry and purses); Sharon Levine, Ltd. (Swarkovski crystal and lamps); Bennett Family Crafts (lace christening accessories and children's clothing); G&L Trophies and Gifts (firefighter/police collectibles and memorabilia); Baseball Dreams & Memories (collectibles and memorabilia); Caroline Kennedy (designer specialty baskets); and Wine Country (wine tasting).

After an opening ceremony at 12 noon, other BIG Event activities include a firefighter cook off contest and sampling (12:30 to 3:30 p.m.) with celebrity media and restaurateur judges; main stage entertainment (1, 2, and 3 p.m.); 4 p.m. live auction; two children's activity rooms; Texas Holdem poker tournament (registration in advance only by calling Action Sertoma's Joe Varanauski at 708-489-8999); gaming room; raffles; and 5 p.m. cook off awards ceremony to close out the day.

All proceeds from the BIG Event benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation. Started by the Alsip (now Action), Evergreen, and POW-R Sertoma Centre in 1971, Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally-accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness. Communities served include 45 south and southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Two primary facilities are located in Alsip – Administrative Office & Inside Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. Sertoma Centre also operates several community group and foster care homes located in the south suburbs.

For more information, call (708) 371-9700 or click on www.sertomacentre.org.

Golf Classes

Moraine Valley Community College will "Swing Into Spring with Golf Classes, group golf lessons for players at both the beginning and intermediate levels. The instructor will help students with strategy, grip, stance, technique and form with woods and irons. Different class sections begin throughout spring and summer, including "Golf Clinic," "Beginning Golf," "Intermediate Golf," "Beginning Junior Golf" and "Intermediate Junior Golf." Fees range from $35 to $75 for the classes.

For more information, call (708) 974-5735. To register, call (708) 974-2110 or visit the registration office in person in the College Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave.

Senate Confirmation

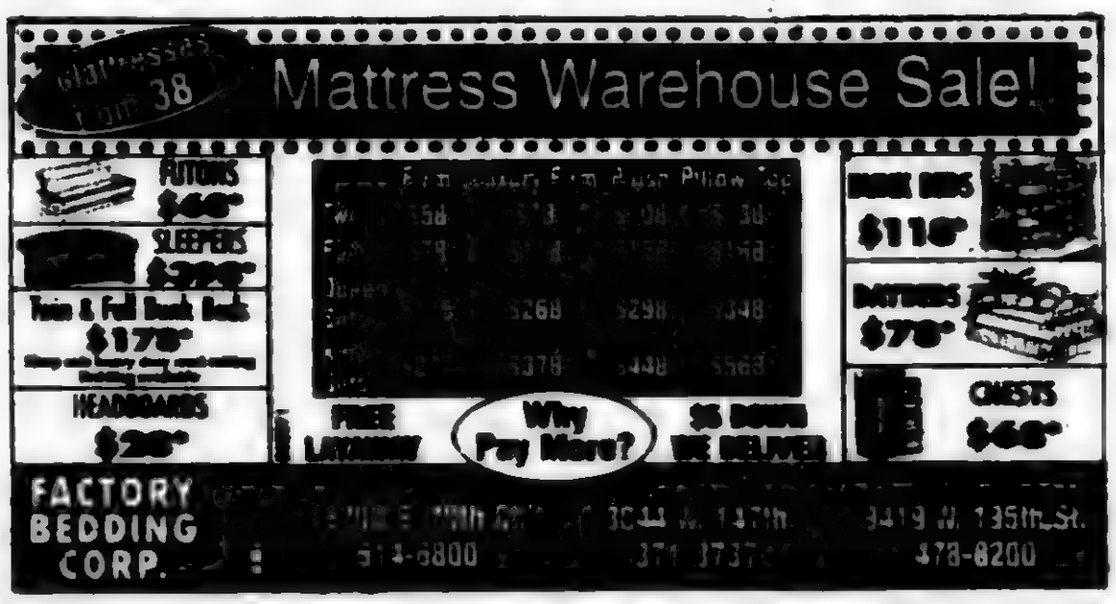
Secretary of State Jesse White's Inspector General Jim Burns was confirmed for his post recently by the Illinois Senate.

The Senate confirmation was required under a law initiated by White. The new law makes the position permanent and provides the Inspector General with broader powers to root out corruption. Jim Burns has served as White's Inspector General since April 2000. Burns previously served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1993 to 1997.

The new law makes the Inspector General a permanent position within the Secretary of State's office, establishes qualification criteria for those appointed and requires Senate confirmation. It also calls for the Inspector General to adopt rules and regulations establishing minimum requirements for initiating, conducting and completing investigations. It mandates that the Inspector General must report directly to the Secretary of State.

The new authority includes subpoena power, protection for whistleblowers from retribution and penalties for employees who fail to cooperate with investigations or knowingly file false complaints to the Inspector General.

In addition to Burns, the Senate confirmed Mike Masterson of LaGrange Park, and former Sens. Judy Myers of Danville and Duane Noland of Blue Mound as members of the Secretary of State Merit Commission.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opportunity To Improve Mental Health Care

The proposed closing of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center (TPMHC) has caused considerable concern among people in this area who advocate for better treatment for people with brain diseases (mental illnesses).

The board of NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago does not oppose the proposed closing, *per se*, because we view it as an opportunity for the Illinois Divisions of Mental Health (DMH) to rework an inadequate system.

The money saved by closing of the state hospital in Tinley Park must be reinvested in building a truly comprehensive, community-based system of care for persons with mental illnesses that can serve as a model of how to fix the entire state system. This should have been done in the 1970's when all the large state mental institutions were closed.

The evidence-based practices that work in treating mentally ill patients are well known to the providers of services. Such illnesses are best treated as are other diseases – in local hospitals with a psychiatric staff specializing in modern medical practices – as are kidney, heart, lung or other physical diseases. This alone would help remove the stigma associated with a mental illness. With these changes we believe more people would seek treatment.

A truly comprehensive system of care must include psychiatric beds in emergency crisis care facilities. The money saved in the closing of the Tinley Park facility can be used not only to fund beds in local hospitals, but also to fund services in local community agencies, e.g., Grand Prairie Services, Thresholds, and the Will County Health Department. This is key to providing a continuum of care after hospitalization.

Timely interventions and services will prevent people from being hospitalized in the first place and decrease readmissions. Critical system components include follow-up psychiatric care and medication. PsychoSocial Rehabilitation (PSR), vocational training, job placement and coaching, and housing. All with the aim of reintegrating individuals into a productive life in the community.

It is time for a change, and now is the opportunity to reconstruct the mental health care system in this area as a model to follow throughout the state.

s/s Keith Kemp,
President,
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
South Suburbs of Chicago.

Murphy Is Replaced By Skoien

Maureen Murphy of Evergreen Park lost her bid for a second term as chairman of the Cook County Republican Party. She will be replaced by Gary Skoien, Palatine Township Republican Committeeman.

At a meeting on April 14th Republican officials reportedly split their votes between the north and the south. South Suburban Committeemen gave Murphy 49,308 votes and North Suburban Committeemen gave Skoien 77,727 votes.

Murphy says she left the party in better shape than she found it by eliminating the chairman's office debit in 18 months. Skoien says he will rebuild the party which has been reportedly divided between conservatives and moderates.

The responsibilities of the Cook County Republican Chairman include drafting candidates in Cook County, raising money and registering voters, and to lead the party through the 2004 election.

Langland Receives Award For Advisors

Jennifer Langland, Moraine Valley's Student Life coordinator, received the 2004 Continued Excellence Award for Advisors during Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's 86th International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in early April. Outstanding chapters, advisors, members and college presidents are recognized for their achievements at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention each year.

Langland of Frankfort was selected for her more than five years of continued service as the advisor for Moraine Valley's Alpha Iota Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and for previously receiving the organization's Giles Distinguished Advisor Award, which she earned in 2002. Giles Distinguished Advisors are chosen from advisors serving Phi Theta Kappa society for at least five years.

"Phi Theta Kappa is an amazing and distinguished organization to work with," Langland said. "I feel extremely honored to have received this award from the Phi Theta Kappa organization."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

In an era continually filled with visual, sound and print bytes about unhappy, disillusioned or just plain spoiled athletes it was particularly shocking to pick up the Friday morning paper and see a 28-year-old former professional football player being reported killed in combat Thursday (4/22) in Afghanistan.

Pat Tillman was a star defensive back for the Arizona Cardinals. His accolades included an NFL record for his position by making over 240 tackles in one season. He earned the admiration of his teammates and his coaches. Management offered him a $3.6 million contract to insure his continued services. He was happily married and was enjoying his celebrity. Life was good.

However, moved by the dark events of the 9-11 disaster, Tillman had an epiphany. Pat and his brother Kevin (a former minor league baseball player) decided that they could make a difference and together took up arms for their country. They enlisted in the United States Army. Both brothers made it into the elite Army Rangers and were members of the 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment, serving together in Afghanistan.

Pat Tillman gave up one promising all-star career to embrace a more honorable one...that of service to his neighbors, his country and a belief in its values. A proud man...proud Army Ranger...serving his country the only way he ever knew...full speed and full go! Pat Tillman made the ultimate sacrifice so that those thousands of miles away might enjoy the freedoms many of us take for granted. Pat Tillman was a man for all ages. He personified the commitment of all American servicemen and women. We should be grateful for their dedication and sacrifice.

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Another sad note records the passing of Senate Minority Leader Vince Demuzio (D-53). Illinois Republican Party Chairman Judy Baar Topinka had these kind words to say about her Democratic colleague.

"For close to 30 years, Vince Demuzio was a tireless public servant who put the needs of his community first and foremost in everything he did. I was fortunate enough to serve with Vince on the Legislative Audit Commission and saw first hand his devotion and government service. Vince could be tough...but he was always fair. He was admired and respected on both sides of the aisle.

"There simply are not enough superlatives to describe Vince Demuzio. He was a statesman, a colleague and above all else, he was a friend.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Demuzio family today during this difficult time."

We echo those sentiments.

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This past Monday (4/26) Metropolitan Family Services and its Southwest Center Community Board hosted a morning legislative forum to discuss Gov. Blagojevich's proposed state budget and how it could affect Chicagoland families and communities. The legislative guest panel which discussed several topics and fielded questions included: Senator Louis Viverito, Senator Maggie Crotty, Senator Edward Maloney and Representative James Brosnahan.

Specifically the hot button issues included, the proposed closing of Tinley Park Mental Health Center and the preserving of community service agencies while they are converted from a grant based system to a fee for service system beginning July 1st of this year.

Keith Kemp, president of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) South Suburbs of Chicago and Vice President and program chairman John Rowley articulated the concerns of community residents, health care providers and youth and social service providers. (See guest commentary on this page.) Kemp added that while the state of Illinois suggests it could capture an additional 60 million federal dollars through system changes, he questioned whether the proper procedures are in place to make viable changes immediately. He suggested that a slower, more deliberate approach be taken with this monumental program.

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While on the subject of health and information issues Senator Maggie Crotty reminded All Points that House Bill #4092, now on its second reading, addresses all the different state agencies collecting data...be it mental illness, medications, recidivism, etc. According to Senator Crotty "we need to look at the services we (the state) provide and take a seamless approach to providing a comprehensive plan. All data from all providers would be collected and available so that a thorough and detailed game plan can be put into place. Every resident in Illinois deserves the best possible treatment and follow-up care."

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In conjunction with National Asthma Month, La Rabida Children's Hospital will provide free asthma screenings for children 17 years and younger Saturday, May 1st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Evergreen Park Shopping Plaza-Town Square, 9730 S. Western Ave., in Evergreen Park.

La Rabida is a leader in the treatment of childhood asthma and its Community Asthma Program has screened more than 13,000 children in the Chicago Public System and has found that approximately 11 percent have possible undiagnosed asthma. La Rabida is hoping that through health screenings like this one, more children will be diagnosed and treated for this chronic illness, ultimately lowering high hospitalization rates and school absentee rates with better asthma management. For information, call (773) 363-6700, ext. 381/679.

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Representatives of U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL) will be available to meet with constituents who need assistance dealing with federal agencies on Tuesday, May 4th in the following Cook County locations: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Matteson Public Library, 801 School St., Matteson; Noon to 1 p.m., Branford Anderson Ogelsby Public Library, 16640 S. Kedzie Ave., Markham; 2 to 3 p.m., Acorn Public Library, 15624 Central Ave., Oak Forest and 4 to 5 p.m., Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, Chicago Ridge.

Citizens interested in meeting with one of Senator Fitzgerald's representatives can call (312) 886-3506 for more information.

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The Coalition Party of Worth Township has announced that their Annual Fiesta Party "Cinco de Mayo" will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 5000 W. 127th St., Alsip from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on May 5th. Tickets for $50 per person include an open bar, food buffet and entertainment.

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. For more information, call (708) 425-4238.

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Final Presentation Or Worth's Business District Program

Representatives from the University of Illinois at Chicago will make their final presentation on the Village of Worth's Revitalizing Urban Business Districts Program on Tuesday, May 4 at the Village Hall, 7112 W. 111th St. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Professors Ryan and Weber along with their students will present their findings on retail attraction and retention; design; regulations; finance and transportation. The team will be making planning recommendations at this particular presentation. The presentation will take approximately 50 minutes with the remaining time reserved for questions and comments.

Lay Brick In Memory Of Marine Captain Adam E. Miller

On Sunday, April 25th at 1 p.m. a brick in memory of Captain Adam E. Miller, U.S. Marine Corps Pilot, was placed in Memory Lane at Hansen Commons, 149th and Pulaski Rd.

Capt. Miller, 29, son of Joseph and Sandra Miller was born on Feb. 6th, 1974 and grew up in Midlothian. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1996. Following graduation he completed Officer Candidate School, the Basic School, and flight training, receiving his wings in October 1999.

Capt. Miller was deployed to Kuwait in January 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq and Kuwait he flew over 170 combat hours in 37 strike sorties and 72 flight sorties. In January of 2004 he was assigned to HMM-166 (REIN) for service with the 11th MEU.

On Jan. 22, 2004 his helicopter crashed during a training mission at his base north of San Diego, California. All four crew members were killed.

Adam leaves his wife of three years, Nicole, his parents Sandra and Joe Miller, brother James, sister Melissa, 7-month-old nephew Jacob and grandparents Edward and Joyce Schmeski.

The ceremony was conducted by Midlothian Memorial VFW Post 2580 with the assistance of Ladies Auxiliary members. Commander Bill Burtner welcomed a crowd of well over 100 people. Megan Waltman, a seventh grader at St. Damian School in Oak Forest, sang The National Anthem and Grace Kendall, VFW Chaplain, gave the invocation. The VFW and American Legion color guards rendered a 21-gun salute and played taps.

Many family members, friends, neighbors and veterans were present to witness the touching brick laying ceremony. Al Schaffenberger, who was instrumental in forming Memory Lane in Hansen Commons, presented the brick to Sandra and Joe Miller and placed it in its place of honor in the lane.

Dignitaries who presented citations and resolutions included Lt. Governor Pat Quinn; state Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) whose son attended Oak Forest High School with Adam; Midlothian Mayor Thomas Murawski and family members Sue and Colleen. Sandra and Joe presented Commander Burtner with a "We Support Our Troops" flag which Commander Burtner said will be properly enclosed and placed in front of the VFW Post, 14817 Pulaski Rd. Members of the Marine Corps League and auxiliary who heard about the ceremony presented the Miller's with a Marine Corps flag and played a beautiful song in memory of the Captain.

The Memorial Tribute was sponsored by the Midlothian VFW Post 2580, Midlothian American Legion and the Village of Midlothian.

Al Schaffenberger of Midlothian VFW Post 2580, whose dream it was to have a lane of bricks in memory of military, dead or alive, places a brick in memory of Capt. Adam E. Miller of Midlothian in the lane in Hansen's Commons.

Sandra and Joe Miller present a "We Support the Troops" flag to Midlothian VFW 2580 Commander Bill Burtner.

Members of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary present the Miller's with a U.S. Marine Corps flag.

Ask A Lawyer Day

Anyone in Illinois with a question about a legal matter can call and talk to a lawyer – at no cost – on *Ask A Lawyer Day*, Saturday, May 1st.

Lawyer volunteers will answer phones at seven locations around the state from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Illinois resident can call 1(800) 252-8908 toll-free, or (217) 525-1760, or a local number in some areas for a free phone consultation with a lawyer.

The 23rd annual Ask A Lawyer Day, part of Law Day activities in Illinois, is sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Assn. in cooperation with bar associations in Chicago and the west suburbs, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County and Will County.

Lawyer volunteers will be able to answer questions about consumer problems, family law, estate planning, personal injury, or any other legal situations affecting individuals.

Callers will be advised of steps they can take to resolve any legal problems. If they need legal services, they will be advised to see their attorney or, if they don't have a lawyer to turn to, will receive a referral through the lawyer referral service in their area.

"Studies show that many people are hesitant to see a lawyer, even when they know they have a legal problem," said Terrence J. Lavin, president of the Illinois State Bar Assn. "Ask A Lawyer Day is an opportunity for citizens to obtain important information about their legal rights and responsibilities."

Ask A Lawyer Day is a public service project of the Illinois State Bar Assn. and participating local bar associations that operate lawyer referral services.

Phone numbers to talk to a lawyer on May 1st are: the Chicago Bar Assn. – (312) 554-2001; West Suburban Bar Assn. – (708) 366-1122; Will County Bar Assn. – (815) 774-1420; from anywhere in Illinois – (800) 252-8908 (toll-free) or (217) 525-1760.

Lawyer referral services operate year-round for people who need legal services but do not have a lawyer. Participating lawyers provide an initial consultation at nominal cost to determine the client's legal needs. Find a lawyer online at one of these bar association Web sites: http://www.IllinoisLawyerFinder.com (statewide); http://www.chicagobar.org/public/referral/referral.asp (Chicago); http://dcba.org/public/locate.htm (DuPage County); http://www.willcountybar.com/referral.html (Will County).

Neat Repeats Resale

Neat Repeats Resale will host a Volunteer Open House on Friday, May 7th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following store locations: Orland Park, 9020 W. 159th St.; and Worth, 7026 W. 111th St.

Volunteers are needed at both stores to cashier, arrange displays, accept donations and assist customers. Volunteers are particularly needed to work on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neat Repeats operates primarily through the support of its generous volunteers and donors. All sales benefit domestic violence services of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. For additional information, call the store manager: Orland, (708) 364-7605; Worth, (708) 361-6860.

CCSS was the recipient of the President's Community Volunteer Award in 2002 from the Points of Light Foundation. It is the highest honor bestowed for volunteerism in the country, and the Crisis Center was one of only 20 recipients chosen from over 3500 applications.

Post-Election Analysis Shows Democratic Ballots At New High

The March presidential primary was an election of firsts for suburban Cook County voters, as party voting trends continued to shift and Democrats turned out in record numbers, Cook County Clerk David Orr announced.

A post-election analysis recently completed by Orr's office shows that the March 2004 presidential primary marked the highest percentage of Democratic ballots ever recorded in a suburban Cook County primary election.

Also, voters in a record number of townships took Democratic ballots for a presidential primary – 27 townships out of 30.

The post-election report shows that the Clerk's office received its election returns faster than anywhere in the state on election night. More than 50 percent of Cook County's 2,423 suburban precincts had transmitted their results to the Clerk's downtown office 20 minutes after the polls closed at 7 p.m.

"Our analysis provides a snapshot of Election Day," Orr said of the March 16th primary. "It provides historical data reflecting changes in voting behavior and turnout trends among suburban Cook County voters that we hope communities and individual residents find useful."

While suburban Cook County commonly sees significant Democratic turnout for presidential elections, the turnout for the presidential primaries historically is less than that for gubernatorial primaries.

However, with 279,538 suburban ballots cast in March, the presidential primary showed 302 more Democratic ballots cast than in the gubernatorial primary of 2002. This marked the first such increase in primary Democratic ballots since 1992.

Democrats in the presidential primary of 2000 cast only 148,370 ballots, down from the 182,250 ballots cast in the gubernatorial race of 1998.

"We typically see wide swings in turnout for Democratic and Republican voters during primaries," Orr said. "Most of the peaks come during gubernatorial elections, when voters may feel they're participating in races that affect their local communities a lot more."

Setting the stage for the primary was a spike in voter registration, which was the highest ever before a presidential primary in suburban Cook County. About 1.3 million residents had registered to vote by the February deadline.

Included among the elections in which voters cast ballots were: primaries for the president of the United States and a hotly contested U.S. Senate seat; races for the Illinois General Assembly; Cook County offices; judge vacancies; and various local races and ballot questions.

Treat Uterine Fibroids

There's encouraging news for the 5.5 million American women with symptomatic uterine fibroids. A breakthrough treatment (called uterine fibroid embolization or UFE) is available at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center and offers substantial relief of the pain, pelvic discomfort and urinary problems associated with uterine fibroids. And the best part is – it doesn't involve surgery or a long recovery time.

Lee Christensen, M.D., interventional radiologist at St. Francis, will discuss this breakthrough procedure at a free seminar titled, "Uterine Fibroid Emoblization: New Treatment Options for Symptomatic Fibroids," on Thursday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alsip Radisson Hotel, 5000 W. 127th St., Alsip. Dessert and beverages will be included.

During UFE, uterine fibroids aren't surgically removed; they're "blocked" using tiny plastic particles the size of grains of sand. With a catheter that's inserted into a tiny nick in the groin, the particles are injected into the artery that supplies blood to the fibroid tumor. This cuts off the blood flow and causes the tumor (or tumors) to shrink – thereby reducing or eliminating the long, heavy periods, bloating, pain and fatigue caused by uterine fibroids.

The procedure is performed by an interventional radiologist under local anesthesia and usually involves just a one-day hospital stay. Normal activities can be resumed in about 10 days – instead of several weeks with traditional surgical treatment like hysterectomy.

Registration for the May 6 seminar is required. Call (708) 385-4483.

Paul Simon Building

Last Wednesday, April 21st, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation authored by U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL) and introduced in the House by U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello (D-IL) to name the federal building located at 250 W. Cherry St. in Carbondale the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building." The Senate has already passed the bill, so the House action means the bill is ready for signature by the President.

"From journalism to government to education, Paul Simon set the standard for honesty and caring in public life," Durbin said. "He was genuine in his life, politics and values. Now that he is gone, those of us who loved and respected him will do our best to carry on his tradition, finding ways great and small to honor him. Naming this building in Carbondale after Paul Simon will help present and future generations remember and honor a great man who lived in and worked for the people of Southern Illinois and served our federal government with the greatest integrity."

"Sen. Simon was an exceptional friend who guided and motivated many aspiring public servants with his dedication and work ethic. His evenhanded, balanced approach to topics and controversial issues earned him friends on both sides of the aisle," said Costello. "Paul set a standard for honesty in public life. He was true to his values, his life and his work. It is truly fitting and proper we honor Paul's outstanding public career with this designation."

Paul Simon served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1974 to 1984, and in the U.S. Senate from 1984 to 1996. Prior to that, he worked as a newspaper owner and editor and as a teacher. He served in both the Illinois House and Senate and was Lieutenant Governor. After retiring from the U.S. Senate, he founded and directed the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Karagiozis Festival

The Athens Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program presents the Karagiozis Festival of Traditional Greek Shadow Theatre. The festival will consist of an evening of entertainment, which includes a play, a lecture, a reception, and a display of costumes, props and literature from the Spatharis Museum in Athens. Eugenios Spatharis, the famous 83-year-old Greek playwright, artist and puppeteer for whom the museum is named, will be presenting the North American debut of this new work *Karagiozis the Astronaut* performed by three Greek actors. It will be followed by a question and answer session and reception. Tickets are $15 for adults, $8 for children. For tickets and information, call (773) 282-5500. The dates and venues are: May 13th at 7 p.m., St. Spyridon, 12307 S. Ridgeland in Palos Heights; May 14th at 7 p.m., Sts. Constantine & Helen, 11025-45 S. Roberts Rd. in Palos Hills.

Every figure has characteristic music that is played every time the figure comes on the screen. In the past the music was played live by a group of musicians, but is now typically recorded. The character of Karagiozis is an integral part of the shadow theatre that originated in China and spread to Greece from neighboring Turkey around 1860. Influenced by the Greek world, culture and literature of his time, Turk Karaghioz fashioned the character of Karagiozis. Karagiozis performances captured the imagination and entertained the wider public before the emergence of film cinemas in Greece. The central figure Karagiozis supposedly represents the struggle of the Greek people, particularly under the yoke of Turkish occupation. Karagiozis has a hunped back, which symbolizes the weight of the world. He has a big nose and one arm three times longer than the other. Most of the stories performed are about his efforts to get money by impersonating some esteemed person like a sea captain or a military officer and using his intelligence to achieve the small triumphs that eventually lead to larger disasters and hilarity when he is exposed.

College Fundraiser

The College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) at Governors State University presents Chicago's own Umphrey's McGee at The Center for Performing Arts on Friday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. This fundraiser for the college's education outreach efforts marks the first in a series of concerts planned by The College of Arts & Sciences to compliment its already distinguished lecture series.

Voicing the university's overwhelming support for the special arts event, Dean Roger K. Oden remarked, "The College of Arts & Sciences at Governor State University is excited to collaborate with Umphrey's McGee on this fundraising concert. It is our mission to promote the Arts and provide quality instruction for a diverse population in the Liberal Arts & Sciences. With this event we hope to raise funds for and increase awareness of our ongoing excellent programs."

Tickets are $20. For ticket information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222.

CLASS REUNIONS

Kelly High School, classes of January and June 1954, plan a 50-year reunion for Oct. 3rd. Call (708) 460-7150.

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Argo Community High School, classes of 1954 and 1955, will meet in the fall of 2005. Call (708) 598-4460 or (708) 458-4067.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Amundsen High School class of 1974 – 30th reunion – Sept. 4th – Indian Lakes Resort. Call (630) 369-8121.

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Crane Tech Old Timers – 2004 Dinner Reunion – May 19th. Call (847) 564-2694 or (773) 465-5190.

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Daniel Boone Elementary School – 75-Year All-Class Reunion – May 1st – Boone School. Call (773) 534-2160.

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Morgan Park High School – All Alumni Steppers Set - May 1st – 8 p.m. - $10, $12 – IBEW Union Hall, 600 W. Washington. Call (312) 409-2479.

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Thornton High School class of 1974 will meet on May 8th. Call (708) 331-3857.

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St. Turibius Grammar School class of 1974 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Von Steuben High School class of 1949 Reunion, May 22nd, Doubletree North Shore. Call (847) 657-3639.

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St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 – June 5th reunion, Rosewood West, Crestwood. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991.

"Forever Plaid"

Stuart Ross' heavenly musical hit, *Forever Plaid*, opens to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, May 8th at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 9th at 3 p.m. In celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9th, The Center is offering special children's ticket prices for the 3 p.m. show and a Deluxe Champagne Brunch Buffet with complete breakfast and lunch menus at 1 p.m.

Forever Plaid is a hilarious musical tribute to the 1950s that takes audiences on a trip back to a more wholesome time. It's the story about a fictional guy-group, The Plaids – four, squeaky-clean guys, Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie, whose musical careers were cut short by a tragic accident. The band mates were killed en route to their first big gig when they collided with a school bus filled with eager teenagers on their way to see the Beatles' debut on the Ed Sullivan show.

Tickets are $37/$32/$28. For the Sunday 3 p.m. performance only, special tickets for children 16 and under are available for $32/$27/$23. The Brunch Buffet is available Sunday only at 1 p.m. Brunch tickets are $26/children $21. For ticket information, call the box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center.

Free All-Age Nature Hike

A "Full Moon Night Hike – Wildflower Moon," a free, all-age nature hike sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Tuesday, May 4th at 8 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

Under the light of a full moon, join us for this stroll through the cool spring air and enjoy the scent of blossoming wildflowers. We will identify some of these spring emphemerals and listen for animals of the night.

Participants should dress for the weather, including sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

For additional information, call (815) 727-8700 weekdays.

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Natural Side Of Wisconsin Dells

For years, the slogan of Wisconsin Dells has been, "The fun comes naturally." Today's travelers are familiar with the "fun" part of the equation, but are often amazed to learn of the extraordinary natural attractions in the area.

The magnificent sandstone rock formations along the Wisconsin River, formed 15 million years ago when Glacial Lake Wisconsin melted and released a torrent of water that cut dramatic formations in the stone, first lured visitors by canoe 150 years ago. Now there are more choices for experiencing the rare bluffs and abundant wildlife.

One option is the new 1,100-foot, fully paved scenic walkway adjacent to the Wisconsin River. The Dells RiverWalk provides access to an area of the river that has not been available to the public for the past 75 years. The walkway features a bicycle route, benches, picnic tables and game tables.

Few visitors leave without a tour by boat, choosing among leisurely cruise, jet boat or "duck" offerings. Cruise excursions such as Dells Boat Tours, Captain C.R. Sona's Dells Cruises and Mark Twain Upper Dells Tours provide a relaxing way to view the unique rock formations while learning about the history of the area. The smaller jet boats used at Original Dells Experience Jet Boats, Dells Jet Boat Adventures, WildThing Jet Boats and Aqua Adventures Jet Airboats are capable of traveling at speeds up to 40 mph and allow for up-close viewing of the natural beauty. The famous ducks, amphibious vehicles originally used during World War II, are still as popular as ever for viewing the natural resources both on land and water. One-third of the 300 Ducks still in existence can be found in Wisconsin Dells at Original Wisconsin Ducks and Dells Army Ducks.

Fishing is plentiful in Wisconsin Dells, with walleye, trout, bass, catfish, northern pike and muskellunge filling the area waters. Rivers Edge Resort is a must-stop for anglers in need of bait and a boat rental.

For visitors who prefer terra firma to water, the secluded natural surroundings of Wisconsin Dells are ideal for exploration on foot. Hiking opportunities abound, especially at the area's three state parks, Devil's Lake State Park, Mirror Lake State Park and Rocky Arbor State Park.

Five riding stables in the area – Beaver Springs, Canyon Creek, E-Z Roll, OK Corral and Red Ridge Ranch – provide another way to commune with nature. Narrated, horse-drawn wagon rides through the narrow sandstone gorges offered by Lost Canyon Tours are a favorite among families.

Wildlife watching takes on special meaning at the International Crane Foundation, the world's leading center for the study and preservation of cranes, and Wisconsin Deer Park, where guests can feed and photograph deer and a multitude of other tame antlered animals and game birds in their natural surroundings.

At nightfall, those who prefer the great outdoors to a resort experience may choose from 18 campgrounds. Secluded cabins, condominiums and waterfront properties are another option for relaxing in beautiful surroundings.

For additional assistance in planning a nature-oriented retreat to Wisconsin Dells, contact the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau at 1(800) 223-3557, or visit the Web site at www.wisdells.com.

A Girlfriend's Guide To Virginia

The news is in, ladies, and it will come as no surprise. Between the job and a busy home life, you're overworked, underpaid and multitasked to the hilt. What you need is a weekend away – preferably with a like-minded girlfriend who can relate to your need to decompress.

Women traveling together – sisters, mothers and daughters, girlfriends or reunited college roommates – is part of a growing travel trend. According to a report in *Destinations* magazine (January 2004), women are discovering that traveling together is a great way to "network, discuss common interests, try outdoor adventures in a noncompetitive environment, get pampered on spa tours, shop, learn and simply have fun."

Spring and summer are great times to travel, and Virginia has oodles of take-me-away respites, ideal for recharging the body's batteries and lifting sagging spirits. This "Girlfriend's Guide to Spring Travel in Virginia" will get you started.

Book a hotel room along the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Bike the boardwalk. Soak up the sun. And rejuvenate your body and soul at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE).

The ARE has been helping people revive their spirits since 1931 when the famed clairvoyant Edgar Cayce founded the Association after finding he could prescribe treatments for sick people while in a self-induced trance. Today, physicians are finding Cayce's "readings" to be on the cutting edge of many health care concerns, particularly the mind-body relationship to health and healing.

Guests of the ARE can take advantage of the massage, hydrotherapy and day spa services offered at the "Health and Rejuvenation Center." The half-day "Skin Cleanse" includes an abdominal castor oil pack with foot reflexology, Epsom salts bath, paraffin bath for hands and feet and a facial and massage. Spa price is $207 or $190 for ARE members. A la carte prices are available on everything from acupressure to therapeutic touch.

Girls who like history are in luck almost everywhere in Virginia, but especially in America's "Historic Triangle": Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. This travel trio is promoting a vacation package that includes accommodations and unlimited admission during the stay to Jamestown Settlement, Historic Jamestowne, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown Victory Center and Yorktown Battlefield. Typically, the "America's Historic Triangle" vacation package is $89 per person per night.

A bonus: This year, Historic Jamestowne will feature "Women's History Tours" as part of the site's popular living history offerings. Characters portraying women who played important and influential roles in Jamestown's history (Rachel Stanton, Elizabeth Bacon, Joan Pierce, Lady Yeardley, a slave, Lydia and Anne Laydon) bring the past to life daily.

For more information on Virginia, visit www.virginia.org or call 1-800-932-5827 for a free "Virginia is for Lovers Travel Guide."

Travelers Can Reserve Immersion Weekend

The Chicago Office of Tourism now offers visitors even more reasons to visit Chicago with a new series of **Immersion Weekends**. Each package will include a two-night stay in first class downtown hotel accommodations along with a pre-planned itinerary in theater, architecture or art museums and galleries.

"**Immersion Weekends** are a wonderful way for visitors to sample some of Chicago's best loved cultural attributes – from theater to architecture to the visual arts," said Dorothy Coyle, Director of the Chicago Office of Tourism. "We're especially pleased to be able to offer weekend packages that include opportunities to explore the city's newest attraction – Millennium Park."

Travelers can reserve **Immersion Weekend** packages by calling toll-free, 1(877) 244-2246, or by visiting www.877chicago.com. Upcoming weekends include:

Theater Immersion Weekend: April 30th to May 2nd, Hotel Allegro Chicago. Price: double, $645; single, $460. Discover why Chicago is the only city in the nation to have received three Tony Awards for Regional Theater Excellence. Spend the weekend in this world-class theatrical city, with highlights including tickets to *I Never Sang For My Father* starring John Mahoney at Steppenwolf Theatre, the world premiere of *Trying* with Fritz Weaver at Victory Gardens Theatre and a tour of the new Goodman Theatre.

Art and Antiques: May 7th to 9th, Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel. Price: double, $645; single, $460. Take in the whole Chicago art scene with this unique getaway. This jam-packed weekend includes VIP passes, receptions and visits to two internationally renowned events at Navy Pier – the second annual *AntiquesChicago* and *Art Chicago*, for viewing the latest in contemporary art. There will also be a tour of the new exhibits at the Chicago Cultural Center and a chance for guests to explore the River North Gallery District on their own.

Chefs Circle Series Of Culinary Cruises

Continuing its mission to showcase the finest cooking from restaurants all around North America, Seabourn Cruise Line in 2005 has gathered another posse of award-winning chefs to star in the second season of its Chefs' Circle series of culinary cruises aboard the ultra luxury, all-suite Yachts of Seabourn: *Seabourn Pride, Seabourn Spirit* and *Seabourn Legend*.

Once again, celebrity chef Charlie Palmer has invited friends and associates whose creativity and originality have captured the attention of critics and pleased the palates of discerning diners at their signature restaurants across the US and Canada. Each chef will sail on board alongside guests, presenting cooking demonstrations and tastings, serving up signature dishes at dinners on board and, when possible, guiding the line's popular "Shopping with the Chef" excursions to local markets in search of fresh local ingredients.

"We are thrilled that Seabourn's guests will be able to meet these talented chefs and taste their creations while they are cruising," said Richard D. Meadows, Seabourn's senior vice-president of sales and marketing. "Each of their restaurants is a landmark on the culinary map, drawing gourmands from around the world. They will add the crowning touch to the Seabourn Experience."

Scheduled to appear on this year's Chefs' Circle cruises are:

Gerry Hayden & Claudia Fleming, Restaurant Amuse, New York (Spirit, July 11th) – Hayden's talent has helped shape many of New York's most acclaimed eateries, including The River Café, Aureole, Tribeca Grill and East Hampton Point in New York and Aqua in San Francisco. He was executive chef at Mangery Grill before returning to Aureole in that role for three years.

Dean Fearing, The Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas (Pride, Aug. 15th) – Since Fearing took the helm as executive chef in 1985, The Mansion on Turtle Creek has had U.S. presidents and foreign royalty flocking to taste the creative Southwest cuisine that started a nationwide trend and won Fearing both a James Beard Award as Best Chef: Southwest Region and multiple Mobil Five-Star awards.

Jean Marie Lacroix, Lacroix at the Rittenhouse, Philadelphia (Legend, Oct. 12th) – Born in France and trained in Switzerland, England, Scotland and Canada, Jean Marie Lacroix arrived in Philadelphia fresh from a triumphant reign as Executive Chef at Montreal's Quatre Saisons. His tenure at the Fountain Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel earned him accolades from virtually every critic in the United States and awards such as the Best Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator, a Robert Mondavi Award for Culinary Excellence, a James Beard Award for Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic Region and an AAA Five Diamond Award.

Todd Gray, Equinox, Washington D.C. (Pride, Nov. 7th) – Todd Gray trained at the Culinary Institute of America and served his stages with many of America's most celebrated chefs including Jean Louis Palladin at the Watergate; Daniel Boulud, Thomas Keller and others. He also staged at classic restaurants in Northern Italy. Gray has been nominated as Best Chef Mid Atlantic by the James Beard Foundation for the last three years. Equinox has won numerous awards including Town & Country magazine's Best Restaurant in Washington DC, and is included in top tables lists of Esquire, Gourmet, Bon Appetit, Conde Nast Traveler, Wine Spectator and the Washington Post since its opening in 1999.

Annual Old Port Festival

Portland's 31st Annual Old Port Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 6, according to Rena Masten, executive director of Portland's Downtown District.

"We believe this is the largest one-day event in northern New England," Masten said. "In fact, most year's more than 60,000 people attend the festival. Even last year, when it rained all day, more than 10,000 people showed up and had a wonderful time."

Held rain or shine, the Old Port Festival includes everything from daylong entertainment to all kinds of food, from a rock-climbing wall to special rides for children.

"This all started 31 years ago as a way to give something back to the communities and the people who supported the Old Port merchants all year," Masten said. "Originally, most of the people who turned out for the festival were from Maine.

"Now, we get people from throughout the northeast because it has turned into such a wonderful way to spend a day and kick off the summer season," she added.

The festival includes 11 entertainment stages throughout the Old Port. Each stage features different types of entertainment during the entire day. "We have all kinds of musical entertainment," Masten said. "From local Maine talent to entertainers from throughout the country and around the world."

Fortunately, Masten knows a bit about booking talent and has been doing it for years. "Well, we have one great advantage," she said. "We have been doing this so long we know plenty of entertainers and they know us. We never have to put the word out that we're looking for anyone. They come to us."

Also, several area radio stations sponsor stages and bring in their own entertainment during the day.

Masten said the atmosphere during the entire day is fun. "Many merchants have sidewalk sales or come right out of their shops to greet people and take part in the festivities," she said.

One highlight of this year's event will be a special booth sponsored by the Portland Public Market that will feature all Maine-made foods.

"We also have another 40 or 45 vendors featuring other types of foods, crafts, arts and other items for sale," Masten said. "But it's all done in a fun way, with plenty of opportunities for families and young people to enjoy the event without feeling any pressure."

In fact, all the entertainment is free – including the rock-climbing wall, the kite-making exhibit and the children's rides.

The entire event will kick off with a special opening ceremony at 11 a.m. Masten said details of the ceremony, along with a list of entertainers and when and where they will be playing will be released several weeks prior to the festival and will be available on the district's Web site.

"This event has really become a tradition for many Maine residents and non-Maine residents, too," Masten said. "It's a great way for people to discover the Old Port and what our 200 merchants have to offer."

For more information on the Old Port Festival, contact Rena Masten at (207) 772-6828, or write Portland's Downtown District at 94 Free St., Portland ME 04101. You may also visit www.portlandmaine.com for a list of specific events and entertainers and to learn where the opening ceremony will take place.

Announce "Bright Dreams" Program

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka is bringing grandparents $100,000 closer to making their dream come true. Topinka met with senior citizens at local senior centers throughout Illinois to announce *Bright Dreams – A Promise for the Next Generation*, a scholarship program specifically for grandparents to help send their grandchildren to college.

According to the National Assn. of Independent Colleges, tuition has increased 86 percent at private universities and 47 percent at state supported schools over the past decade. "That is why the State Treasurer's Office wants to lend them a hand through our new *Bright Dreams* program," said Topinka.

"We have $100,000 in scholarship money to be given to winners of a 500-word essay contest with the theme of 'What dreams do I have for my grandchildren'?" said Topinka. The scholarships will be awarded to grandparents for use by their grandchildren through the Section 529 Bright Start College Savings Program administered by the State Treasurer's Office. Essay applications will be divided into five regions throughout the State with a total of 40 scholarships awarded.

The essays will be judged by volunteers provided by the Illinois Retired Teachers Assn. Eight scholarships will be awarded in each region: one for $10,000, two for $2,500 and five for $1,000. The regions include Cook County, the Collar Counties, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, and Southern Illinois.

Each region will have an independent review board, which will select the winners based on how well the theme "What dreams do I have for my grandchildren?" is approached.

The applicant must complete and sign the 2004 Bright Dreams Scholarship Program application and mail it together with the essay. The application is free of charge and must be received no later than July 1st. Only one entry is permitted per individual. Winners will be notified on or about Aug. 15th via certified mail to the address indicated on the application.

For further information or to request an application, call (217) 558-4987.

Urge Governor To Reconsider Cuts For Conservation

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal to gut state conservation funding jeopardizes Illinois' open spaces and undermines ecological protection efforts, according to a coalition of legislators and environmental groups.

On Thursday, April 22nd, Senate and House Republicans joined with environmental groups in urging the governor to reconsider cuts for vital conservation programs. Among the programs on the chopping block are the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund (OSLAD), the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund (NAAF), the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund (LUST) and about 35 other environmental programs.

"All we are asking is that the governor follow his campaign promises," state Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry) said. "On the campaign trail in 2002, he promised to 'work hard to find other places to cut the budget besides threatening to withhold needed funding for park and recreational facilities.' In fact, he specifically said Illinois should 'continue its investment' in OSLAD and related funds. We agree with what the governor said in 2002, and urge him to reconsider his cuts to these very crucial conservation programs."

The governor has proposed nearly $54 million in cuts to conservation programs administered by the Dept. of Natural Resources, with the elimination of OSLAD funding making up the bulk of that amount. OSLAD provides funding assistance to local government agencies for the purchase and/or development of land for public parks and open space. Its impact has been felt all across the state: 94 of Illinois' 102 counties have received OSLAD grants since the fund's creation in 1986.

The NAAF is an essential tool in the State's efforts to preserve and protect natural areas such as wetlands and natural habitats for endangered and threatened species throughout Illinois. More than 20,000 acres of land has been set aside with funds from this program. In addition, NAAF money is used to staff both the Natural Heritage Program and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

"Suburban communities depend on programs like OSLAD to help combat sprawl and congestion," said Sen. Peterson. "Open space in places like the collar counties is disappearing by the day, making these funds more important than ever. OSLAD is about more than funding parks and playgrounds, it gives residents a chance to get a little more green in their lives, and to go to a place away from the hustle and bustle of city life."

Sen. Radogno, the Republican Spokeswoman on the Senate Appropriations Committee, criticized the governor's decision to put the money cut from OSLAD into the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF).

"The governor is up to his usual tactics of taking funds meant for a specific purpose and dumping them into the GRF," Radogno said. "He tried it with the Road Fund, and the tollway money, and now he wants to try it with OSLAD too."

OSLAD is specifically set up so that its funds come from a portion of the Real Estate Transfer tax. This was to ensure OSLAD had a stable and predictable source of funding. Radogno said using the OSLAD portion of the transfer tax for GRF spending runs contrary to state statute.

"It is wrong to divert money designated for a specific purpose into something totally unrelated," Radogno said. "The people of Illinois deserve to have truth in their taxation."

Dept. On Aging Grant

News about long-term services will soon be easier to access, the Illinois Dept. on Aging recently announced, thanks to a three-year grant that has been awarded to the Department.

The $800,000 federal grant to support the Department's development of aging and disability resource centers in Decatur and Rockford came from the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The development of "one stop" resource centers in these two communities will permit IDoA to study the feasibility of establishing similar centers throughout Illinois.

"Older people and their families in Illinois will be able to learn about the services and supports available at one place, a resource center with all the information about community-based services," said Charles D. Johnson, director of IDoA.

"At a time when families face the stress of illness and disability, they need a trusted source of information about all of the options available, and how to access those options. A single source of information will minimize confusion, and will show our respect for the right of families to make the best choice based on the best information. Now our Department can offer Illinois families a place to turn. We will be there when they need us."

The options for long-term care include in-home services, as well as care in nursing facilities. Consumers make choices based on medical need, and the Dept. on Aging can help families look at the all options available and make appropriate choices.

A single, coordinated system of access for people who want long-term support was set as a priority for the Department when Johnson was named director by Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich last year. "We have been working for the past year to rebalance long-term care service in Illinois," Johnson said. "During the past 12 months, we have opened the door to our Community Care Program by raising the asset cap on eligibility, and we have adjusted reimbursement rates to support services to the frail elderly at home and in adult day-care centers. This is just another step in the right direction."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It's clear that consumers can save a lot of money if they purchase their prescription drugs abroad. In fact, Illinois citizens can get the same drugs – made in the same factories, shipped in the same boxes – from Canada for a fraction of the price they pay here.

Ninety units of 100 mg of Celebrex, for example, costs an arthritis sufferer only $68 in Canada, compared to $160 in the United States. Forty mg of Lipitor costs cholesterol-conscious patients $182 north of the border, compared to $269 in this country.

Brand-name prescription drugs of all kinds cost Americans 25 percent to 86 percent more than they cost Canadians. That's why neighboring states like Wisconsin and Minnesota have already begun helping their citizens buy drugs from Canada on the Internet.

Like many of you, I'm not prepared to wait for the federal government to put forth a solution. That is why I've decided to take the first step and link Illinois citizens to Canadian drugs myself. By going to www.jackfranks.org, any Illinois citizen will have all the information they need to get started ordering from Canada.

These are the same drugs, made in the same factories, as the drugs pharmaceutical companies are already allowed to re-import in America. Citizens should have the same right.

American consumers already are looking outside the country, for lower cost prescription drugs. Untold thousands cross the Canadian border each year, buying an estimated $650 million in authentic, perfectly safe medications.

FDA Associate Commissioner William Hubbard said he knew of no cases in which Canadian drugs have harmed American citizens. This prompted the Sun Times to write an editorial, saying "the safety issues is a non-starter. No one really believes that poison pills are being distributed in Canada."

Ultimately prescription drugs will cost seniors some $1.8 trillion over the next 10 years. It is only logical to help not only those seniors, but all Illinoisans – and indeed, all Americans – lower their pharmacy bills by allowing them to purchase cheaper, identical medications from outside the country.

By going to my website, www.jackfranks.org, you can do this.

State Rep. Jack Franks
D-Woodstock

Deceptive Amendment

Congress' Pro-Choice Caucus recently resurrected for consideration a deceptive amendment to the "Putting Prevention First Act" known as the "Family Life Education Act" (FLEA) of 2001.

"Just as when it was first introduced as HR 3469, this amendment likely will use euphemisms to veil its true purposes," said Linda Klepacki, manager of Focus on the Family's abstinence policy department.

"Neither the word 'marriage' nor even the concept of the institution ever showed up in the original FLEA bill. The word 'family' appeared nowhere other than in the bill's title. References to abstinence were vague. The bill never defined abstinence and left the duration open to be interpreted as the bill's supporters usually do: 'abstain until you are ready for sex'."

While the new bill's title, "Putting Prevention First Act," stresses prevention, the FLEA portion of the bill aims to reduce – not prevent – pregnancies, STDs and abortions.

"Disguising a risk-reduction program as a risk-prevention program is a common ploy for 'safe-sex' promoters. In marketing jargon, such sleight of hand is known as bait and switch," Klepacki said.

But the deception in the "Putting Prevention First Act," she added, goes deeper than the disparity between the title and the content.

"A press release from the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) for the 'Putting Prevention First Act' claims that 'no federal funding stream exists dedicated to comprehensive sexuality education programs'," Klepacki said. "But a recent Heritage Foundation report reveals that for every dollar the government spends on abstinence it spend $12 on 'safe sex' and contraception."

"Over the last half-dozen years, 'safe-sex' promoters have had to share some of those federal and state sex education funds with abstinence educators," she added. "The 'Putting Prevention First Act' is just the latest in 'safe-sex' promoters' many ploys aimed at regaining their monopoly."

Oppose Reshuffling Agencies

Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson (R-Greenville) pledged recently to oppose any reshuffling of transportation agencies in Northeastern Illinois that robs the suburban region of influence in management and planning decisions.

"For more than 20 years, the interests of Chicago, suburban Cook County and the five collar counties have been delicately balanced in the RTA Act. The resolutions pushed through the task force at the 11th hour would wipe out that balance and threaten the return of regional warfare over mass transit resources," Watson said. "It's a giant step backward and does nothing to repair the problems that were identified during task force hearings."

Watson's pledge to support the suburban agenda came as a Regional Transportation Task Force wrapped up its formal meetings on Wednesday (April 14th) with a power play that saw suburban objections ignored as a series of resolutions were pushed through the task force at the last minute.

The resolutions, drafted by the Blagojevich Administration, threaten to end the 20-year truce that has existed between Chicago and the suburbs on mass transit issues. It would replace the existing Regional Transportation Agency board with a new board weighted toward the city of Chicago and create a transit czar appointed by the governor with broad powers over transit agencies.

Seniors Free Vision Tests

The Worth Township Seniors will offer free vision screening on Wednesday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to noon. This screening is done at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Appointments are necessary. Call (708) 371-8900, ext. 28.

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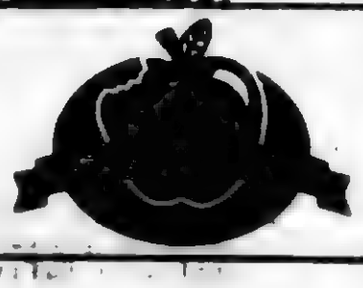

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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Trendy Diets 2004

The year 2004 has brought with it yet another slew of new, trendy diets. Some have even reached the New York Times best-seller list. Everywhere you turn there is some new way to turn yourself into the "svelte" person you dream of being. I have picked three of the seemingly "most talked about" diets of this year to talk about. Hopefully this will give you some answers to help in your decision-making process about what diet is best for you, before summer swim suit weather begins.

THE ATKINS DIET

Arguably one of the most famous, the Atkins Diet program restricts carbohydrates and focuses on eating mostly protein, with the use of vitamin and mineral supplements. According to the program, this will alter the body's metabolism so it will burn stored fat while building muscle mass.

With this diet, there is a heavy promotion of low-carbohydrate bars and food products. Carbohydrates are "demonized" and there are major restrictions on fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes and low fat dairy foods, which contradicts everything we know about health promotion and disease prevention.

SOUTH BEACH DIET

Made up of three phases, the South Beach Diet begins by banning carbohydrates such as fruit, bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and baked goods, and allowing normal size portions of meat, poultry, shellfish, vegetables, eggs and nuts. Dieters are told they will lose between eight and 13 pounds in the first two weeks. This is the "detoxification" phase. The second phase reintroduces "good carbs" (as defined by using the glycemic index) and dieters can expect to lose one to two pounds per week until their weight goal is reached. The third phase is the least restrictive, allowing the dieter to eat pretty much anything in moderation.

The theory behind the South Beach Diet is that the faster sugars and starches are digested, the more weight is gained. Instead, the diet will cause weight loss because it is a somewhat low calorie plan with an average intake of about 1400 to 1500 calories daily. The first phase causes a potentially dangerous accelerated weight loss; the second and third phases stress whole grains, lean proteins and dairy, unsaturated fats and fruits and vegetables, in addition to consistent meal times, snacks, a healthy dessert, and plenty of water.

THE ZONE DIET

The Zone Diet includes a complex eating plan that divides each meal into proportions of 40 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent proteins, and 30 percent fats. The "Zone" refers to the state in which the body is at its physical peak, presumable from following this diet.

The Zone Diet is a more complicated diet because it requires lots of measuring of proportions and calorie counting. Its emphasis on the importance of omega-three fish oils to reduce heart disease and complications from other inflammatory diseases such as arthritis is right on target with current research. If you are truly interested in doing all the "right stuff" to make for a better body, this is the way to go as I see it. But it requires more of your time and patience to pay off.

Of course with any diet, don't forget to include a regular exercise plan. And before you "enlist" in any dietary program, make certain you consult your physician. The diet you choose without medical advice may be dangerous, or may be wrong for your body's needs.

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Free And Low Cost Prescription Drugs Booklet Available

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs 7th Edition." The revised booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely if ever publicize the programs," says Gary Nave, director of The Institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available through patient assistance programs, for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $6 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #PD-75, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institutedc.org

Launch 8th Annual Chicago Area Asthma Screening Program

The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) is launching its eighth annual Nationwide Asthma Screening Program to help adults and children determine if breathing problems may be asthma. Free asthma screenings for people who are experiencing chronic cough, wheezing and shortness of breath will be held at more than 350 locations across the country beginning this May during National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

Area allergists who are asthma specialists will screen for asthma at the following locations: May 2 at Orland Square Mall, Orland Park, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 19 at Little Company of Mary Hospital Care Station, 5610 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The screenings also provide an opportunity for people who already know they have asthma to talk with a specialist about their disease and how to keep symptoms under control. Funded by an educational grant from AstraZeneca, the program has screened more than 73,500 people since it first launched in 1997.

"We see a lot of people whose only symptom is a chronic cough, and many don't realize they may be suffering from undiagnosed or undertreated asthma," said John Winder, M.D., chair of the Nationwide Asthma Screening Program. "These people often just ignore or put up with their symptoms, making lifestyle compromises and putting themselves at risk for irreversible lung damage."

Asthma affects an estimated 20.3 million Americans and is more common in children than adults, with about 6.3 million children suffering from the disease. In addition, asthma is responsible for nearly 4,500 deaths each year. Although the exact cause of asthma is unknown, many treatment options are available to control this chronic inflammation of airways in the lungs and related symptoms.

An asthma attack often is triggered by allergens such as pollen, dust and animal dander, certain drugs and food additives, viral respiratory infections and physical exertion.

Once asthma is diagnosed, experts recommend aggressive treatment with allergen avoidance and medication. Because inflammation of the lungs and airways plays a critical role in the development of asthma, the most effective medications are those that reduce inflammation. Studies show inhaled corticosteroids are the most potent and effective anti-inflammatory medications for asthma, improving control of the disease, normalizing lung function and possibly preventing irreversible damage.

"Proper diagnosis and treatment help ensure that adults and children with asthma live healthy, active lives. No one with this disease should expect anything less," Dr. Winder said. "Anyone who has breathing problems, or thinks his or her asthma could be better managed, should consider stopping by one of the free screenings."

During a screening, adults who are experiencing breathing problems complete a 20-question *Life Quality (LQ) Test* developed by ACCAI for the program. Children under the age of 15 take a special test called the *Kids' Asthma Check* that enables them to answer questions themselves about any breathing problems. Another version of the *Check* is available for parents of children up to eight years of age to complete on their child's behalf.

Participants also take a lung function test that involves blowing into a tube, and meet with a physician to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis.

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Remember MOM On Her Day

When Spring Cleaning Check Expiration Date On Medicine

A recent survey conducted by KRC Research for CVS/pharmacy reveals that while the majority of Americans are careful to dispose of expired medications, 20% of consumers admit they do not always dispose of over the counter medications and prescription drugs once they realize they are expired.

When asked how frequently they check the expiration dates, fewer than half (49%) claim to always check before taking over the counter medication, while just under a third (32%) sometimes check, but only when they remember to do so. Seventeen percent admit they never check expiration dates.

Slightly more care is taken with prescription drugs, with 57% of consumers always checking before taking prescriptions, 20% checking only when they remember, and 18% never checking prescription drug expiration dates.

The good news is that nearly three in four Americans (74%) report having cleaned out their medicine cabinets within the last year, with women being more likely to have done so than men (83% vs. 65%).

With the arrival of spring, CVS/pharmacy recommends that consumers extend spring cleaning rituals to their medicine cabinets. All medications should be checked at least once a year for outdated labels, as medications that have expired will not carry the same effect and may even be harmful.

"It is important to store medications properly and to keep your medicine cabinets updated and safe to everyone in the household," said Gayla Waller, RPh, CVS/pharmacy.

When spring cleaning your medicine cabinet, Waller offers the following tips:

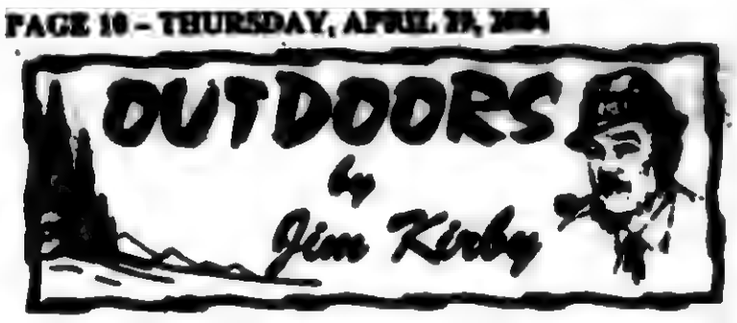
- Check all medications (over the counter and prescription) at least once a year for outdated labels. A good way to remember to check medications is to do it regularly with each change of season.
- All medications should be clearly labeled, in date, and stored in their original containers.
- Any medications that have changed in color or smell or that are no longer being taken should be discarded.
- Never carry medications in a pocket or close to the body, where body heat can upset the makeup of the drug.
- A secure pillbox is the best way to transport medications that must be carried in a purse or bag, and no more than a daily dose should be carried at one time.

Waller notes, "Carrying medications in a pocket or in a purse also means easy access to children, which could result in consumption and possibly poisoning." Such medications should be store in child-proof containers.

"Any medication is a powerful substance that should be guarded closely so that the intended user is treated properly, and they don't get into the hands of children."

At home, all medications should be locked in a childproof cabinet in closed, child-resistant packaging. When visiting an unfamiliar home or environment, supervise young children closely. Always keep the telephone number for poison control (1-800-222-1222) handy and call as soon as any suspicions arise.

Lastly, storing medications in the proper environmental surroundings ensures that they will remain in the best and most effective condition. Your local pharmacist can help to determine the most appropriate storage place for any medications. Some medications need to be refrigerated, while others should be protected from light and tablets and capsules are best kept in a cool, dry place.



ORLAND PARK SCHOOL GETS HABITAT GRANT: A variety of projects including prairie lots, butterfly gardens, and outdoor learning centers will be developed by children at 18 locations, thanks to grants provided by the Illinois Conservation Foundation.

The High Point School, Orland Park, grades 3-5 coordinated by **Kathleen Laurescell** will create an outdoor classroom that will reinforce respect and appreciation for the environment. Students will also investigate career opportunities while completing the project.

"Hands-on projects such as these make learning fun and instill a life-long love of the outdoors" said Department of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold, who chairs the Foundation's board. "Thanks to the Illinois Conservation Foundation and the Jadel Family Foundation for making these grants possible."

■BOATERS REMINDED TO REGISTER RADIOS: *The Great Lakes Basin Report* advises boaters with newer-model marine radios to register for a Mobile Maritime Service Identity (MMSI) number.

The FCC requires that VHF-FM marine radios manufactured after June 17, 1999 be digital selective calling capable. The primary advantage of these radios is that when interfaced with a Global Positioning System a mayday can be transmitted with the push of a button. All information concerning the call, including the vessel's position and the nature of the distress is then automatically transmitted. However, for the information to be accessed by the U.S. Coast Guard, users must first register for a MSSI.

Boat U.S. and Sea Tow have been certified to assign MMSI numbers. Boaters can register their digital selective calling capable marine radios with either organization on line.

■ANTI'S CALL FOR ALASKA TOURISM BOYCOTT: Anti-hunters are protesting an Alaska predator control program by advocating a tourism boycott of the state. The program was established to protect the state's waning moose herd.

Friends of Animals, a Connecticut-based animal rights group, is asking travelers to cancel Alaska vacations, in hopes of disrupting the state's $2 billion-per-year tourism industry. The group is opposed to a recent wolf control program that the state has implemented to salvage a declining moose population. The anti's hope to use economic pressure to make Gov. Frank Murkowski stop the program.

According to the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*, local businesses in the interior have not yet seen any impact. The businesses that form the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association have not reported a flood of cancellations, but a company near Anchorage called Outdoors Alaska said some travelers have called off their travel plans citing the state predator program.

■MOST POPULAR DOG CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF RECOGNITION: In 2003 the most popular dog in the United States, the Labrador Retriever celebrated its 100-year anniversary of official recognition by the English Kennel Club. The prestigious venue took place at the Belvoir Castle, the home of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, in Leicestershire, England.

The celebration for the Labrador Retriever included working trials, agility, rescuer, and drug detection dog demonstrations. Seminars, demonstrations and more than 450 exhibits provided entertainment and information to the many visitors.

In honor of these festivities, well-known Labrador Retriever expert and author of the popular book *Labrador Retrievers An Owners Companion*, Anthony W. Jury, was on hand to sign books. This 256-page book from Stoeger Publishing explores all of the practical aspects for owning this popular dog. Items covered in this easy-to-read book include detailed information on choosing a puppy, training and diet, general management, as well as the health and care of your pet. Additional information on breeding, pregnancy and whelping provide insight into the joys of breeding.

Labrador Retrievers An Owner's Companion (ISBN 0-88317-226-7) has a suggested retail price of $24.95. It is available at local Benelli and Stoeger firearms dealers nationwide, your favorite neighborhood bookstore, or online at www.StoegerPublishing.com.

■FREE FISHING DAYS: Dozens of organizations are expected to conduct fishing derbies and other special events as part of Illinois Free Fishing Days, June 11-14. The four-day promotion provides anglers the opportunity to fish without purchasing a fishing license or trout stamps. Organizations interested in receiving promotional materials or more information, contact Gary Watson IDNR at (217) 782-9990.

Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation are teaming up to promote more outdoor recreation opportunities and events for women in Illinois.

The agreement focuses on collaboration in providing instructors, equipment, facilities and promotion for hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and other hands-on outdoor activities to be conducted throughout the state as part of the IDNR's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program and the NWTF's Women in the Outdoors program.

"This agreement is a natural for both the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. "We have worked for many years with the NWTF and its Illinois chapter officials and members on habitat enhancement, turkey releases and hunting programs. This is another chance to partner with a great sporting organization to generate interest in and expand hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities."

Brunsvold said encouraging more women to enjoy outdoor activities is the goal.

"Our Becoming an Outdoors-Woman programs are among the most popular events of their kind in the country," said Brunsvold. "The NWTF has a network of volunteer instructors and technical support staff who will help make BOW sessions even better. And our staff, volunteers, equipment and facilities can help make the many Women in the Outdoors activities staged by the NWTF even better."

"We have always had an outstanding relationship with the Illinois DNR," said Trish Berry, National Wild Turkey Federation Women's National Coordinator. "Working together, we've accomplished a lot for hunters and outdoors enthusiasts. Our new Women in the Outdoors partnership is exciting because it enables us to introduce and educate more women about the outdoors, wildlife conservation and our hunting heritage."

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman weekends hosted by the IDNR in 2004 are scheduled for June 11th to 13th at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon and Sept. 17th to 19th at Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton. Activities during the sessions include expert instruction in fishing, bow and firearm shooting skills, bird calling, canoeing, camping and nature photography. More information on the BOW program is available on the IDNR web site at http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/BOW/

NWTF Women in the Outdoors programs provide opportunities for women to participate in camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, mountain biking and other activities. The Illinois chapter and local chapters of the NWTF have scheduled a number of Women in the Outdoors events throughout the state in 2004. More information is available on the NWTF web site at www.nwtf.org.

New Fishing Web Site

A new fishing season has arrived in Illinois, and with it comes a new web site, www.ifishillinois.org, that provides the public with an array of informative resources about fishing and boating on Illinois waters.

"The weather is warming up and everyone is eager to get out on the water. The Department is excited to begin the new fishing season with the launch of www.ifishillinois.org," said Joel Brunsvold, Director of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. "For anglers looking for a place to fish – in search of that elusive hot spot – 'ifishillinois' provides one-stop-shopping."

Weekly fishing reports, sport fishing prospects, regulations, and fishing tips are just a few examples of the services provided by www.ifishillinois.org. Information is provided about more than 70 inland lakes, eight major rivers and streams and Lake Michigan, making it one of the most comprehensive online resources for Illinois fishing available. There's also a special section called "Kids and Family Fishing" which includes a kids fishing hotspots information and identifies the best spots for family outings where kids can expect to catch a lot of fish.

The web site features profiles of inland lakes in Illinois that include lake maps describing habitat types and depth contours, information about on-site public recreational facilities, sport fishing prospects, and annual sport fishing status reports generated by DNR fisheries biologists. The web site also features a science section that highlights various fisheries-related studies conducted by DNR personnel, including creel survey reports, fish species profiles, and information about exotic and endangered species.

The Department's fisheries programs are also highlighted on the web site, including information on the Tackle Loaner, Urban Fishing, and Hatcheries and Stocking Programs.

The web site, www.ifishillinois.org, was developed cooperatively by two divisions of DNR – the Division of Fisheries and the Illinois Natural History Survey – and is partially funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Fund.

Gather Waterfowl Hunters Comments

Members of the DNR's advisory board will hold public meetings to gather comments from waterfowl hunters prior to making recommendations for the 2004-05 seasons, Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold announced recently.

"Waterfowl hunters are very passionate about their sport. These meetings are an opportunity for them to share their views regarding season dates and other related issues. We want to hear about their experiences this past season and their expectations for the upcoming season," Brunsvold said. "Our goal is to hear from a broad base of our constituency so that we are able to provide the best hunting opportunities available."

Brunsvold said the meetings will be conducted by a subcommittee of the Natural Resources Advisory Board and chaired by Natural Resources Advisory Board member George Camille, a lifelong waterfowl hunter.

"We will be gathering information from waterfowl hunters and making a report to the entire Board. As a Board, we want to be able to make the best recommendation that we can to Director Brunsvold," Camille said. "The Board is a citizens' committee. Listening to the constituents is an important part of our role. This is a great opportunity for Illinoisans to express their views and I hope hunters around Illinois take advantage of it."

Board members will listen to DNR staff recommendations and facilitate public input at one public meeting in each zone. The focus of each meeting will be waterfowl topics specific to the zone in which the meeting is being held. Primary topics will include duck and goose season dates for the 2004-05 hunting season.

A meeting will be held in each zone beginning at 6:30 p.m. and scheduled as follows: South Zone – Aug. 10th at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn; Central Zone – Aug. 11th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield; and North Zone – Aug. 12th at the Best Western in DeKalb.

Comments received at the public meetings, as well as public comments received by Board members and the DNR and staff recommendations will be shared by the full Natural Resources Advisory Board at a meeting scheduled for Aug. 18th at 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The full board is expected to discuss the subcommittee's recommendations and vote on their final recommendations to Brunsvold.

The Natural Resources Advisory Board has 13 members appointed by the governor. The Board recommends hunting season dates and bag limits to Brunsvold and also provides an avenue for public comment regarding natural resource topics at public meetings held quarterly across the state.

SXU Baseball Team Loses To ST. Francis

Despite a 2-for-4 and two RBI performance at the plate by junior centerfielder A.J. Coia, the St. Xavier University baseball team could not pick up the victory, falling 5-3 in a CCAC road loss to University of St. Francis (Ill.) last Wednesday at Silver Cross Field in Joliet. It was the Cougars' first conference loss of the season (6-1).

Named Courageous Female Student Athlete

Samantha Eyman, a starting junior rightfielder for the St. Xavier University softball team and native of Palos Hills, was named the 2004 Courageous Female Student-Athlete by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) recently in honor of National Student-Athlete Day. April 6th is recognized as National Student-Athlete Day and is celebrated nationwide by honoring student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics, while making significant contributions to their communities.

Eyman's quick foot speed, great throwing arm and fierce competitiveness make her a standout outfielder for the SXU softball team. Her skill level alone is enough to get her noticed on the field, yet her lack of a left hand makes her abilities even more notable. Eyman was born without a left hand and, remarkably, would not wish it any other way. She looks at not having a left hand as a gift and believes with two hands she would not have accomplished the things she has with one, since it has pushed her to work that much harder. In doing so, Eyman has pushed others like her to achieve great things as well.

"Any time you win an award, it is an incredible feeling," said Eyman. "However, winning a national award makes it even more incredible. I just love to play softball and SXU has given me that opportunity. When you love to do something, you shouldn't let obstacles stand in your way."

Eyman volunteers her expertise each summer at St. Xavier's softball clinics and offers valuable advice on working hard and never giving up. Eyman leads with both inspiring words and actions, and has motivated numerous athletes to achieve their goals. Prior to attending SXU, Eyman played softball at Stagg High School in Palos Hills. She will formally receive her award at an awards banquet in Florida in February 2005.

Chmielewski Named

Kamil Chmielewski, a senior guard on the St. Xavier University men's basketball team, was recently named a 2004 NAIA Region VII Scholar-Athlete for his performance both in the classroom and on the court as a Cougar.

Chmielewski owns a 3.72 cumulative grade point average and is pursuing a degree from SXU in computer science. As a reserve guard for the Cougars, he averaged 0.8 points, 0.8 rebounds and 1.1 assists during his senior season.

Nominees for recognition must possess at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, be in at least his/her junior year of attendance and must have been in attendance at the nominating school at least one full academic term.

Thunder Bolts Hosted Lunch For Business Community

The Windy City Thunder Bolts hosted a luncheon on April 15th for the local business community. The team introduced its new manager Steve Maddock, answered questions about the team and signed autographs. Pictured left to right are: Mike Stranczek, Kereem Walker, Manager Steve Maddock, Kory Bell, Mike Zirolis, and Sen. Patrick O'Malley.

Attending the Windy City Thunder Bolts luncheon were representatives of the Village of Crestwood, left to right, Frank Gasmere, Louis Presta, Ronald Wasag, Victor Hirsch and Jack Donovan.

Largest Area Special Olympics

Special Olympics Illinois athletes from South Cook-Will Counties/Area 7 (includes 49 suburbs in south Cook and all of Will County) are in training for the largest Area event of the year – the annual Spring Games to be held on Saturday, May 8th. While the athletes train, the volunteer Spring Games committee is busy planning every aspect of the event.

Thornwood High School on S. Park Ave. in South Holland is hosting the Spring Games. Hundreds of athletes will compete in track and field events throughout the day following the exciting opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Gold medal winners from each of the Area Spring Games are eligible to compete in the State Summer Games, June 11th to 13th, at Illinois State University in Normal where 3500 athletes are expected.

"Spring Games could not take place without a dedicated Spring Games committee," said Kevin O'Brien, Area Director for South Cook-Will/Area 7. "The amount of planning and execution that goes into an event of this type is enormous," O'Brien said, "and we want it to be a true Olympic experience for the athletes from start to finish."

People who would like to volunteer should call the Area office at (708) 922-9673.

Area 7 – one of the 17 Special Olympics Illinois Area programs – includes 49 suburbs in south Cook County and all of Will County. South Cook-Will/Area 7 Spring Games key committee members include: from Homewood: Jim Druetzler, Dale & Nancy Hoekstra, Jen Lazuka, Kathy O'Brien, Carl & Barb Soncini; also, Russ & Marci Breed of Bolingbrook; Chuck Cummings and Sheila Krell of Tinley Park; Cathy Davis of Flossmoor; Mike Johl from UPS in Hodgkins; Mike Jordan of Park Forest; Shawn Kirby and Tom Schell of South Holland; Linda Olsen of Thornton; Mike Ryan of Palos Park; Pat Yeager of Lockport; Mike & Linda Abbott of Lansing; Heather Bailey and Cathy Clark of Chicago; Annette Shields of Dyer, Indiana.

Two Cougar Victories

Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff had a stellar day at the plate as the No. 25 St. Xavier University softball team swept a pair of conference games from CCAC opponent Trinity Christian College on Wednesday in Palos Heights. The Cougars won game one, 1-0, and exploded in the nightcap for an 18-0 victory. The two conference wins give the Cougars a final 14-2 mark in league play and secures SXU at least a share of the CCAC regular-season title.

In game one, Kilduff provided all the offense the Cougars needed for the victory in the first at-bat of the game crushing a solo shot over the left field wall to put SXU ahead, 1-0, for good. She finished the game 3-for-4 with the lone RBI and run scored. Sophomore righthander Jessica Wilson was literally unhittable on the mound for SXU pitching all seven innings and allowing no hits, runs or walks, while fanning seven TCC batters.

Sophomore rightie Kim Garner was almost equally as impressive at game two for the Cougars, although it was unneeded as the SXU offense put 18 runs on the scoreboard to end the game after five innings. Garner pitched all five innings and gave up just two hits and no runs, while striking out three.

However, Kilduff proved to be the story of game two as she finished 2-for-3 with two home runs, helping her record an impressive seven RBI in the five-inning game. The Cougars tallied 20 total hits in the game with seven different players in the line-up recording two or more. Junior catcher Karie Karasiak also was tough with the bat going 3-for-4 as well with two RBI and two runs scored.

St. Xavier University is 27-18 overall, 14-2 CCAC.

Barsch Resigns

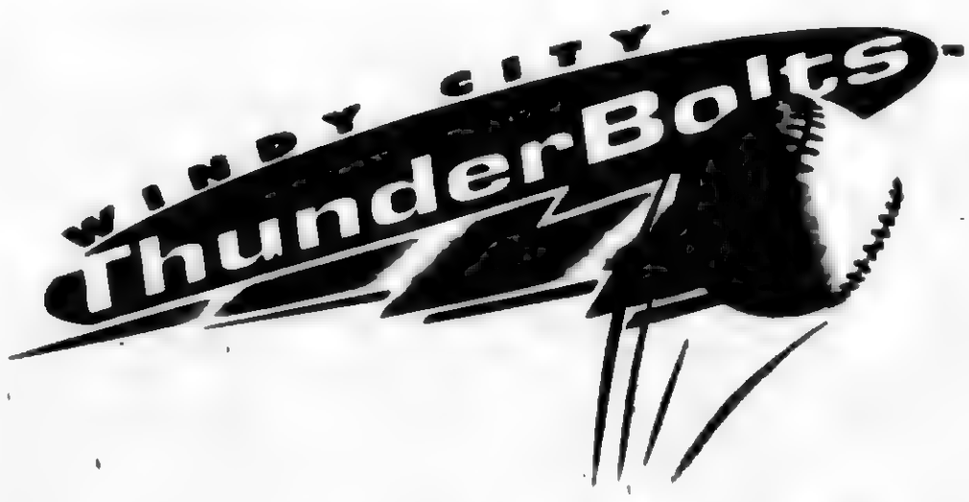
After a successful two-year stint as the head coach of the St. Xavier University men's soccer team, SXU Hall of Famer Henry Barsch has resigned from his part-time position with the Cougars due to the demands of his duties as a tactical officer for the Chicago Police Dept. and his family. The SXU athletic department will immediately begin looking for a new men's soccer coach with the position becoming full-time this summer.

Barsch amassed a 21-19-6 record as head coach of the Cougars. The 2001 SXU Athletics Hall of Famer led St. Xavier to a 13-8-4 mark in 2003, including a trip to the NAIA Region VII Tournament where the Cougars fell just one game short of a national tournament berth.

SXU will accept applications for the vacant coaching position through Friday, May 7th. Any individuals interested in applying for the full-time position should contact the SXU athletic department at (773) 298-3101 or mail a resume and cover letter (including references) to: Myra Minuskin, Assistant Athletic Director, 3700 W. 103rd St., Shannon Center, Chicago, IL 60655.

Annual Golf Outing

The 17th annual Pat Cronin Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 7th at Ridge Country Club, 105th & California Ave. Two shotgun starts are available – 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In addition to golf outing gifts, food and plenty of beverages will be available on the course. Afterwards, cocktails and dinner will be served with an auction going on throughout the evening. Tickets are $350 per person. Proceeds from the outing benefit St. Rita of Cascia High School. To reserve a spot and for more information, call (773) 925-5029.



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Eschmann Throws Perfect First Game

Senior righthander Stacie Eschmann threw a perfect first game as the No. 15 St. Xavier University softball team swept a pair of non-conference games from Indiana Institute of Technology on Thursday at the SXU Softball Complex in Chicago. The Cougars won game one, 8-0, and kept the offense rolling in the nightcap, winning 13-0.

McKendree College Holds Coaches Clinic

College basketball coaches Bruce Weber (University of Illinois), Matt Painter (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) and Harry Statham (McKendree College) will hold a coaches clinic on Friday, June 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. at McKendree College in conjunction with the 21st annual Prairie State Games. The clinic is free of charge to any coach who has a team in the Prairie State Games Basketball or Hoops Fest tournaments (June 25th to 27th).

Prairie State Games; Illinois' largest amateur sports festival, offers athletes 25 Olympic-style sports and several non-traditional athletic competitions in which to compete. Competition will take place at more than 40 venues in 14 cities throughout Southwestern Illinois, with Fairview Heights again serving as the host city.

The entry fee for most individual sports is $20, which includes a souvenir T-shirt. Team entries vary in price. The deadline for most individual sports is June 4th.

All athletes and coaches are invited to participate in the Athlete Celebration at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25th at the Four Points Sheraton and The Fountains Conference Center in Fairview Heights, Illinois.

To obtain an application book or for more information, call (618) 632-1002.

Rhomberg Has Resigned

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced that team President Kevin Rhomberg has resigned from the team. Kevin Rhomberg, from Cleveland, Ohio, had been managing the operations of the team since October when the Cook County Cheetahs were sold to new ownership. Due to unforeseen personal reasons, Rhomberg feels it was in the best interest of the Thunder Bolts organization to step down.

"This was a very difficult decision for me to make," explained Rhomberg. "After working so hard to get things rolling with this organization, it is tough for me to leave at this time, but necessary for this organization to continue to grow."

Kevin Rhomberg played an integral part of bringing the new ownership group together to purchase the former Cook County Cheetahs. Rhomberg had spent the last 3 years putting together plans to develop the former Cheetahs into one of the most successful franchises in the Frontier League.

"I would like to thank the Crestwood Professional Baseball LLC members, the Frontier League, the ThunderBolts front office, and everyone in the Village of Crestwood for making my time with the Thunder Bolts very enjoyable," said Rhomberg. "I wish great success to the Thunder Bolts organization and hope for a very successful future in Crestwood."

Ten Star All Star Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include Champaign, IL, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hamilton, NY, Hickory, NC, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, Blacksburg, VA, Poulney, VT, Olympia, WA and Beloit, WI.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Monday, 4-19-04
Ag Science 20, Robeson 7
Argo 10, Oak Forest 3
Bloom 2, Tinley Park 1
Brother Rice 10, Holy Cross 6
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Romeoville 1
Illiana Christian 10, Marian Catholic 9
Juarez 6, Kennedy 2
Lemont 5, Bolingbrook 4
Morgan park 11, Phillips 9
Mt. Carmel 10, St. Francis de Sales 0
Marist 4, Nazareth 0
Richards 6, Lockport 2
St. Ignatius 11, Providence 6
St. Laurence 1, Gordon Tech 0
St. Rita 12, De La Salle 6
Shepard 10, Reavis 7
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Ag Science 6, Westinghouse 3
Argo 9, Lincoln-Way Central 8
Brother Rice 15, Gordon Tech 4
Chicago Christian 4, Wheaton Academy 2
Crystal Lake Central 8, Sandburg 7
Eisenhower 6, Tinley Park 4, 12 inn.
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Marian Catholic 0
Hyde Park 19, Morgan Park 1
Il. Chrisian 13, Rockford Chr. Life 3
Joliet 3, Andrew 2
Lemont 5, Morris 4
Lockport 5, Sandburg 3
Lyons 2, Richards 0
Marist 6, Nazareth 0
Mt. Carmel 6, Loyola 5, 8 inn.
Oak Forest 10, Bremen 0
Providence 8, Fenwick 1
Ridgewood 1, Evergreen Park 0
St. Francis de Sales 3, De La Salle 2
St. Ignatius 12, Leo 2
St. Rita 18, Bishop McNamara 6
Stagg 5, Lincoln-Way East 1
T.F. South 14, Hillcrest 0
Thursday, 4-22-04
Bradley 3, Marian Catholic 1
De La Salle 6, Hales Franciscan 0
Eisenhower 10, Tinley Park 0
Evergreen Park 3, Ridgewood 2
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Kankakee 2
Illiana Christian 13, Thornton 3
Joliet 7, Andrew 4
Lockport 9, Sandburg 3
Mt. Carmel 4, Bishop McNamara 3
Oak Forest 8, Bremen 4
Oak Lawn 5, Shepard 2
Providence 10, St. Laurence 0
Richards 6, T.F. North 0
St. Rita 14, St. Ignatius 11
Stagg 4, Lincoln-Way East 3
T.F. South 16, Hillcrest 4
Friday, 4-23-04
Ag Science 6, Kelly 1
Andrew 4, Troy Triad 3
Joliet Catholic 3, Lockport 1
Lake Forest Acad. 16, Morgan Park Acad. 4
Payton 12, Morgan Park 6
Rockford Chr. Life 4, Ill. Christian 0
Shepard 2, St. Laurence 1
Saturday, 4-24-04
Bradley 3, Stagg 0
Bremen 9, Rich South 3
Brother Rice 6-4, St. Laurence 0-1
De La Salle 12-6, Bishop McNamara 2-7
Eisenhower 4-7, Romeoville 2-6
Hillcrest 4-9, Rich East 0-14
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Sandburg 0
Il. Christian 5-15, Chgo Christian 0-2
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Crete-Monee 3
Lincoln-Way East 3, St. Charles North 2
Lockport 11, Naperville Central 5
Loyola 7-1, St. Ignatius 6-8
Marist 6-11, St. Viator 1-3
Notre Dame 9, Marian Catholic 1

SOFTBALL
Monday, 4-19-04
Ag Science 21, Bronzeville 3
Bradley 4, Homewood-Flossmoor 3
CICS-Longwood 27, Bogan 17
Lockport 10, Morris 0
Marist 8, Westmont 0
Mother McAuley 4, Il. Christian 0
Oak Forest 30, Rich South 0
Rosary 8, Marian Catholic 6
St. Francis de Sales 1, Mt. Assisi 0
St. Ignatius 7, Maria 2
Sandburg 4, Queen of Peace 2
Shepard 2, Reavis 0
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Bremen 1, Tinley Park 0
Eisenhower 5, T.F. North 2
Evergreen Park 3, Ridgewood 2, 13 inn.
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Marian Catholic 0
Lincoln-Way Central 14, Joliet 1
Lockport 1, Lincoln-Way East 0
Luther North 17-22, Luther South 0-2
Maria 7, Thornwood 5
Morgan Park Acad. 21, Seton 11
Mt. Assisi 4, Bolingbrook 3
Northside Prep 3, Morgan Park 1
Oak Forest 15, Hillcrest 0
Oak Lawn 7, Bloom 2
Sandburg 2, Andrew 0, 10 inn.
Shepard 7, Rich East 2
Thursday, 4-22-04
Ag Science 16, Hirsch 0
Bremen4, Homewood-Flossmoor 3
Brooks 36, Bogan 7
De La Salle 8, Notre Dame 1
Eisenhower 21, Hillcrest 5
Evergreen Park 5, Ridgewood 2
Illiana Christian 4, Shepard 0
Joliet 3, Lincoln-Way East 2
Lemont 3, Plainfield South 0
Lockport 9, Andrew 0
Marian Catholic 2, Queen of Peace 1
Mother McAuley 1, Reavis 0
Oak Forest 7, Tinley Park 0
Oak Lawn 3, Thornwood 2
St. Ignatius 2, IHM 0
Wheaton Acad. 7, Chicago Chr. 1
Friday, 4-23-04
Ag Science 16,CVS 1, 4 inn.
Bogan 10, Julian 2
Bolingbrook 2, Lincoln-Way C. 1
Evergreen Park 1, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Lake Forest Acad. 10, Morgan Park Acad. 1
Lemont 6, Morris 3
Lincoln-Way E. 5, Bradley 0
Morgan Park 2, Bogan 0
Mother McAuley 5, Stagg 1
Northside Prep 14, Kennedy 8
Queen of Peace 2, Reavis 0
Regina 14, Seton 0
Sandburg 2, Richards 1
Saturday, 4-25-04
Carmel 5-7, Providence 1-1
Illiana Christian 4-14, Chicago Christian 1-2
Lockport 16-16, Thornridge 3-0
Mt. Assisi 4-1, Loyola 0-0
Resurrection 1-0, Queen of Peace 0-3
Richards 8-4, Eisenhower 0-1
St. Ignatius 6-18, Seton 0-1
Sandburg 11-11, Naperville North 1-1
Providence 10-8, Leo 0-0
Reavis 7, T.f. North 0
Richards 10, Evergreen Park 0
St. Rita 13-16, Gordon Tech 2-2
Lincoln Tournament
Andrew 9, Midwest Central 5
Oak Forest 1, Lincoln 0
Oak Forest 14, Young 5

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, 4-19-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 4, Naperville North 3
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Eisenhower 4, Hillcrest 1
Morgan Park Acad. 5, Bremen 1
Young 3, Oak Lawn 2
Thursday, 4-22-04
Brother Rice 3, Bishop McNamara 2
Eisenhower 4, Bremen 1
Lincoln-Way East 3, Andrew 2
Lockport 3, Lincoln-way Central 3
Mt. Carmel 4, St. Laurence 1
Friday, 4-23-04
Lincoln-Way East 5, Marian Catholic 0
Saturday, 4-24-04
Wheaton North 4, Lincoln-Way East 1
Lockport Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Lockport 23. 2. Stagg 16. 3. Richards 15. 4. Marian Catholic 14. 5. Morgan Park Acad. 11. 6. Minooka 7. 7. Bishop McNamara 4. Tinley Park also competed.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 4-19-04
Lincoln-Way East d. Andrew 25-10, 25-18
Lockport d. H-F 24-26, 27-25, 25-23
Marian Cath. d. Shepard 29-27, 19-25, 25-18
St. Rita d. Marist 25-18, 25-21
Sandburg d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-17, 27-25
Stagg d. Joliet 15-25, 25-14, 25-21
Wednesday, 4-21-04
De La Salle d. Latin 13-25, 25-22, 25-15
Lincoln-Way C. d. H-F 25-20, 25-21
St. Francis d. St. Ignatius 25-11, 25-8
Sandburg d. Stagg 22-25, 25-17, 25-12
Shepard d. Oak Lawn 25-22, 26-28, 29-27
Thursday, 4-22-04
Brother Rice d. De La Salle 25-7, 25-9
Carmel d. Marist 25-21, 17-25, 25-18
Loyola d. St. Laurence 25-8, 25-4
Marian Cath . St. Patrick 18-25, 25-22, 25-21
Mt. Carmel d. Evanston 25-23, 28-30, 25-17
Oak Lawn d. Eisenhowr 25-13, 25-13
St. Rita d. Providence 25-20, 25-22
Sandburg d. Downers South 25-8, 25-16
Shepard d. Richards 25-16, 25-15
Friday, 4-23-04
Marian Cath. d. H-F 25-12, 25-20
St. Francis d. Illiana Christian 25-23, 25-13
Saturday, 4-24-04
Oak Lawn Tournament
Green Pool
St. Rita d. St. Charles E. 25-20, 25-17
Oak Lawn d. Lockport 25-17, 25-14
Oak Lawn d. St. Charles 25-20, 25-14
St. Rita d. Lockport 25-23, 25-15
Lockport d. St. Charles E. 25-23, 25-13
White Pool
Lincoln-Way E d. Stagg 21-25, 25-20, 25-23
Stagg d. Elk Grove 26-24, 25-15
Lincoln-Way E. d. Waukegan 25-10, 25-20
Lincoln-Way E. d. Elk Grove 25-12, 25-12
Stagg d. Waukegan 25-12, 25-18
Semifinal Round
Oak Lawn d. Stagg 20-25, 25-23, 25-21
Lincoln-Way E d. St. Rita 25-18, 25-12
Lockport d. Waukegan 25-5, 25-14
St. Charles E. d. Elk Grove 25-18, 25-18
Finals
Elk Grove d. Waukegan 25-22, 25-14 (7th)
Lockport d. St. Charles E. 25-9, 25-17 (5th)
Stagg d. St. Rita (3rd)
Lincoln-Way E. d. Oak Lawn 19-25, 25-22, 25-22 (title)

BOYS WATER POLO
Monday, 4-19-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Lockport 7
Sandburg 10, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Tuesday, 4-20-04
Bremen 15, Lane Tech 5
Brother Rice 12, York 9
Fenwick 14, Sandburg 6
Homewood-Flossmoor 14, Bradley 3
Latin 18, St. Ignatius 5
Stagg 10, Lincoln-Way Central 7
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Andrew 14, Lockport 8
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Lincoln-Way E. 8
St. Ignatius 12, Riverside-Brookfield 3
Thursday, 4-22-04
Sandburg 14, Stagg 2
Friday, 4-23-04
Andrew 14, Lincoln-Way East 9
Lincoln-Way Central 9, Lockport 2

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 4-19-04
Argo 4, Bolingbrook 0
De La Salle 3, St. Scholastica 2
Marist 5, Morgan Park Acad. 0
Oak Forest 7, Bremen 0
Oak Lawn 3, Richards 2
Nazareth 3, Marian Catholic 1
Romeoville 4, Reavis 2
Tuesday, 4-20-04
Benet 1, Providence 0
Illiana Christian 2, Chicago Christian 1
Morgan Park 3, Kenwood 1
Queen of Peace 3, Maria 1
Tinley Park 3, Rich South 0
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Argo 4, Romeoville 1
Bogan 3, Bowen 1
Bolingbrook 3, Richards 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 10, Thornwood 0
Oak Forest 11, Eisenhower 0
Washington 4, Ag Science 1
Thursday, 4-22-04
Andrew 2, Joliet 1
Chicago Christian 4, Rockford Chr. Life 2
Morton 3, Maria 0
Mother McAuley 6, Trinity 1
Queen of Peace 1, Mt. Assisi 0
St. Ignatius 3, Francis Parker 0
Sandburg 1, Lockport 0
Tinley Park 5, Crete-Monee 1
Wheaton Academy 7, Illiana Christian 1
Friday, 4-23-04
Argo 5, Queen of Peace 3
Illiana Christian 6, Crete-Monee 0
Loyola 1, St. Ignatius 0
Mt. Assisi 1, De La Salle 0
Stagg 1, Lockport 0 (PK)
Naperville North Invitational
Sandburg 1, Palatine 0 (PK)
Wheaton S. 2, Lincoln-Way East 1
Saturday, 4-24-04
Chicago Christian 2, U-High 0
Lemont 3, Plainfield South 2
Lockport 6, Bolingbrook 0
Mother McAuley 2, Loyola 2
Reavis 3, T.F. North 1
Tinley Park 10, Richards 1
Naperville North Invitational
Naperville Central 1, Sandburg 0
Sandburg 0, Downers South 0
At Waubonsie Valley
Lincoln-Way East 2, Glenbard West 0
Waubonsie Valley 4, Lincoln-Way East 0
Niles West Invitational
Fenton 2, Oak Lawn 0
Niles West 4, Oak Lawn 0

GIRLS WATER POLO
Monday, 4-19-04
Andrew 9, Stagg 2
Lincoln-Way East 19, Richards 8
St. Ignatius 11, Libertyville 5
Sandburg 16, Richards 4
Tuesday, 4-20-04
St. Ignatius 4, Latin 3
Wednesday, 4-21-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 15, Lincoln-Way E 6
Lincoln-Way Central 10, Stagg 2
Mother McAuley 14, Mundelein 9
Thursday, 4-22-04
Lincoln-Way Central 7, Hinsdale Central 5
Sandburg 14, Stagg 5
Friday, 4-23-04
Andrew 9, Lincoln-Way East 0
Lincoln-Way Central 13, Lockport 8
Saturday, 4-24-04
Latin 8, Mother McAuley B. 1.
Latin 8, Mother McAuley B. 3.
Mother McAuley A. 8, Latin 2
Mother McAuley A. 8, Latin 0
St. Charles North Tournament
Lincoln-Way East 8, St. Charles North 4
Naperville North 9, Lincoln-Way East 0
Waubonsie Valley 13, Lincoln-Way East 4

BADMINTON
Monday, 4-19-04
Stagg 15, T.F. South 0
Tuesday, 4-20-04
Andrew 13, Sandburg 2
Lincoln-Way East 13, Joliet 2
Hinsdale Central 6, Lockport 2
Thursday, 4-22-04
Andrew 15, Stagg 0
Lincoln-Way Central 13, Lincoln-Way East 2
Oak Forest 13, Argo 2
Saturday, 4-24-04
Lincoln-Way East 15, St. Charles North 0
Evanston Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Andrew 62. 2. Hinsdale Central 54. 3. Downers North 52. 4. Prospect 51. 5. Willowbrook 41. 6. New Trier 39. 7. Glenbrook South 36. 8. Stevenson 34. 9. Evanston 32. 10. Wheaton South 31.
Shepard Quad
Buffalo Grove 9, Shepard 6
Lincoln-Way Central 12, Shepard 3
Shepard 15, Oak Forest 0
Buffalo Grove 15, Oak Forest 0
Lincoln-Way Central 14, Oak Forest 1
Lincoln-Way Central 10, Buffalo Grove 5

Named Player And Pitcher Of The Week

For the second straight week, Loyola University Chicago has swept the Horizon League's weekly softball awards as Allison Scanlin and Lindsey LaChiana were named as the Player and Pitcher of the Week, respectively. LaChiana also earned Pitcher of the Week accolades last week. The duo helped lead the Ramblers to a 3-1 record last week.

Scanlin extended her hitting streak to six games by batting safely in all four contests last week. In four starts, the left-handed hitting first baseman batted .417 (5 for 12) with a pair of RBI and drove home the game-winning run in Loyola's 3-0 victory over Horizon League foe Detroit on April 4th. For the season, the junior is batting a team-best .356 with five doubles and eight RBI.

LaChiana is one of the hottest pitchers in the country, having allowed only one earned run in her last 28.2 innings (0.25 ERA). A week ago, she went 2-1 in three appearances, striking out 14 while allowing only one earned run in 14.2 innings of work.

For the year, LaChiana is 10-7 with a 2.31 ERA and 96 strikeouts in 109.0 innings. She is within striking distance of the LU single-season record of 17 victories.

Loyola is 15-15 overall and 5-1 in the Horizon League.

Three Weekly Basketball Camps At SXU

St. Xavier University women's basketball coach Bob Hallberg will host three weekly sessions of basketball camp this June for all girls between the ages of 7 and 15 at the Shannon Center in Chicago. Session I will run from June 7th to 11th. Session II will take place from June 14th to 18th, and Session III will be held from June 21st to 25th. Each session runs daily from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The cost of the camps is determined by the number of sessions attended. The cost for one session is $100, two sessions is $175 and all three sessions cost $245. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt. Registration for Hallberg's camps will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information regarding these basketball camps or to learn more regarding registration, call (773) 298-3785.

Illinois Chamber Sues State

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce filed suit against the State of Illinois challenging the constitutionality of increased business fees that the Illinois Chamber believes unfairly burden employers in order to balance the state's budget. The Illinois Chamber is asking a Cook County Circuit Court judge to strike down both a fee paid by all Illinois businesses and the mechanism by which excessive fees are used to raise general revenue.

Director of the Office of Management and Budget John Filan, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, Chairman of the Illinois Industrial Commission Dennis R. Ruth and Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance Deirdre K. Manna were named as defendants in the suit.

In 2003, the governor and Illinois General Assembly raised licensing and other fees in more than 300 areas applicable to Illinois employers. The lawsuit charges that since then, the governor's office has inappropriately transferred millions of dollars generated by these special purpose fund fee increases to cover General Revenue Fund spending.

"The Illinois Chamber doesn't object to reasonable and justifiable fees," said Douglas L. Whitley, president and CEO of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. "We wholeheartedly disapprove of the use of excessive fee increases to finance general government spending. The fundamental issue is when do fees become taxes? Is it lawful for our state government to arbitrarily increase special purpose fees to finance general purpose government?"

The Illinois Chamber's complaint challenges the newly imposed Industrial Commission Operations Fund Surcharge that requires all Illinois employers pay a fee to operate the Illinois Industrial Commission, the agency that oversees workers' compensation. While the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission estimates that the new surcharge will generate more than $31 million, total appropriations for the Industrial Commission in the 2004 Illinois State Budget are under $14 million. The Illinois Chamber asserts that the state is deliberately generating more than twice the Industrial Commission's needed revenue to improperly subsidize Illinois' overall budget shortfall.

"The Industrial Commission Operations Fund Surcharge is indicative of the excessive nature of many business fees imposed by the Blagojevich administration to generate money for the state," said Whitley. "If we don't challenge that surcharge and other fees, there will be no limit to how far the state can go in pursuit of additional revenue from fees."

While the lawsuit addresses the Industrial Commission Operations Fund Surcharge specifically, the Illinois Chamber believes that this surcharge is only one of many inappropriate, arbitrary and excessive fee increases that illegally generate funds for the state's General Revenue Fund and are not limited to the specific underlying statutory programs for which they were intended.

An example of other problematic fees is the Used Vehicle Dealers License, which increased 2,000 percent from $50 to $1,000. And, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency introduced more than 60 new fees and raised many existing fees by as much as 250 percent. EPA fees are expected to generate more than $60 million, by far the most of any state agency and more than double the agency's budget.

A new Commercial Distribution Fee also was imposed on trucks in addition to the numerous taxes and fees already imposed upon such vehicles. That new fee is paid to the Secretary of State but is deposited in the General Revenue Fund. According to the Chamber, there is no semblance of this "fee" serving any purpose other than to raise revenue for the state's general fund.

Alarmingly, the Governor recently has proposed nearly 200 additional fee hikes on Illinois employers to raise an estimated $57 million in more fee revenue for the FY05 budget.

The Illinois Chamber's goal is to end the state's practice of inappropriately and excessively taxing employers. "The Illinois business community recognizes that the state continues to face serious budget problems. However, the employers of this state already pay more than half of all the state and local taxes collected in Illinois. Employers do not want another round of unjustifiable fee increases when the FY05 state budget is passed," said Illinois Chamber Board Chairman Ray Neisewander III.

The Chamber is asking the court to rule on whether it is lawful for the state to discriminate among fee payers and specifically burden one group – in this case businesses and employers – with providing funds to finance all government programs.

"The Governor must either restrain spending to align government expenditures with existing revenues or seek additional revenue from all the citizens of Illinois. Continued assaults upon employers as the only source for additional state revenue is creating a hostile environment by ignoring the economics that encourage investment and job growth," said Whitley.

Illinois courts have previously determined that fees assessed in an arbitrary manner and that have no relationship to the services rendered or the purpose of the underlying legislative act are unconstitutional. Also, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that the state may not arbitrarily single out one group for taxation where no substantial difference exists between the group and others not taxed.

Trees For Tomorrow Offers Summer Courses For Teachers

Trees for Tomorrow, the natural resources specialty school located in Eagle River, WI, is once again offering summer courses for teachers in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin. Twelve different courses, each offered for graduate or undergraduate credit, are scheduled for June, July and August on the Eagle River campus, where food and lodging is also provided.

Courses include Early Childhood Adventures and Literature; Birding by Habitat, Northern Rivers; Tooling Up to Teach Forestry; Butterflies of the Northwoods; Spiders of the Northwoods; Wisconsin's Wetlands; Inventorying and Monitoring Wildlife; Mushrooms of the Northwoods; Energy in Wisconsin; and a special course for Ag Ed teachers.

"For teachers, there's no better way to learn the latest natural resource facts, trends and concepts than attendance at one of our field-based, summer courses," said program coordinator Maggie Bishop. "Our approach is to present unbiased, science-based information on natural resource topics so teachers feel better prepared to teach those topics in their own classrooms."

Bishop said all courses are either three or five days in duration and encourages those interested to call 1(800) 838-9472 or visit www.treesfortomorrow.com for a catalog or full course descriptions.

"Certified teachers, who are currently in-service, qualify for substantial scholarship assistance to attend the classes," Bishop added. Most food and lodging costs are covered through scholarships provided by corporations, service clubs and resource agencies. The only cost to participating teachers is a $50 program deposit and UW tuition for the number and types of credits chosen.

Chicago Portage Festival Of Events

Friends of the Chicago Portage announces a Festival of events celebrating Chicago's beginnings as a canoe portage and trade route. The Festival of 10 events will highlight the historical significance, present conditions and future of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site (CPNHS).

The Festival will begin with a public conference titled: "The Future of the Past," hosted by the Chicago Historical Society on Saturday, May 1. Morning auditorium presentations will feature distinguished speakers on the history, current conditions and a vision for the future of the site. Afternoon workshops will engage historians, teachers and students, scholars and researchers, and the general public in more focused conversations about various aspects of the Chicago Portage and planning for future development. The Conference will be followed by a presentation of the award-winning film "Prairie Tides," a locally produced film which tells the story of the development of the original Chicago Portage into the I&M Canal.

Other Festival events will take place at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site in Portage Woods Forest Preserve. Events include an art & photo contest; free guided public tours of Portage Woods Forest Preserve and a play about the people who passed through the Portage will move the audience along the interpretive trail presenting historical scenes on the very ground where it happened. An encampment of living history re-enactors will bring the fur trade era to life, period food vendors will present "A Taste of Very Old Chicago." An ecological restoration workday in Portage Woods will clear the forest preserve of noxious weeds. On Saturday evening, May 8, a twlight concert of historic music will present the music heard on the site over the last 5,000 years.

For more information or to register for Portage Fest events see www.chicagoportage.org or call (773) 267-0948.

Marine Mammal Trainer Opportunity

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a marine mammal trainer? Well stop wondering. Today, Shed Aquarium is launching a new opportunity for t hose interested in a career as a marine mammal trainer or those who want to truly know what it's like to care for marine mammals at the world's largest indoor aquarium. Shedd's new Trainer for a Day program puts participants in high rubber boots and sends them behind the scenes like never before to experience up close Shedd's world-renowned marine mammal program.

"We get requests everyday from people interested in learning about marine mammal training and what is takes to become a marine mammal trainer," said Ken Ramirez, vice president of Marine Mammal Training and Husbandry. "We developed the four-hour Trainer for a Day program to give people a chance to shadow a marine mammal trainer and personally experienced the commitment, dedication and care that our staff provide every day to our marine mammals. Since we only take three people at a time, each participant gets an opportunity to work closely with our expert marine mammal staff and be transformed into a 'trainer for the day.'"

Ramirez, who has been training animals for more than 25 years, became interested in the marine mammal training field as a teenager after working a high school program that trained companion dogs for the visually impaired.

Shedd is currently taking reservations and sessions will be on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning May 7. Participants must register in advance by calling (312) 692-3164. For more information visit www.sheddaquarium.org.

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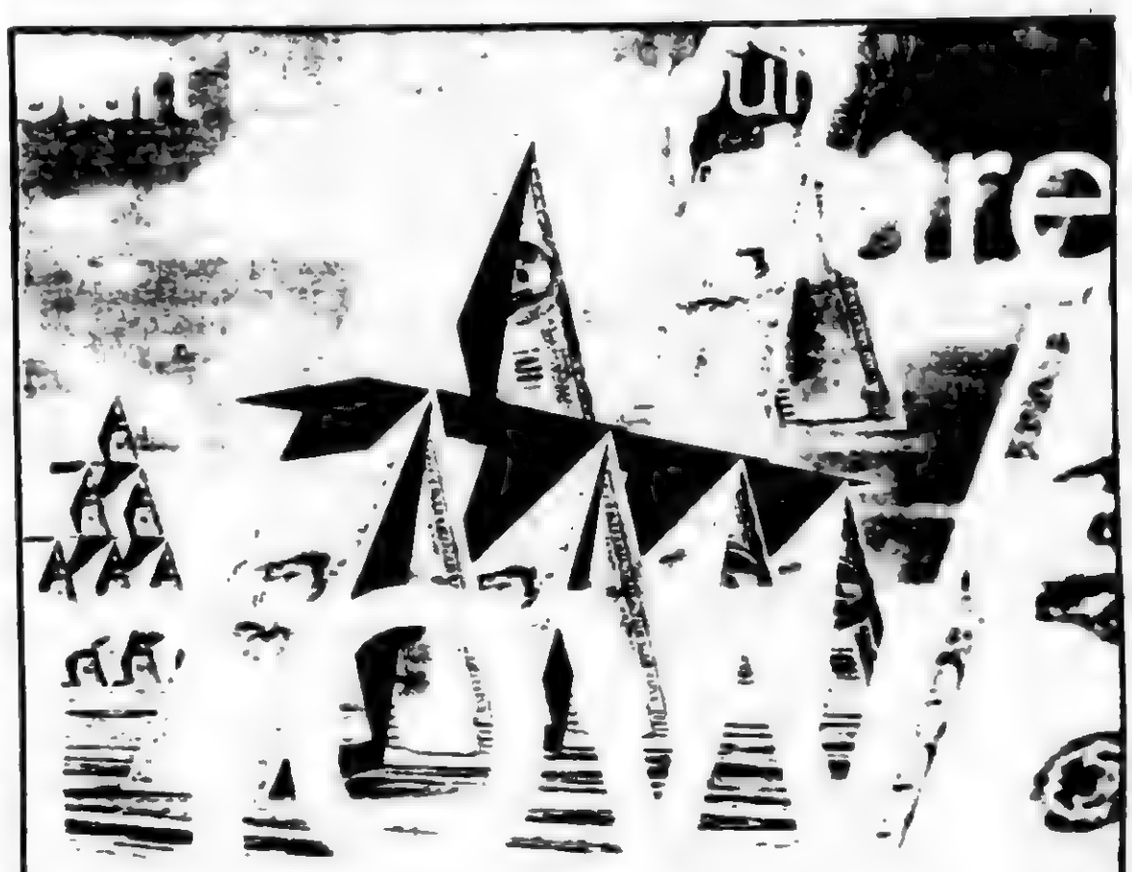

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Bush Thanked For Quick Review Of Disaster Areas

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently thanked President Bush for the federal government's quick review and approval of his request to declare LaSalle, Putnam, Kankakee and Will Counties as federal disaster areas. The declaration opens the door to federal assistance for residents and businesses struggling to recover from the recent tornadoes.

"After touring the areas on Wednesday and meeting with many people whose homes and businesses were ravaged by the tornadoes, I knew we needed to move quickly to get them the assistance they so desperately need," Blagojevich said. "We worked diligently to put together the information needed for our request to the federal government as soon as possible."

Gov. Blagojevich asked the federal government to expedite the process of naming the impacted counties as federal disaster areas to help affected citizens cope with both immediate needs and the process of getting their lives back to normal.

Gov. Blagojevich and Michael D. Brown, Undersecretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response for the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, toured tornado-ravaged Utica. Following the tour, Undersecretary Brown announced the federal disaster declaration. Gov. Blagojevich declared the counties a state disaster area when he first toured the storm-damaged area.

The federal disaster declaration enables residents and business owners to apply for federal assistance programs, including grants and loans to assist residents and business owners whose homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which administers the assistance program will be opening a toll-free telephone number, (800) 621-FEMA, for victims to apply for assistance.

The recent tornadoes killed eight people in Utica and damaged or destroyed over 650 homes and businesses in the affected area. More than 100 families had homes that were severely damaged or destroyed.

The governor's state disaster declaration made state resources available to help clean up storm debris and assist the community. State efforts to help remove storm debris continued in Granville and Utica with equipment and staff coordinated by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency along with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Dept. of Corrections.

Cardinal Addresses Unity Rally May 2

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., will address a "Catholics United for Racial Justice" unity rally to be held Sunday, May 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Chicago Historical Society Plaza, Clark St. and North Ave. (1600 North).

The rally's organizers, Catholics United for Racial Justice, represent members of area parishes who have participated in Racism and Ethnic Sensitivity workshops offered through the Archdiocese's Office for Racial Justice, which is also sponsoring the rally. The workshops are designed to create racial justice, ethnic sensitivity and interracial harmony.

"The gathering is both a celebration of our rich diversity as Catholics," says Sr. Anita Baird, Director of the Office for Racial Justice, "and a call for participants to take a stand against racism and intolerance." Improving racial and ethnic relationships has been Sr. Anita's responsibility since Cardinal George established the Office for Racial Justice in July 2000.

The following year, the Cardinal's pastoral letter, "Dwell In My Love," challenged Catholics to understand institutional racism and work to eliminate it. In 2002, he appointed a "Dwell In My Love" anti-racism implementation team to address racism within parishes, schools and archdiocesan agencies. This team produced the Archdiocese's anti-racism strategic plan, the details of which were made public in January.

"We urge all Catholics in Cook and Lake counties to stand together as one against the sin of racism and to celebrate our unity in diversity as Catholic Christians," said Sr. Anita.

The rally will include prayers written by Catholic school children as well as entertainment by storytellers, singers, musicians, and dance troops.

Singles Meet At Hacienda Jalapenos

Kuisine & Konnections Inc. will hold its next event Friday, May 7, in honor of Cinco de Mayo at Hacienda Jalapenos, 15426 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest.

The social will begin at 7:30 p.m. A five-course dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The cost is $40.

The restaurant can be reached at (708) 535-9127.

Kuisine & Konnections Inc., a social club for single men and women, provides an opportunity to dine at a variety of restaurants, explore new adventures and meet others who share similar interests.

For more information or reservations, call (708) 802-1000 one week prior to the event.

Visit the club's Web site www.kuisinekonnections.com.

Michael O'Neill Retires As President Of Trades Council

Michael P. O'Neill, President of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council recently retired from that prestigious position. Members of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District congratulate him on his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Pictured from the left are Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Vice President, Kathleen Meany, O'Neill, and President Terrence J. O'Brien.

Hold Annual Birth Mother's Day Brunch

The Maternity and Adoption Dept. of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will welcome a very special group of mothers on Saturday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m. when it holds its fourth annual "Birth Mother's Day Brunch" at Catholic Charities' Central Office, 126 N. Des Plaines St. in Chicago's West Loop.

"Birth Mother's Day" is a national holiday celebrated annually on the day before Mother's Day to honor women who have given birth to a child and made a loving plan of adoption for their child, choosing to place their child with an adoptive family.

"Mother's Day is often a bittersweet day for birth mothers," said Norene Chesebro, Director of the Maternity and Adoption Dept. of Catholic Charities. "This gathering gives them the opportunity to meet other birth mothers and to celebrate their choice to give life."

"These are courageous women who have generously chosen life for their child, and have chosen to place them for adoption in loving, supportive families waiting for a child. It is important that the birth mothers we have assisted have the opportunity to celebrate the gift of life that they have given, and to rejoice in the families that they have been a part of building," Chesebro continued.

"Catholic Charities welcomes the opportunity to provide permanent, loving homes for children through adoption, and to nurture and assist the adoptive families as they share the gift of life."

Since 1917, Catholic Charities has been dedicated to aiding families and children, assisting pregnant teens and women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, and helping them and their families as they make the best plan for the future of their child.

Catholic Charities also guides and supports families wishing to adopt a child through each step of the adoption process, whether domestically (in Cook and Lake counties) or internationally (in Poland, Mexico and many other countries).

Women or families wishing further information about Catholic Charities' Maternity and Adoption services may call Laurie Kaufman at (312) 655-7086.

For more information about the Birth Mother's Brunch, call Lisa Holmes at (312) 655-7093.

Host 55th Annual Old Town Art Fair

The Old Town Triangle Association will host its major fundraiser, the 55th Old Town Art Fair, on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday June 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – rain or shine.

The annual event, featuring the work of 250 fine artists, will be held on the charming tree-lined streets of Chicago's Old Town Triangle District – north of North Ave. on Lincoln Park West, Menomonee, Orleans and Wisconsin streets. A $5 donation is requested; free for children 12 and under.

"We're honored to continue a tradition started in 1949 with the 'Old Town Holiday,' which invited residents who were painters, sculptors, weavers and bakers to display their wares, and collected 25-cent donations to raise money for improved living, working and recreational conditions in the area," explained General Chair Debbie Bagby. "Today's Old Town Art Fair is a great departure from neighbors hanging art on fences, but we're pleased that the original intent and commitment are the same – children and community."

The Old Town Art Fair is not only a 100 percent volunteer organization and a successful fundraiser, but also the oldest juried outdoor event of its kind in the United States and ranks among the top 15 art fairs nationwide. Bagby attributes this prestigious distinction to the dedication and support of Old Town residents and the hundreds of neighborhood volunteers who help make it all possible.

The 2004 Old Town Art Fair will feature high-quality art selected from more than 500 applicants by an independent jury of professional artists, gallery owners and museum curators. On display will be 2D- and 3D-mixed media, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, and works in metal, stone and wood.

In addition to viewing and buying, art collectors and enthusiasts also can take part in bidding at the Old Town Art Fair Celebrity Auction, where local celebrities will be showcasing and selling representative works donated by every artist participating in the Old Town Art Fair. The auction will be held at the Ogden Mall on Wisconsin at Orleans Street on the north side of the fairgrounds on Saturday, from 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. A silent jewelry auction also will be held at the auction site both days from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other highlights of the Old Town Art Fair include a food court sponsored by a variety of popular local restaurants; a garden walk through 39 urban gardens of some of the neighborhood's most historic homes; a self-guided historic district tour; and a children's corner offering live entertainment, demonstrations and hands-on arts and crafts activities.

As in past years, the work of an exhibiting artist was chosen to promote the Old Town Art Fair. This year, this honor was bestowed to Andrea Canham of Lake Worth, Florida, whose beautiful mixed media monotype, titled "Hopelessly Romantic," will be featured on souvenir posters, T-shirts and other merchandise available for purchase at the Old Town art fair stores.

"I love the Old Town Art Fair, and I'm excited to have my work selected for this year's poster," said Canham, an exhibitor at the fair since 1993. "My work is about luminous, vibrant colors and the piece selected is an uplifting scene of a porch interior, not unlike many of those found in Old Town homes, with a lot of depth and symbolism at many levels."

The Old Town Art Fair is organized and operated by 750 neighborhood volunteers and is sponsored by a not-for-profit community organization, the Old Town Triangle Association. Fair proceeds go to benefit numerous not-for-profit groups including The Menomonee Club for Boys and Girls, Lincoln Park Conservation Association, New City YMCA and its summer camp program, Old Town Art School and a host of other local charities.

For more information, visit www.oldtowntriangle.com or call (312) 337-1938.

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- 1/4 TSP. Cinnamon
- 1/4 Cup Sugar

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1/2 Cup Sugar -
2 Eggs -
1 TSP. Vanilla -

Beat 'till smooth. Pour over crust & bake for 30 min. at 350°

Take out, set for 15 minutes & put topping

Mix Well
- PT. Sour Cream
- 1/4 Cup Sugar

Pour on cake & bake 10 minutes at 450°
Cool & refrigerate about 6 hours

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Extension Cord Use

Not all extension cords are created equal. Using an extension cord just because it's long enough or because its plug happens to fit the nearest electrical outlet might be convenient, but it also might be creating a shock or fire hazard. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, misused or damaged extension cords cause about 3,300 residential fires each year, killing 50 people and injuring 270 others.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) encourage consumers to protect themselves before using any extension cord by asking these three important questions:

- Will I use the cord indoors or outdoors?
- What is the total wattage rating of the appliance I'll use with the cord?
- How far is the nearest outlet from where I'll be working?

Extension cords are labeled with valuable information as to the use, size and wattage rating of the cord. Cords are offered in many lengths and are marked with a size or "gauge." The gauge is based on the American Wire Gauge (AWG) System, in which the larger the wire, the smaller the AWG number. For example, a 12-gauge wire would be larger and can power larger wattage appliances than a 14-gauge wire.

The first step in determining which extension cord you need is to decide whether you are using the appliance indoors or outdoors. Extension cords that can be used outdoors are clearly marked "*Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances.*" Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors; it could result in an electric shock or fire hazard.

To determine what size – or gauge – cord you need, you also have to determine how long you need the cord to be. A cord, based on its gauge, can power an appliance of certain wattage only at specific distances. As the cord gets longer, the current-carrying capacity of the cord gets lower. For example, a 16-gauge extension cord less than 50 feet long can power a 1625 watt (W) appliance. A 16-gauge cord that is longer than 50 feet long can power an appliance up to only 1250W.

All appliances indicate how much wattage is consumed when operated; that rating can be found on the appliance itself and often within the instruction manual that accompanies the product. Other appliances will indicate power usage in amps, rather than watts. Quick tip: If your appliance indicates that it uses 5 amps at 125 volts, then its wattage rating is 625W (5x125).

If you are going to use the extension cord with two or more appliances, you must add together the wattage rating for all appliances used on the cord. The total of those wattage ratings will help you determine which gauge size you will need.

For more information on UL's spring safety campaign, visit www.ul.com consumers.

Required Extension Cord Wire Gauge

Maximum Appliance Wattage	Length of Cord	Gauge Size Required	Length of Cord	Gauge Size Required
1875W	Under 50 ft.	14 gauge	Over 50 ft.	12 gauge
1625W	Under 50 ft.	16 gauge	Over 50 ft.	14 gauge
1250W	Under 50 ft.	18 gauge	Over 50 ft.	16 gauge

The chart will help you determine what gauge cord you will need based on how far you need the cord to reach and the wattage of your appliance. Remember: extension cords are for temporary use only.

Repair Scam Artists

With the first spring storms and tornadoes of the season having shown their dangerous and destructive strength last week, Attorney General Lisa Madigan warned Illinois homeowners and businesses to protect themselves from repair scam artists eager to make money after a natural disaster.

Madigan also offered her condolences to the families of the victims of the tornadoes in northern Illinois.

"First and foremost, our prayers go out to the families of the victims of the storm, which tragically ended the lives of eight Illinoisans and left at least four counties in disastrous condition," Madigan said. "As residents in those areas begin to regroup and deal with the losses, I urge consumers and businesses to be on the lookout for con artists who try to turn someone else's disaster into their dollars by cheating people on repairs and reconstruction."

Madigan urged consumers and business owners to do their homework before contracting to have damaged or destroyed property rebuilt and not to rush in to contractual agreements or make large down payments. Madigan said consumers should quickly alert both her office and local law enforcement if suspicious "storm chasers" begin soliciting business in the area.

Warning of the possibility of dramatic increases in the price of materials and supplies needed to rebuild, Madigan urged consumers to be on the watch for and alert her office to instances of price gouging.

Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau offered the following tips to help protect individuals and companies from being duped by dishonest contractors.

- Be wary of door-to-door solicitors; many home repair con artists are transients who move quickly into a troubled area; ask for recommendations from people you know and trust; whenever possible, use established local contractors.
- Ask to see any required state or local permits or licenses. Remember that insurance adjusters must be licensed by the Department of Insurance and roofers must be licensed by the Department of Professional Regulation.
- Shop around for the best deal; get written estimates from several contractors; don't allow a salesperson to rush you into a deal.
- Get all terms of a contract in writing; obtain a copy of the signed contract and never make full payment until all work has been completed to your satisfaction.
- Be aware that you have the right to cancel within three business days if you sign a contract based on a salesman who comes to your home.
- Do no pay in cash.

Madigan reminded consumers that the Home Repair and Remodeling Act, signed into law in 2000, requires contractors to furnish customers with written contracts for any repair or remodeling work costing more than $1,000. A contract must be signed by both the customer and the contractor.

The law also requires contractors to carry at least minimum amounts of insurance for property damage, bodily injury and improper home repair. Contractors also must provide consumers with an informational pamphlet entitled "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights."

Additional information can be found at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

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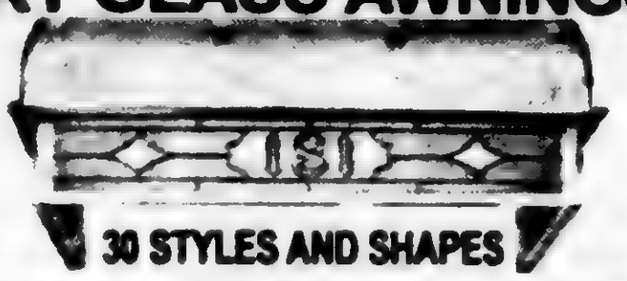

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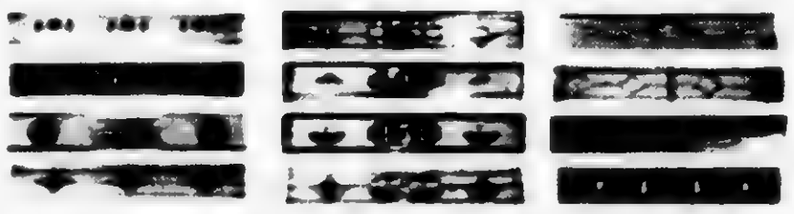

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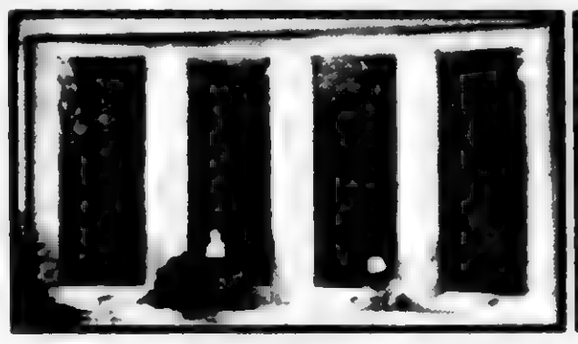

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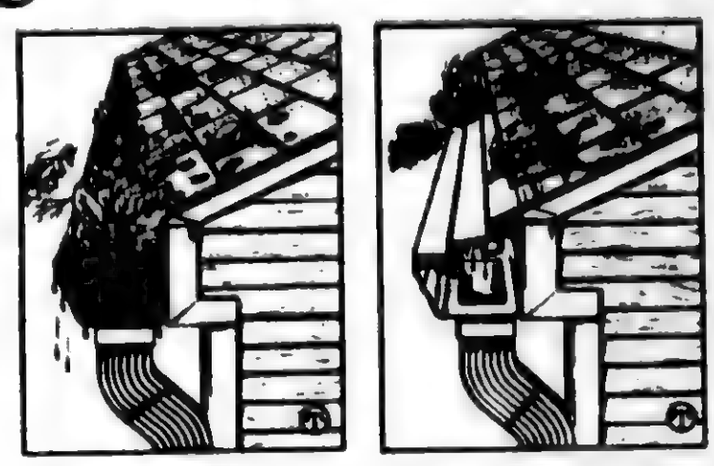
(NAPS)—Often, protecting a home's foundation begins at the top. Clogged gutters and heavy downpours can leave homeowners with serious water damage to both their landscaping and foundation. As rain-filled gutters overflow, water cascades onto the ground around a home's foundation, which can cause soil erosion and lead to basement flooding problems. Debris-filled gutters also retain water after a rainstorm, providing mosquitoes with enough stagnant water for an excellent breeding ground.

Some tell-tale signs of gutter problems are troughs of eroded soil directly under the rims of the gutters, new tree growth inside the gutter, and a damp or wet basement. Eroded soil indicates that rain water has been collecting in puddles next to the foundation instead of draining harmlessly away into the down spout. Troughs are often easy to spot, because runoff eventually strips vegetation off the shallow depression.

Homeowners can solve these problems with the professionally installed WaterFall® Gutter Guard System. Using the scientific principle or liquid adhesion to channel rainwater, Crane Plastics, one of the country's oldest and most experienced producers of vinyl products for the home, designed this extremely effective gutter guard system to help prevent sagging gutters, roof-line water damage, marred landscaping, and water collecting around the foundation of a home.



Unprotected (left), a rain gutter can get clogged with leaves and debris. A guard (right) helps keep leaves out so water can drain through properly.

The system consists of a louvered vinyl guard with tiered slats installed across the top of the gutter and under the edge of the first row of shingles. As rainwater flows off the roof and over the sloping slats of the gutter guard, the natural surface tension of the water causes it to flow over the guard's contour and drain through small holes in its surface while leaves, twigs, needles, and other debris pass over the slats and onto the ground below.

The WaterFall system is an easy, cost-effective solution to problems stemming from gutter runoff, such as increased hydrostatic pressure (the weight of wet soil) on the foundation walls caused by seepage along the exterior of the foundation, severe basement wall cracking in cold climates (a phenomenon called "frost-heave"), and spalling damage to mortar, brick, or block.

The WaterFall system can be installed quickly and easily with no roof penetration, ending gutter-cleaning chores and gutter-induced flooding. Made of the same tough, weather-resistant material used in premium house siding, Water Fall is available in eight-foot lengths and can be mitered with a hack saw or circular saw to fit corners. A flat tab tucks neatly under shingles and a flexible joint conforms to any gutter or roof pitch. The gutter guard snaps onto the edge of the gutter for a snug fit that resists high winds. Simply snap the louvers down over the outside lip of the gutter and fit each section tightly against adjacent sections.

For your nearest supplier or more information, contact Proprietary Products Customer Service, Crane Plastics, P.O. Box 1047, Columbus, OH 43216-1047, tel. (800) 420-7246 or visit their web site at www.waterfall.craneplastics.com

Prevent Power Loss By Using Generators

Even a short power outage can result in a significant loss of income for many farmers. Crop drying, milk refrigeration, water pumping, heating and ventilation are some of the operations that rely on electricity.

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Remember that emergency generators are not designed to power all electrical equipment at one time. However, they should be large enough to allow all life-sustaining and product-quality equipment to operate as needed.

The number and sizes of electric motors that must be started is important. Because a motor's starting current is three to five times greater than its running current, the generator must be sized to handle the starting current of the largest motor, plus all other electrical loads that will be operated at the same time.

For additional information, the National Food and Energy Council offers the 24-page booklet On-Farm Standby Power for Multiple Use. To order, send $5.50 to NFEC, 409 Vandiver Drive, Suite 4-202, Columbia, MO, 65202.

Lawncare

Were you dissatisfied with the way your lawn looked last summer? Are you looking at your lawn now and wondering when, if ever, it will be healthy and green? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions the home lawn self-study course could be the solution to your problems. Home lawn self-study is a three part series offered through the urban gardening program of the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. Written by a team of university horticulture experts, the course offers valuable information to those interested in renovating a tired lawn, starting a new lawn or simply understanding the basics of lawn care.

The three lessons in the series are: "Selecting & Establishing Lawns in Northern Illinois," "Lawn Maintenance Practices for Northern Illinois" and "Managing Home Lawn Pests and Problems in Northern Illinois."

To enroll in the course, write a $10 check payable to the University of Illinois and mail to: Lawn Care Course, Cooperative Extension Service, 5106 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL, 60609. Be sure to include your mailing address. Participants will receive one lesson per week in the mail.

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Some Plants Are Prohibited In Illinois

As the spring gardening season begins, Illinois homeowners, landscapers and plant sellers are reminded that a number of exotic plant species are prohibited in Illinois due to the potential damage the banned plants can do to native plants and habitats in the state.

The Illinois Exotic Weed Act prohibits the purchase, sale, offer to sell, distribution or planting of Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, purple loosestrife, kudzu and six species of buckthorn (common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, saw-toothed buckthorn, dahurian buckthorn, Japanese buckthorn and Chinese buckthorn).

"These prohibited plants present a real danger to everything from the beauty of a backyard garden to the native flora of our state," said Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold. "Exotics like buckthorn, kudzu and purple loosestrife spread rapidly, degrade natural communities, and can cause serious harm to threatened and endangered plants and wildlife."

Some varieties of the prohibited species may be offered for sale under different names, such as Japanese honeysuckle, which is sometimes labeled as Hall's honeysuckle. Consumers should check the scientific names of the plants to make sure they are not buying a prohibited species.

Consumers who are aware of prohibited plants available in Illinois can contact the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431 or 1(877) 236-7529.

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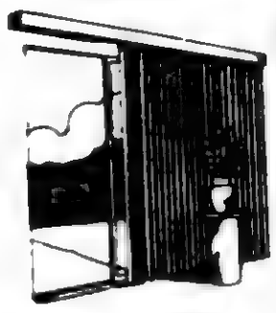

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Fixing Closet Doors

Closet Doors appear simple and usually operate smoothly for years. Fixing one, however, can easily become an exercise in futility! Many homes have malfunctioning closet doors because, either the repair parts cannot be located, or the principle of their operation is so unique that the average homeowner is reluctant to undertake the project.

Now, for the first time ever, a major manufacturer of folding and sliding door hardware has come to the rescue of the frustrated owner of closet doors which need attention! L. E. Johnson Products, Inc., in business for over 25 years, has developed an inexpensive, practical assortment of truly universal repair parts.

For more information on where these universal parts are sold in your community and a copy of "The 15 minute Fix-it Guide for Closet Doors," write L.E. Johnson Products, Inc., Dept. HT, Box 1126, Elkhart, Indiana 46515.

Changing Seasons

Warm summer nights and chilly winter evenings can be welcome signs of changing seasons.

But for homeowners who have not prepared for these changes, increased cooling and heating costs can add up.

About 80 percent of the home energy bill goes to heating and cooling.

To reduce heating and cooling costs, energy experts say insulation, caulking, weatherstripping, storm windows and doors add up to energy savings.

Digging Safely

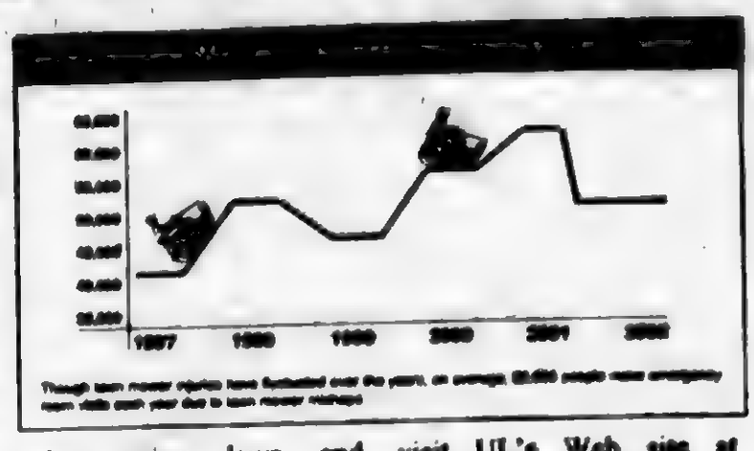
Digging responsibly is the only way to dig. The alternative could mean disaster. That is the core message of an aggressive education campaign entitled "Dig Safely Illinois" recently launched by representatives of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, Inc. (JULIE).

"The impact of unsafe or careless digging practices is real and often costly in terms of personal injury and damage to underground lines, property and the environment," said Mark Frost, executive director of JULIE, Inc. "Anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, whether the project is large or small, should call JULIE first at 1(800)892-0123. The call to and service provided by JULIE are free to the excavator."

Prevent Lawn Mower Injury

Weekend yard warriors across the country are scrambling to get their spring cleaning chores underway. Unfortunately, a fair number of them will wind up in the emergency room for their troubles.

In the United States, approximately 53,000 people made hospital visits in 2002 because of lawn mower mishaps; another 40,000 were treated for injuries associated with other powered lawn and garden tools.



The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) recommend that spring cleaners follow safety precautions when using lawn and garden equipment this season.

For more information on UL's spring safety campaign and tips on safe use of ladders, extension cords, and power saws, visit UL's Web site at www.ul.com/consumers.

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Garage Door Safety

A garage door is more than just a luxury or convenience. It provides safety, security and protection from summer heat and winter cold.

But, is your garage door showing its age and dragging down the overall appearance of your home? Is the door cracked, split, dented or rusted? Does the door sag when it's raised? Do the rollers catch or drag when the door is raised or lowered? Have your springs been replaced? Is the door safe to operate and does it provide security for your home?

Experts from the Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association (DASMA) say if your garage door doesn't pass these tests, it's time to replace the door.

For a free brochure about today's options in garage doors, call the Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association at 1-(800)-517-3404.

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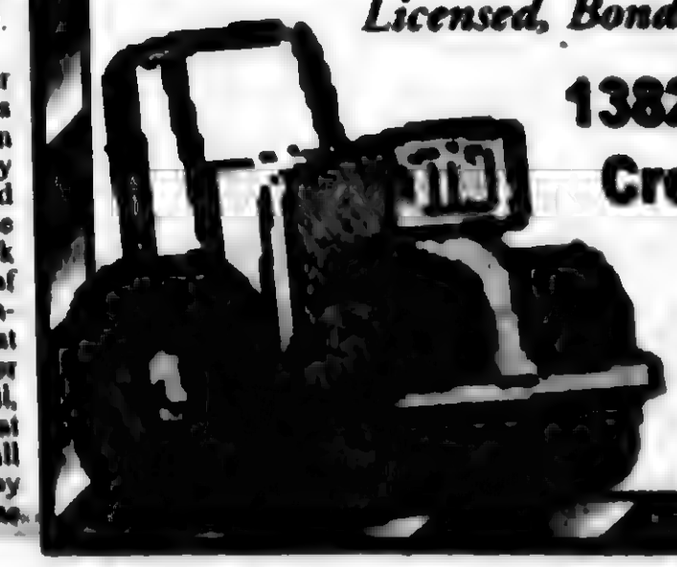

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Reports Of Termite Swarms Throughout The Region

It's termite swarming season, where millions of home are infested by these voracious wood eaters. According to the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), recent reports of termite swarms throughout the region could indicate an unusually strong termite season.

Illinois' termite season traditionally peaks from April to May, causing millions of dollars of damage each year. Entomologists throughout the region have commented on how the unseasonably dry month of March has delayed the impact of termite infestation this year, but explained that with warm, wet weather on the way, termite activity may escalate this month.

"This is a grave situation. Homeowners everywhere need to take it very seriously," said Dr. Nan-Yao Su, professor of entomology at the University of Florida. "It's crucial that they commit to ongoing termite protection. Without it, homeowners risk losing their largest investment."

Unfortunately, many subterranean termite treatments don't provide long-term protection. For example, from the day they are applied, liquid chemical treatments begin to weaken. Historically they break down over time due to environmental factors and landscaping. Plus, liquid chemical treatments require hundreds of gallons of chemical solution in an attempt to crease a barrier, but once a home is built on a slab foundation, a complete barrier beneath a home is nearly impossible to create. A small break of just 1/64 of an inch can allow termites through.

Su said there are subterranean treatments that offer the kind of ongoing protection required by Illinois' high termite threat. He recommends a bait system such as the Sentricon® Termite Colony Elimination System.

"It's like a termite alarm system," said Su. "It's always making sure the home is protected."

The system provides long-term protection through proven elimination of termite colonies. Once the colonies are gone, the system goes back to the monitoring mode to intercept attack by other colonies. Another benefit: It's environmentally responsible because just grams of bait are used only when and where termites are present. Additionally, it is less disruptive and more convenient than other treatments, such as liquid chemicals, because there is no drilling through floors and foundations.

According to Su, this system is a trusted choice. For example, a homeowner in the area recently said, "I like the idea of getting the termites without tearing up the house."

Su feels more homeowners should consider this system to protect their homes from the costly devastation caused by subterranean termites. For additional information, including ways to detect a termite problem and locate an authorized pest management professional, visit www.sentricon.com.

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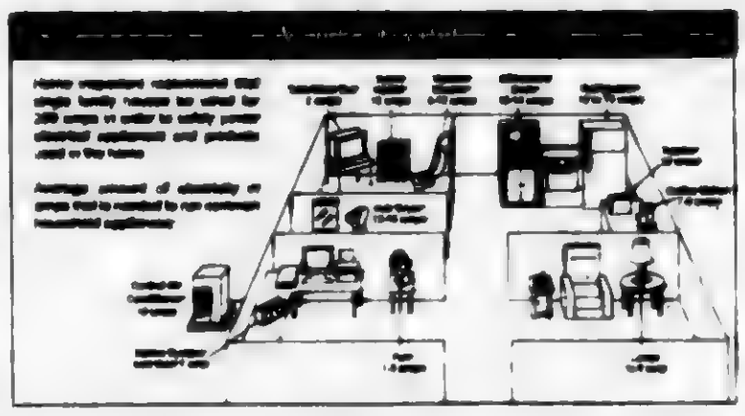
For more information, write to the Aluminum Extruders Council, 1000 N. Rand Road, #214, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Have Your Home Wired For Safety

The lights flicker when the central air is switched on. An extension cord in the bedroom outlet sparks. The power goes out every time the clothes dryer starts to spin. These are just a few telltale signs that the wiring in your house may need an upgrade. But experts say too often these signs go unnoticed or ignored, until it is too late.



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are more than 35,000 fires and 300 deaths every year due to shoddy home wiring. This might involve circuit breakers, switches, receptacles, outlets, cords, plugs and light fixtures. As owners and prospective buyers prepare for fix-up projects and house hunting, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) warns consumers to stay on the lookout for potential hazards that could signal it is time to upgrade your home wiring capacity.

"The reality is that we keep bringing more and more electrical products into our homes. But if a home is more than 30 years old, the home wiring system may not be designed to handle the combined amount of electricity that today's products and appliances demand," said John Drengenberg, UL's manager of Consumer Affairs. "We all need to be aware of warning signs that seem commonplace, but could indicate a potentially serious safety hazard."

Drengenberg said that some older homes could still be wired with 30 amp or 60 amp service, which normally is enough to power basic lighting and small appliances. Now, he said because homeowners typically want all of those small appliances, as well as larger electrical appliances, such as water heaters, ranges, clothes dryers and central air, they may find more capacity might be required.

A national survey by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASH) found that improper electrical wiring is the second most common problem they find when doing home inspections. Common defects include insufficient capacity, inadequate overload protection and amateur, do-it-yourself-type wiring or wiring connections in kitchens, bathrooms, basements and garages.

"Most home owners have the best intentions, but they are not familiar with the codes and the potential safety hazards that are common in do-it-yourself electrical work," said Stephen Gladstone, president of ASHI.

Gladstone also suggests that consumers make sure any handymen or contractors they hire are qualified to do the work. If the work is electrical in nature, make sure to hire a licensed electrician and ensure that all applications for licenses and permits, which will require a third party inspection, are completed before work begins.

"Home inspectors will look for evidence of potential hazards by making sure the house meets basic safety requirements and will identify poor workmanship," he said. "Municipal inspectors will make sure that all electrical installations meet the requirements of the National Electrical Code. Both inspections will keep your family safe."

For more information on UL's Spring into Safety campaign, including lawn mower, ladder, power tool and lightning safety, visit www.ul.com/media.

Get Ten Free Oak Trees

Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April. The free oaks are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign and are being given in recognition of the oak's selection as the People's Choice for America's National Tree.

More than 440,000 people made their selection in the Vote for America's National Tree, hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation between Jan. 1st and National Arbor Day 2001.

"The American people chose well and carefully in selecting the oak," John Rosenow, president of the Arbor Day Foundation, said. "Oaks have long been prized for their shade, beauty and lumber. Today, more than ever in our history, the oak's strength, longevity and grace make it a fitting national symbol. These are also the reasons we're proud to offer this special oak membership package."

The ten trees include two red oaks, two pin oaks, two bur oaks, two scarlet oaks and two willow oaks.

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Be Aware Of Home Repair Scams

Warmer weather over the next few weeks will prompt many homeowners to consider hiring a contractor for a home repair and remodeling project. However, your home repair project could turn into a nightmare if you fall victim to a scam. Con artists may never start or complete the work. Materials and workmanship may be grossly inferior to what was promised. Undisclosed charges for permits, cost overruns, and other fees may significantly increase the total cost of the repairs. The selection of a qualified and reliable home repair contractor can be a difficult task, and consumer complaints about contractors are among the common situations reviewed by both the Better Business Bureau of Chicago & Northern Illinois, Inc. and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Consumer Fraud Division.

"Most home repair and remodeling companies are operated by honest people, but there are some unscrupulous people who prey on trusting consumers," said Richard A. Devine, Cook County State's Attorney. "There are warning signs that a homeowner can look for and steps that they can take to avoid becoming the victim of home repair fraud," said James E. Baumhart, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago & Northern Illinois, Inc.

The following precautions are recommended by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Better Business Bureau to avoid disappointment in your dealings with home repair and remodeling contractors:

- RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFERENCES: Find a reliable contractor through recommendations from local utility companies, your insurance company, or through referrals from satisfied customers. Ask each contractor for references and a written estimate. Contact the references and ask them if they were satisfied with the home repairs provided by the contractor.
- BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU CHECK: Contact the Better Business Bureau on the web (www.chicago.bbb.org) or by telephone (312) 832-0500 to obtain a reliability report about a contractor. A consumer who requests a reliability report in writing or on the web is not charged for this service. A reliability report will disclose if anyone has filed a complaint against the contractor within the last three years and, most importantly, if the contractor has resolved the complaint to the satisfaction of the customer.
- RELAX: Be skeptical of any door-to-door salesperson who claims to have just completed a nearby job and offers you a great price because there are leftover materials. Don't feel pressured by a request for an immediate decision or by a statement that an offer is good "only if you act now." Compare the estimates of a number of contractors before selecting the most attractive estimate and do not select a contractor solely on the basis of the lowest price or estimate.
- MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE: Under Illinois law, most contractors are required to carry minimum amounts of insurance for property damage, bodily injury, and improper home repair. Contractors, unless they maintain a net worth of $1,000,000, must obtain and maintain public liability and property damage insurance in the amount of $100,000 per person and $300,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and $50,000 per occurrence for property damage. "Even if the contractor has provided you with proof of full insurance coverage, as an additional safeguard, confirm that your homeowner's policy covers accidents to persons working on your property," said James Baumhart.
- GET IT IN WRITING: Don't rely on oral promises. Make sure that all of the important promises and representations made to you by the contractor are also incorporated in the contract or estimate. Request copies of any application for a credit check, application for financing, estimate, and sales contract.
- CONTRACT REVIEW: Read a contract carefully before signing. Don't sign a contract with any blank spaces. In general, only contracts signed at your residence have a three day "cancellation" period. Consider all other contracts to be final.
- PAYMENT OF A DEPOSIT: Don't pay for the entire job prior to the start of work. However, the payment of a deposit or advance payment for building materials is customary and fair in the home repair and remodeling industry.
- LIEN WAIVERS: Find out where the contractor will obtain his materials and whether the contractor plans to use any sub-contractors. You should obtain a lien waiver from the contractor or sub-contractor at the same time that you make a payment for materials and work. A lien waiver constitutes proof of payment and is a defense if the contractor or sub-contractor later files a mechanic's lien against your property.
- DOCUMENT ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CONTRACTOR: If problems arise with the contractor, prepare a list and take photographs of the work and materials already furnished to you. Document all of your efforts, including telephone conversations and meetings, to resolve the dispute. Try to acquire as much information from the contractor about his reasons for nonperformance so that this information can be provided later to the Better Business Bureau, a private attorney, or the authorities.
- SEND A DEMAND LETTER: If telephone calls and meetings do not resolve the dispute, you should notify, in writing, the contractor of the exact nature of your problem. This demand letter should request a refund or completion of the work within a reasonable time period of at least 10 days, and it should be sent by regular and certified mail or hand-delivered. Retain a copy of this demand letter for your own records.

If you cannot resolve the dispute on your own, you should file a complaint against the contractor with the Better Business Bureau. A complaint can be initiated by contacting the Better Business on the web (www.chicago.bbb.org), by telephone (312) 832-0500 or by mail (330 N. Wabash – Suite 2006, Chicago, IL, 60611). The Bureau does not charge a fee for this service on its website or via the mail, but a nominal is assessed for filing a complaint on the telephone. After the receipt of your complaint, the Better Business Bureau will seek an explanation from the contractor. Because the Better Business Bureau is not a government or law enforcement agency, the Bureau cannot force a reply from a contractor. However, most contractors will voluntarily resolve such a complaint to maintain a favorable record with the Bureau.

If you feel that you have been the victim of fraud, the Consumer Fraud Division of the State's Attorney's Office may be able to help you recover your losses, prosecute the person or business responsible for the fraud, and prevent other members of the public from falling victim to the same scheme. You can contact the Consumer Fraud Division at (312) 603-8700.

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Red Cross Responded To Tornado Areas

Less than 48 hours after the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago officially moved into its new headquarters, its state-of-the-art disaster operations center was activated, responding to the devastating tornadoes that slammed Granville, Utica and Joliet.

The Chicago Red Cross deployed teams of volunteers to these hard-hit areas, conducting damage assessment, and providing food, clothing, shelter and mental health counselors to victims.

One of the primary missions of the American Red Cross is to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The purpose of Red Cross assistance is to get people back on their feet as soon as possible following a disaster.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary gifts of time and money from the American people. The Red Cross is not a government agency. The best way to help victims of this and other disasters is by making a financial contribution. Contributions can be made to the American Red Cross by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-257-7575, Spanish).

Disaster Action Team volunteers are always needed. Free training is provide. Anyone interested should call (312) 729-6100 and ask for volunteer services.

Free GED Assistance

A pregnant teen wonders if she will ever finish high school. A young man struggles to find employment, wishing he hadn't dropped out of high school. For young people like this, the importance of providing educational opportunities cannot be underestimated.

That's why Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center helps youth without high school diplomas obtain their Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED). This service is offered free of charge to youth, age 16-21. Classes currently meet at Prairie State College, Chicago Heights. GED instructors are provided by the college, as well.

"For youth who have repeatedly struggled through school, Aunt Martha's GED Program can offer their first taste of success in the academic world," said Victoria Wilson, Program Coordinator. "We offer that fresh start, that second chance that youth need to get back on track with their lives."

For additional information about Aunt Martha's GED program, contact Wilson at (708) 709-6727.

Sheriff Sheahan Presents Gifts

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) presents a gift certificate from a local food store and Easter baskets to the family of Daniel Griffin. Griffin's wife, LaShonda Collier Griffin, and the couple's daughter accept the baskets. Griffin, a Correctional Officer with the Cook County Sheriff's Department, has been called to duty in connection with the military operations in the Middle East.

Over the course of one week, Sheriff's Office employees raised more than $5,000 to provide their fellow employees' families with these gifts.

Steps To Take To Protect Water Supply

You drink it, bathe in it and even play in it, but what would you do if the water you used were contaminated? Are there steps you can take to make sure your water is pure and safe? Are you doing all you can to protect your water supply?

Water on Tap: What You Need To Know from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) answers these questions, and covers how water is kept clear through testing and treatment. Find out where your water comes from and how to compare different kinds of water treatment devices. There are also tips for reducing the amount of water you use, which will save you money as well as help ensure adequate water supplies in the future. You can also help by properly disposing of old cans of paint and thinners, and the used oil from your at-home auto maintenance, so that hazardous materials can't harm the water supply before it reaches your tap. And, if you're thinking about buying a house that relies on its own well for water, check out Drinking Water from Household Wells, another free publication from the EPA. This publication gives you the pros and cons, including tips on maintaining your well, checking for cracks or corrosion, and keeping accurate records of your water testing results.

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President's Ball

Supporters, alumni and dignitaries helped make Saint Xavier University's annual President's Ball an unprecedented success. Drawing more than 650 guests and raising more than $325,000, the annual ball was held recently in the Cadillac Club of the new Soldier's Field. Co-chaired by Terry G. Hillard and alumna Sheila King, the ball raised money for scholarships while honoring James and Ellen O'Connor with the Shield of Saint Xavier.

The ball also celebrated the creation of three new scholarships: The Gold Star Scholarship will be awarded to the dependent of a slain police officer, The Mercy Values Education Scholarship to provide financial aid to the child or dependent of a Catholic schoolteacher or administrator with more than 10 years of service and The Nursing Career Scholarship which is conceived to make it possible for a registered nurse who works in either a Catholic or community hospital in the Chicago metropolitan area to earn an undergraduate degree at Saint Xavier University.

Saint Xavier University is a Catholic, co-educational, undergraduate and master's comprehensive institution founded in Chicago in 1846 by the Sisters of Mercy. Mercy core values – respect, justice and caring – have contributed significantly to its growth and development, as well as to the diversification of the student body. Recognized as one of the fastest growing universities in the Midwest, Saint Xavier creates a supportive learning environment, especially for the majority of undergraduates who are among the first in their families to graduate from college. Saint Xavier alumni use their education and talents to contribute to the betterment of the communities where they live and work. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu or telephone (773) 298-3000.

Zooming For Zach Ride Benefit Set

The Gus Foundation will hold its second annual Zooming for Zach Ride Sunday, May 16, to benefit research to fight pediatric brain tumors.

Zooming for Zach is sponsored by the family and friends of Zach Doneen and the Zone, a Honda and Kawasaki dealership in Chicago. The event will incorporate a motorcycle ride, lunch and raffles.

Zach was a 9-year-old boy who died in July 2002 during treatment of a malignant brain tumor.

Pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer death in children, according to a representative of the Gus Foundation.

Donations may be made payable to the Gus Foundation and sent to 833 W. Wrightwood, Chicago, IL, 60614.

Oppose Closing Mental Hospital

Mayors and presidents of ten Southland towns and one township supervisor announced their opposition to the proposed closure of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

"The loss of this facility would mean a loss of good-paying jobs and the loss of the area's only state facility for psychiatric care," said John Ostenburg, Park Forest village president. "Our concern is that the entire Southland loses if this facility is closed."

Tinley Park Mental Health Center, located at 183rd St. and Harlem Ave., treats more than 2,000 patients annually and employs 300 nurses, social workers, and support staff.

"This facility provides 300 good paying jobs for hard working families throughout the Southland," said Zenobia Evans, mayor of Riverdale. "At a time when our economy continues to struggle, every job is worth saving."

Tinley Park Mental Health Center provides treatment for patients who have no insurance or who have exhausted their mental health coverage. It is the only mental health resource that reliably provides inpatient treatment to those who cannot pay in a region that includes the entire south side of Chicago, the south suburbs in Cook County, and Will, Grundy and Kankakee counties.

Tinley Park Mental Health Center provides a safe and secure treatment setting for mentally ill individuals who are in crisis, suffering from a severe phase of their illness. Shuttering Tinley Park would dismantle a vital community resource that has taken decades to develop: a well-staffed inpatient treatment center with professionals and paraprofessionals specially trained to serve patients suffering from a very severe mental illness. Tinley Park Mental Health Center offers thorough discharge planning which links patients to community outpatient resources and is designed to prevent frequent relapse.

The majority of Tinley Park Mental Health Center's patient census is estimated to by African-American or Latino, populations whose mental health needs are already drastically underserved.

"By closing Tinley Park Mental Health Center, we lose an important link in the health care process for these individuals," said Richard A. Hofeld, village president of Homewood. "It doesn't make sense to close a mental health center when no other viable alternative exist."

Under the state's plan, west suburban Madden Mental Health Center and Read Mental Health Center in Chicago's north side would be expanded and improved to accommodate the closure; however, the state budget actually reduces the number of beds at these facilities by 24.

"By coming together, we sent the message that the Southland won't get pushed around on issues that affect our communities," said Dwight Welch, mayor of Country Club Hills.

Southland Mayors, Presidents, Supervisors opposing the proposed closure of Tinley Park Mental Health Center include Mayor Dwight Welch, Country Club Hills; Mayor Eric J. Kellegg, Harvey; President William Brewer, Hazel Crest; President Richard A. Hofeld, Homewood; President Linzey Jone, Olympia Fields; President John Ostenburg, Park Forest; President Terry Wells, Phoenix; President Richard P. Reinbold, Richton Park; President Zenobia Evans, Riverdale; President Don DeGraff, South Holland and Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli, Thornton Township.

As you go through each day, you probably come into contact with many products manufactured by foreign companies. In fact, from your German coffeemaker to your French yogurt to your Japanese car, you may be contributing, in some small way, to the bottom line of dozens of foreign businesses. So, why not invest *directly* in them?

By investing in international stocks, you can gain at least two key advantages:

• *Diversification* — You may already know how important it is to diversify your portfolio among an array of high-quality stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles. By spreading your dollars among a range of investments, you can help reduce the chances of being hurt by a downturn that primarily affects just one asset class. International investments can add to that diversification, because foreign stocks may not always move in the same direction as U.S. stocks.

• *Growth potential* — The U.S. equity markets may well be the best-known in the world — but that doesn't mean they are the *best-performing*. In fact, the financial markets in other regions can frequently do better than ours. Of course, it's impossible to predict which specific area — Europe, Asia, South America, etc. — will be leading the way in any given year, but if you've got some international holdings in your portfolio, you can be prepared to take advantage of the foreign markets that happen to be doing well.

Some Words of Caution

While you may be able to benefit from adding international equities to your portfolio, you need to be aware that these stocks also carry some unique risks. Here are a few to consider:

• *Political risk* — In the United States, political decisions can have some effect on the stock market. But in some foreign countries, the very *stability* of the government may occasionally be jeopardized — and that can certainly threaten the fortunes of your investments.

• *Currency risk* — If you're going to profit from your foreign stocks, you need them to increase in value — but you also need a favorable currency exchange rate. For example, if you invest in an Italian stock and it goes up 10 percent, you might think you are doing pretty well. However, if the value of the Euro drops 20 percent against the American dollar, you will lose ground. (Conversely, though, if the dollar weakens against the Euro, you'll come out ahead.)

• *Market risk* — Corporate reporting by U.S. companies is strictly legislated — but this diligence does not always exist in international markets. As a result, some of the information you might get on foreign stocks may not always be as reliable as you'd like. Also, foreign accounting practices may differ from ours, making it somewhat difficult to compare foreign stocks against American ones.

While you need to pay attention to these concerns, you shouldn't let them scare you away from foreign investments. But be prepared to hold your international stocks for the long term — given the added risks involved, foreign equities are *not* good short-term investment possibilities. And don't overload on international stocks — as a general rule, they should make up no more than 15 percent of your portfolio, if that.

Finally, don't go it alone. Just as you'll gain valuable insights into a foreign *country* if you have a guide, you'll learn more about the pitfalls and possibilities of foreign investments when you let an experienced financial professional show you the way.

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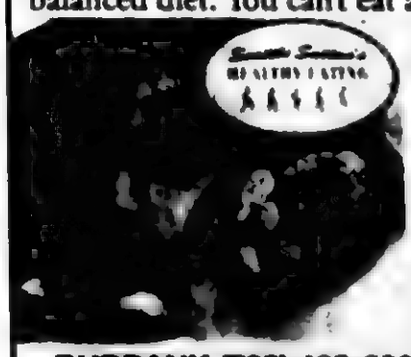

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, successor on interest to St. Paul Federal Bank for Savings, Plaintiff, vs. Theresa A. Williams a/k/a Theresa Williams a/k/a Theresa A. Laxton a/k/a Theresa Laxton, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-16271.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 14, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 5830 W. 109th Place, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $115,890.17.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.
195334C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, successor by Merger to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Venita A. Lewis, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-11631.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 16620 Knottingwood Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $175,942.24.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Violet R. Drozd, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-15781.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7928 S. Central Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family home one story wood frame separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $102,619.23.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0307517.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194684C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Richard S. Consentino a/k/a Richard S. Consentino, Sr. a/k/a Richard Consentino, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17397.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8937 S. Utica, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $118,139.30.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A075.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194619C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Frank D. Billups Sr. a/k/a Frank D. Billups, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11523.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4105 W. 135th Pl., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story red brick and no garage.

The judgment amount was $34,701.08.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0305488.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Steve J. Gorski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14652.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4435 152nd St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $151,599.83.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com.
between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0307026.

194434C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Midwest Mortgage Solutions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Duane Alan Klunk, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16455.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 18, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6519 W. 91st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $107,733.25.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9837.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195028C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia Robinson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18018.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2860 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $175,709.95.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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194217C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kathy Cross, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16139.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14840 S. Kilpatrick, Unit 604, Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $71,759.96.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9480.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

195200C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Norman T. Litland, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-10318.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7924 S. Lamon Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,950.40.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-5143.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194906C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Delores Hurley a/k/a De Lores Hurley, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17563.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 13406 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60466.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $27,311.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-09490.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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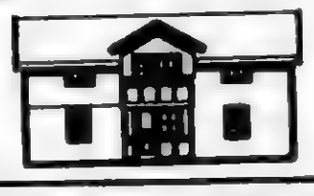

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Young, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17152.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4554 W. 129th St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,542.66.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

193472C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dale M. Prince, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7356.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57667
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 2, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3531 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling, brick construction.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $167,919.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in ' is Notice.

202093C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-BC5, Plaintiff, vs. Wayne Hopkins, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-20169.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3721 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60643.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,304.08.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-A831.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Provident Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Brian T. Anders, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16814.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14717 S. Major Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,322.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33996.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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194941C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Andrea E. Kevin, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14093.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4042 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with separate 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $95,162.31.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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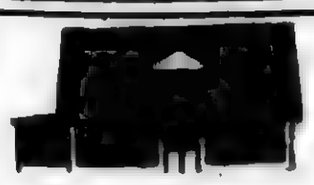

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2, Plaintiff, vs. Pattye J. Jackson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13934.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9254 S. Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story + attic brick construction separate (2 car) garage red brick.

The judgment amount was $94,319.99.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306659.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194682C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Clark a/k/a Angela P. Clark, et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-16878.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 24, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 147000 Mozart, Unit A, Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,849.22.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

194498C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Maranatha Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel A. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12250.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14155 S. Lamon Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,590.03.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext 1320 Please refer to file number 14-02-4790.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194608C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mary Manlates, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-17425

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as: 11605 S. LaPorte Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $127,524.07.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8988.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

193329C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Craig P. Atkins, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3904.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 27, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 24, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14346 S. Karlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story brick residence with a detached one car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $181,047.04.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0301376.

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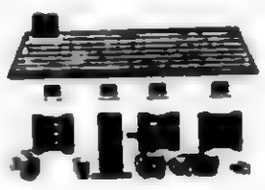

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kanna Trujillo a/k/a Kanna Navarro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13695.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3723 W. Pippin St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence two story brick construction separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $189,714.16.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306474.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194945C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $40,090.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

194500C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Patrick A. McKeown, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-16534.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9121 S. Monitor Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/548-6058.

194458C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Mortgage Corp. S/B/M To Charter One Credit Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Thomas F. Bernas, Sr., Deceased, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10468.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14318 Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $138,197.44.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

193475C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SGB Corporation d/b/a Westamerican Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Candy J. Khamis a/k/a Candy J. Guth, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14533 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,234.13.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3942.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194712C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Anna Marie Drazin, Defendants. No. 03Ch-16312.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 10836 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,657.84.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

194451C

LEGAL NOTICE

PRIVATE FOUNDATION ANNUAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6104 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual return for the calendar year ended December 31, 2003 of The Lazzara Family Foundation, a private foundation, is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this publication.

The foundation's principal office is located at 6762 Fieldstone Dr., Burr Ridge, IL 60521.

The principal manager of the foundation is Alan Lazzara, Trustee, Tel. No. 630-986-9854.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor by Merger to Crossland Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas D. Wesner a/k/a Thomas Wesner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15409 S. Lavergne Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,106.94.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9819.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. William Pappas, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6292.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2835 W. 97th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,040.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3602.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194274C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, Illinois, N.A. f/k/a Bank One, Springfield Successor by Merger to Bank One, Chicago, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Harold C. Berndt, Jr. a/k/a Harold Berndt, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16800.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7731 S. Thomas Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $45,296.66.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1ST MORTGAGE and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8710.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194907C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Damon a/k/a Thomas Damon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17548.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8811 S. Kolmar Ave., Hometown, IL 60456.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $78,020.64.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A087.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrin Riles, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14930.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7915 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,404.00.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7573.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194910C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Chapman, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16552.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3916 W. 75th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,250 90.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9504.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194208C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-A, Plaintiff, vs. Arturo Tapia, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16462.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7701 S. Long Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $114,065.17.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9566.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. US Bank N.A., f/k/a Firstar Bank N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anita Salaam a/k/a Anita Harden, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2117.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9360 S. 85th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $212,692.92.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0300603.

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Emeline A. Adams

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Emeline A. Adams, 74.

She is survived by her husband Raymond E. Sr.; her children Barbara Ann and Raymond E. Jr.; sisters Grindella Crate, Margaret Miller, Marion Brosky, Dahlia Mahoney, Deborah Tompkins and Diana Curfman and brothers James, Joseph, Thomas Jr., and Merrill Jacob Barkett.

Belva L. Barrett

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Belva L. "Beverly" Barrett. She was a former 30 year member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and a 10 year volunteer at Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Mrs. Barrett was also a member of the Infant Welfare Society, Palos-Orland Chapter.

She is survived by her husband John "Jack"; her children Cynthia Ducci, Thomas (Cathleen), Joseph (Diane), David (Susan), and Beth (Thomas) Holland; 13 grandchildren; a sister Lorraine (Carl) David, and brothers Charles (Jean) and John (Nancy) Arnold and Harold (Ruth) Gearhart.

Brozella A. Brown

Services will be held Thursday, April 29th, at 10 a.m. at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Orland Funeral Home, 9900 W. 143rd St., with interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Brozella A. Brown, wife of the late George. Visitation is Wednesday, April 28th from 3 to 9 p.m.

She is survived by her granddaughter Briget L. (Anthony) Sasso; and four great-grandchildren

Walter Bujanski

Services were held Wednesday at Kenny Brothers, Evergreen Park, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Walter Bujanski, U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, husband of the late Dorothy.

He is survived by his children Deborah, Thomas (Felicia) and Nancy; and three grandchildren.

Lorraine K. Campbell

Services were held Wednesday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hills Gardens South Cemetery, for Lorraine K. Campbell, a 28 year employee of William Wrigley Jr. and Company.

She is survived by her husband Ronald L.; her children Kathy (Kenneth) Shelwood, Ronald, Cindy (Jeffery) Zenner, Eric and Thomas; four grandchildren; sisters Edna Falibene, Elizabeth Creasap and Charlotte Foley and a brother Edward Lehmann.

Merle E. Collins

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, for Merle E. Collins.

He is survived by his son Jeff (Kim); and two grandchildren.

Lena R. Florek

Services were held Tuesday at Faith Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Lena R. Florek.

She is survived by her husband John J. Sr.; her children Patricia Hanson, Karen (Bill) Smith, Joseph L. (Noreen), and Deborah (Rich) Visona; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

George J. Hall

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, with interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, for George J. Hall, 82, a veteran and husband of the late Virginia. Mr. Hall was retired in 1983 after 33 years with Johnson and Johnson.

He is survived by a sister Mildred C. Hall.

Lawrence L. Jackson

Services were held Tuesday at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Lawrence L. Jackson, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his daughter Linda (David) Erkin; three grandchildren; sister Rosemarie (Eugene) Stasukewica and brother Reid (Nancy) Jackson.

Mary Smirniotis

Services were held Wednesday at SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Mary Smirniotis.

She is survived by her children Spero N. (Alexandria), Andrea (Peter D.) Sellis and Barbara (John) Karnezis; four grandchildren; one great-grandchildren; sisters Alexandra Chamis and Katherine (Herbert) Landis-Reitzel and brother James (Linda) Tanis.

Mary Ann Laurencell

Services will be held Thursday, April 29th, at 8:45 a.m. from the John Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 7020 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, to St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Ann Laurencell. Visitation is Wednesday, April 28th from 2 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Laurencell was a dedicated first grade teacher at Center School, Orland District 135. She was honored in Who's Who by the American Teacher Association.

She is survived by her husband Gordon L.; her children Gordon L. IV (Corlee), Kathleen, Cristine (Robert) Lies, Peggy, and Bonnie; and four grandchildren.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Mass was said Thursday, April 22nd, at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park with entombment at the St. Mary Mausoleum, for Dr. Daniel W. Olivieri, M.D., Ret. Lt. Commander of the U.S. Navy, and Staff Physician at Little Company of Mary Hospital for 50 years.

Dr. Olivieri, 80, of Evergreen Park grew up on the South Side of Chicago. He was the eldest of three children. His father was a welder and his mother was a homemaker.

In 1947 Dr. Olivieri graduated from Loyola University School of Medicine. In 1949 he began his career as a physician at Little Company of Mary Hospital. After retiring in 1986 he remained active in the Catholic community at the hospital. According to a hospital spokesperson Dr. Oliviero was going to be honored for 55 years of service in September.

In 1956 Dr. Olivieri was called to military duty. He served in the Navy as a medical officer for three years. When he returned home he resumed his duties at the hospital as an on-staff physician.

In 1969 Dr. Olivieri was appointed by the Evergreen Park Village Board of Trustees to serve as the village medical officer.

He is survived by his wife Helen M.; his children Dr. Daniel W. Jr., M.D. (Lucy), Denise M., M.D. (Robert M. M.D.) Sulo, Janice L. (Kim R., M.D.) Sobinsky, John F. M.D. (Elena), Lisa H. (Edgar D., M.D.) Staren and Michael J., M.D.; 19 grandchildren and sisters Louise Zwieg and Ellen (James) Schleder.

Joseph L. Havel

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Joseph J. Havel, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; his children Linda (Jeff) Dohrman, Darlene (Dennis) Dale, Patti (Mike) Swan; Joseph (Shirley), Gerri (Larry) Barrett, Richard (Del) and Gary; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and sisters Frances (Bob) Sadek, Jane Hickstein and Barbara (Bob) Winkless.

Max Heinichen

Services were held Tuesday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, for Max Heinichen, a veteran of World War II and husband of the late Dorothy.

He is survived by his daughter Elena Philips; four grandchildren; and sisters Martha Duch and Helen Kelderhouse.

Eileen A. Heinz

A memorial mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1st at St. Christina Church, 11005 Homan Ave., for Eileen A. Heinz, formerly of Oak Lawn, wife of the late Charles.

She is survived by her sister Mary Alice Barry.

Fred J. Knoblauch

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Fred J. Knoblauch, 72, the Police Chief of Hometown. He was a veteran of the department with 48 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Pat; his daughter Lynda (Ed) Janczur; one grandchild and a sister Grace Cyrocki.

Mary Korczyk

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Mary Korczyk, wife of the late Bruno.

She is survived by her children Bernice "Bee" (Michael) Riccio and Diane (Lary) Porter; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jo Anne K. Lake

Mass was said Monday at St. Louis deMontfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for JoAnne K. Lake, 64.

She is survived by her husband Frank; her children Jeffrey (Michelle) and Frank; four grandchildren; and sisters Mary Kay Oswald, Marlene (Leo) Leparski, Maribeth (Allan) Morby and Marilu Halm.

Lawrence M. Kakuska

Mass was said Monday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Lawrence M. Kakuska, a veteran of World War II and husband of the late Jacqueline. He was a member of the Illinois Bell Pioneers.

He is survived by his children Susan Belpedio and Bette (William) Hansen; three grandchildren; sister Marianne DeVito; brothers Robert (Sally) and William (Melody) and stepmother Lillian Kakuska.

Harold A. Panzegraf

Services were held Monday at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, with entombment at Bethania Mausoleum, for Harold A. Panzegraf, 82, retired Capt. Chicago Fire Dept. and a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife Bernice; his children Sandra (Nicholas) Falco and Michael C.F.D. (Mary); four granchildren; one great-grandchild and a brother Erhardt (Wilma).

Sophie R. Pelka

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sophie R. Pelka, 89, wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her children Gail (Scott) Buckley, Anita (Michael) Gulick and Nadine (Michael) Lipowski; and four grandchildren.

Irene E. Reed

Services were held Monday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Willow Hills Cemetery, for Irene E. Reed, wife of the late Raymond.

She is survived by her children Renee (Howard) Tucker, Richard and Diane; three grandchildren; and sister Erma (Jim) Ficht.

Edward W. Roebuck

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, for Edward W. Roebuck, 85, of Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his wife Catherine; his children Mary Rita, Tom, Cathy and Pat; and 10 grandchildren.

Terrence Shaughnessy

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Terrence W. Shaughnessy.

He is survived by his parents Edward and Mary; brothers Timothy and Thomas and a sister Susan (Michael) Rohde.

Courtney King Snethen

Services were held Monday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hills Gardens South Cemetery, for Courtney King Snethen, a veteran. He graduated from Morgan Park High School. In 1940 he was drafted into the Army and re-enlisted until 1945. After World War II he worked as a bookkeeper before joining GD Carter Realty Company. He retired in 2002 after 50 years as property manager.

He is survived by his sister Phyliss Knitter.

Florence Strauch

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Family Harvest Church, Tinley Park, for Florence Strauch.

She is survived by her children Sally and Hugh (Cindy); and two grandchildren.

Milton C. Urbanek

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Milton Charles Urbanek, 88, husband of the late Myrtle.

He is survived by his children Chuck (Sharon), and Pam (Ken) Yglesias; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jozef Wincek

Mass was said Saturday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Jozef Wincek, 63, of Burbank. He was a machine operator for Cromwell Phoenix Inc. for many years.

He is survived by his wife Stanislawa; daughters, Donna and Joanna; son, Mark; brothers and sisters, Wdilenty Wincek, Maria Skwarek and Jan Wincek from Poland and Helena (Paul) Surma.

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Gift Presentation

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) presents a gift certificate from a local food store and Easter baskets to the family of Marcus Jackson. Jackson's wife, Marlena, accepts the baskets. Jackson, an investigator with the Cook County Sheriff's Department, is currently serving in Bagdad.

Over the course of one week, Sheriff's Office employees raised more than $5,000 to provide their fellow employees' families with these gifts.

Enroll Children In Fall 2005 Head Start

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) is seeking eligible parents in suburban Cook County to enroll their children in Head Start for the Fall, 2005. Head Start provides child development and educational services, health, and nutrition services. The program also provides educational activities for parents. Services are also provided to children with disabilities.

Eligible children should be three years old at the time of enrollment. To register, parents/guardians must provide child's proof of age and proof of household income. For additional information and to locate the nearest center, call 1 (877) 717-8278.

Rid Harvey Of Illegal Dump Sites

Continuing her work to rid Harvey of illegal dump sites, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, working with Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, filed suit against the operator of a Harvey site that holds enough trash and debris to fill 10,000 dump trucks.

Announcing the suit on Earth Day, Madigan and the illegal dumps in Harvey serves as an example of the environmental hazards that her office is working to clean up.

"In 2003, my environmental division opened more than 350 new matters, filed 189 complaints and collected more than $13.6 million from individuals and companies found to be conducting business illegally in Illinois," Madigan said. "Whether it's Earth Day or any day – in Harvey or across the state – we will not tolerate illegal dumping or other actions that can threaten public environmental or economic health.

This suit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges that Ground Resources, Inc., involuntarily dissolved by the Illinois Secretary of State in 2003, dumped approximately 170,000 cubic yards of landscape waste and demolition debris during a two-month period in 2002 on a site rented from Manuel Escalante of 311 W. 155th St. Escalante's residence is located approximately one-quarter mile from the illegal dump site, located on the north side of 155th St. between Western and Campbell avenues.

This action follows a March 25th joint filing by Madiagn and Devine against another alleged illegal dump in Harvey operated by Willie H. Carter. These actions are expected to be followed by others in an effort to rid Harvey of several non-permitted dumps plaguing the area.

According to Madigan and Devine's complaint, the approximately six-acre parcel of land north of 155th Street between Western and Campbell avenues is residentially zoned for single-family homes and has never been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for storage or disposal of waste. Prior to 2002, the site was level and covered with trees, brush and vegetation.

"Business owners who ignore the permit processes and procedures that are required for a dumping site should take note that they will be held accountable for their actions," Devine said. "Those who disregard the environmental rules and regulations affect not only those living near an illegal dump site today, but the community as a whole and future generations as well."

Madigan and Devine acted after local residents contacted their offices. Their investigation revealed that IEPA inspections of the site showed repeated illegal dumping had occurred between June 5 and July 31, 2002. Madigan and Devine's suit names both Ground Resources, Inc., and Escalante as defendants and charges them with open dumping violations and failure to obtain development and operating permits as required by state law.

Madigan and Devine have requested that the court order the defendants to immediately remove all of the waste material from the site and dispose of it at a permitted facility. Additionally, the suit seeks a civil penalty of $50,000 for each violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, and additional penalties of $10,000 for each day the violations continue.

Free Publications

Whether you are wondering what factors go into your credit report or you want to know your rights during repossession, looking online for answers to your financial questions just got easier. Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, recently made available its entire online library of self-help publications free of charge. The more than 60 publications cover a wide variety of financial topics that can help people get out of debt, better manage their everyday finances or teach their children about money.

"With so many different topics to choose from, our online publications can provide necessary information for people in just about any situation," said Pam Rhode, president of Myvesta. "There are currently over 60 publications that are available to download and we are adding new publications regularly."

"Myvesta has been helping people with money troubles since 1994 and our years of experience has gone into every one of our publications," Rhode said. "Our goal is to provide educational materials that help people do better financially and live their life to the fullest."

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The following incidents were reported by the Oak Lawn Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt and only a court of law can make that determination.

On April 13th, Christopher Dalzell, 26, of Oak Lawn; Nicholas Lampos, 28, of Oak Lawn; and Janette Roman, 23, of Bridgeview were arrested when police responded to a report of a fight at George's Lounge. When police arrived, they observed both men laying on the floor bleeding and summoned paramedics. As the paramedics attempted to aid Lampos, Roman began interrupting the treatment and was told to move away. She refused and continued to be a nuisance. When officers attempted to physically remove her, she began struggling with the officers, flailing her arms and kicking at them. Witnesses reported that when the group was asked to leave the closing bar, a pushing and shoving match escalated to punches and bar stools being thrown. During the custodial search, a pipe commonly used for smoking cannabis was found on Dalzell and he was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, battery, disorderly conduct and assault. Lampos was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. During Roman's custodial search, a bag of leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis was found in her purse and she was charged with resisting arrest and possession of cannabis.

On April 16th, Richard Chacon and Peter Priest, both of Calumet City, were arrested. On April 13th, Chacon entered a restaurant wearing a Comcast shirt and claimed he was there to collect $80 for a past due cable bill. If he did not receive $80, he would shut off the cable. After checking with the owner, an employee gave him the $80 but requested a receipt. Chacon stated he was going to the bathroom but instead left the restaurant. The employee got a description of the car and the lettering from their vanity license plate. On April 16t, officers on patrol observed the Blazer driving through the K-Mart lot at 111th and Cicero and stopped the car. The driver, Priest, had a suspended license and a search was conducted. The search revealed two Comcast shirts, magnetic Comcast signs, and two bags of a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis. Chacon was charged with theft and Priest, who claimed to only be the driver, was charged with possession of cannabis.

On April 17th, Shunna Jones, 32, of Chicago was arrested and charged with theft. Jones, a Home Depot employee, was the subject of an internal investigation of fraudulent refunds. The Home Depot investigators determined that she had been issuing fraudulent cash refunds to herself and upon questioning her Jones admitted to issuing 13 refunds totaling $4,090.73. Jones stated that she was angry because she had been passed over for promotion and started issuing herself refunds.

Mock Alcohol Related Fatal Traffic Crash

It is prom season and that means it's time to party. The problem is that so many young people associate prom with a free night to drink alcohol. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of four and 34 according to a 2001 study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. Although 16-24 year olds comprise only 15.63 percent of the licensed drivers in the State of Illinois, they are involved in 21.5 percent of all fatal alcohol-related traffic crashes.

To help raise awareness to this ongoing problem, the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Department along with Oak Lawn Community High School conducted a mock alcohol-related fatal traffic crash. The scene of the mock crash was in the Oak Lawn Community High School's driver's education driving course.

The Oak Lawn Police Department, through this mock crash, hoped to make the young adults think twice about their plans on prom night and encourages them to have a fun alcohol and drug free prom.

Jazz Combo Gets Highest Grade

The Jazz Combo from Richards High School earned a Division I rating, the highest possible grade, from judges at the Chicago Area Jazz Festival hosted by Thornton Fractional South High School.

Bob Habersat (Oak Lawn) was selected as best soloist and Nick Martin (Oak Lawn) was selected as best player. Other members of the Jazz Combo are Elise Biggers, Josiah Hampton, Walter Hampton and Mike Paine.

Additionally, the Jazz Ensemble from Richards earned a Division I rating. Nick Martin was selected best soloist and Bob Habersat was selected as best section player.

Charles Martin, an Oak Lawn resident, is the director of the instrumental music program at Richards. Richards bands have won numerous awards during the 2003-04 school year. The program's individual awards included the following students' selection to the South Inter-Conference Association Honors Band: Allison Brett, Katie Hudson, Nicole Mynarich, Nick Martin, Bob Habersat, Stefanie Wycislak, and Kristen Weibel.

Pictured, left to right, are members of the Richards High School Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble: (front row) Ben Leslie, Michelle Summers, Kaitlin Fleharty, Mike Paine, Scott Hankes, Walter Hampton; (middle row) Stefanie Wycislak, Matt Mudon, Elizabeth Hudson, Ian Lee, Nick Martin, George Gavrilos, Josiah Hampton; (back row) band director Charles Martin, Jeff Wycislak, Kristen Weibel, Katie Hudson, Sarah Brett, Elise Biggers, Joe Nowinski, Kyle Klimek, Mike Kordas, Bob Habersat and Kyle Taylor. Mitchell Stanley and Mark Skain are also band members.

LCMH Receives Cancer Program Grant

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has again granted approval to the cancer program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. Little Company has had an approved cancer program since July of 1910.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1932, the Approvals Program sets standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to make sure they conform to those standards. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary cooperation results in improved patient care.

Receiving care at a Commission on Cancer approved cancer program ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Quality care close to home.
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- Information about cancer clinical trials, education and support.
- Lifelong patient follow-up through a cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results.
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care.

Approval by the Commission on Cancer is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to provide the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer and to undergo a rigorous evaluation process and a review of its performance. To maintain approval, facilities with approved cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

The American Cancer Society estimates that approximately 1,334,100 cases of cancer were diagnosed in 2003. Slightly more than one-fifth of the country's hospitals have approved cancer programs, and more than 80 percent of patients who are newly diagnosed with cancer are treated in these facilities.

Working with the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Liaison Program of the Commission on Cancer is supported by more than 1,500 voluntary Liaison Physicians who support cancer-control initiatives and the cancer program activities locally. The Commission also tracks national, regional and local cancer care patterns and trends through the National Cancer Database, another joint project with the American Cancer Society. In addition, the Commission sets standards for cancer registry data collection used by all approved cancer programs and conducts national quality management and improvement studies for specific cancer sites. Results of these studies are used by cancer program leadership to monitor and improve patient care.

District 218 Holds Drivers Ed Sign-Up

District 218 will hold summer driver education registration for district residents on Saturday, May 1st from 8 a.m. to noon. Students are asked to register at one of these two locations: Richards High School, 10601 Central in Oak Lawn, or Shepard High School, 13049 Ridgeland Ave. in Palos Heights.

All private school students who live in District 218 boundaries and are between the ages of 15 and 21 are eligible for driver education. Students who are freshmen during the 2003-04 school year are not eligible, regardless of age. Students must bring a high school identification card to registration.

At registration, students must pay a $120 fee for the behind-the-wheel phase. All payments must be made by check or money order and made payable to Community High School District 218.

Driving permit testing will be done at the two schools on May 8th and 15th from 8 to 11 a.m. The driving permit fee of $20 must be paid at this time (checks or money orders made payable to Secretary of State).

Starting dates of driver education classes will be determined after registration. For more information, call (708) 424-2000, ext. 2411.

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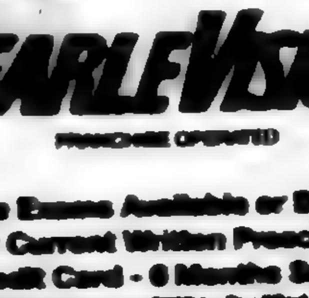

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PAUL FAEH

The Illinois State Board of Education recently presented Paul Paul Faeh, a social studies teacher from Harold L. Richards High School, a Those Who Excel award.

The Those Who Excel program recognizes teachers, administrators, board of education members, and parents who contribute significantly to school communities.

"The most meaningful part of the award to me is that teachers, administrators, parents, and students were willing to recommend me and write such nice letters about me. That is what meant the most to me. I am truly appreciative of their kindness and efforts. That is why I wanted to be a teacher, to try and make a difference in students' lives and help them grow educationally and personally," said Faeh.

Faeh has been selected to grade national Advanced Placement exam essays in U.S. History each of the past two years. He also was hired as a consultant for Columbia University and its Columbia American History Online project. This program develops Internet-based-seminars on topics for schools and individuals. Faeh developed a unit on the Vietnam War for the Columbia project.

In addition to teaching, Faeh serves as faculty co-sponsor of student council and coaches the frosh-soph Scholastic Bowl team at Richards. As co-sponsor of student council, Faeh coordinates the preparation for the annual charity holiday banquet. This event raises thousands of dollars each December for assorted charitable organizations such as Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church in Chicago Ridge, the St.Vicent DePaul Society (food pantry) of St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, Operation Blessing, and Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS).

YMCA Seek Help For Annual Candy Days Fundraiser

The YMCA Network staff, board members and volunteers are asking for volunteers for its annual Candy Days Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, in Oak Lawn to help support the charitable role of the YMCA.

Individuals and group volunteers are needed throughout the area to stand near storefronts and at intersections collecting donations. Colorful vests, collection cans and candy will be provided for volunteers. Collection times will be arranged to meet individual needs.

For the past 40 years the YMCA Network for Counseling & Youth Development in Alsip has been offering the area something different than a swimming pool and a basketball court. Last year 6,790 individuals were served through: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling, Gang & Violence Prevention and Intervention Services, Leadership and Youth Development Programs, After-school Childcare and Housing & Supportive Services.

The YMCA Network is a member of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago an association of 35 city and suburban Centers and more than 100 extension sites throughout the Chicagoland area.

To volunteer or for more information on Candy Days call the YMCA Network at (708) 385-6700.

Oak Lawn Park District Offers Many Activities

Looking for a special outing with Mom for Mother's Day? The Oak Lawn Park District will be offering activities all weekend long, May 7th to 9th.

A Parent & Child Dance will be held on Friday, May 7th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. The event will include a D.J., refreshments and a balloon drop. Pre-registration is required at $25 per resident couple or $30 per non-resident couple.

On Saturday, May 8th, you and Mom can help the Friends of the Chicago River clean up Stony Creek from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th St. & Laramie Ave. Volunteers who sign up by Tuesday, May 4th will receive an event T-shirt.

Take Mom to an elegant brunch at the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Sunday, May 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The brunch will feature pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, yogurt, cereal, pastries, desserts, plus carved ham and turkey. Entertainment will be provided by Takes Two. Adults are $12.95, children 10 and under are $6.95 and kids 2 and under are free. Make reservations at (708) 857-2433.

After brunch on Sunday, Mom may enjoy ice skating at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave. An open skate will be held from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m.; Moms skate for free with a paying child.

For more information on Mother's Day events or gift suggestions, call (708) 857-2200.

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De La Salle Institute announced that its freshman boys basketball team finished the 2003-04 season by winning the Chicago Catholic League North championship. The Meteors, who were guided by head coach John Smith and assistant Gary Wisniewski, concluded the campaign with a record of 19-2 overall and 12-2 in the Catholic League North.

Pictured from left to right are (front row) Mike Koss (Clearing), Matt Popp (Bridgeport), Steve Ochoa (East Side), Aaron King (South Chicago), Stuart Majerczyk (Garfield Ridge), Caleb Harris (South Shore) and Robert Sommer (Bridgeport); (back row) Jordain Brown (Auburn-Gresham), Denny Solis (East Side), James Coleman (Calumet Heights), Anthony King (Hyde Park), Josh Letourneau (Oak Lawn) and DeAndre Coleman (Richton Park). Other members of the team include Michael Evans (West Englewood), Landon Cox (South Holland), Antonio Reyes (Belmont-Cragin), Terrence Cooper (Canaryville), Andre Moore (Wrightwood), William Smith (Bronzeville), Zachary Heard (Garfield Ridge), Milton Leverton (Morgan Park), Max Martinkus (Stickney) and Nicholas Curry (Greater Grand Crossing).

Schabold Named To Honor Roll

Jacqueline Schabold of Oak Lawn, Class of 2007, was named to the A Honor Roll of Nazareth Academy, La Grange, for the third quarter of the school year.

The A Honor Roll indicates a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Named To Quincy Dean's List

Freshman Elizabeth Kapustka of Oak Lawn was named to the dean's list at Quincy University following completion of the 2003 fall semester.

Kapustka, daughter of Maria Kapustka, is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

The family of Eric Kaminski will be holding a candle light vigil for Eric (pictured) on Saturday, May 8th at 7 p.m. at the baseball/soccer fields located at the Northeast corner of 93rd St. and Kilbourn Ave.

Eric was last seen at the Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan in Chicago, on Feb. 5 at approximately 3:30 p.m. He was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, white gym shoes, and a navy colored Carhart jacket. His description: white, male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, 25 years of age, hazel eyes, and brown hair (shaved). The police have exhausted several leads in this case.

A $10,000 reward is being offered by Eric's family to be paid to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating him.

For information regarding the Vigil contact his mother, Patti Kaminski at (708) 687-6795 or his wife Grace Kaminski at (708) 921-4441.

Anyone with information pertaining to the disappearance of Eric Kaminski is asked to contact the Oak Lawn Police Department at (708) 952-3840.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 7 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.
MAY 10 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.
MAY 10 – Monday – District 5 " Meet with Marge." Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
MAY 10 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 10 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.
MAY 11 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Commit-tee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 11 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
MAY 11 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
MAY 11 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
MAY 12 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.
MAY 13 – Thursday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 13 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 13 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Oak Lawn Park Dist. Theatre Production

Tickets are currently on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's June production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." This 1961 Broadway musical tells the story of J. Pierrepont Finch (portrayed by Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann), a window washer at the World Wide Wickets Co.

Young Finch discovers a life-changing book, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and uses it as his guide to success. He gets a job in the company mailroom and catches the eye of Rosemary Pilkington (portrayed by Frankfort's Rosemary Scanlon), a young company secretary. With the help of his instruction manual, Finch climbs up the corporate ladder. The company boss, J.B. Biggley, is portrayed by Palos Hills' H. Thomas Cameron, and his eager nephew, Bud Frump, is played by Alsip's Matt Gallagher.

The musical will be produced by Frank Fest. Janie Nirchi is the director; Brad Kisner is the assistant director. Dawn Schnolis is the show's choreographer; Diane Madden is the musical director. The conductor is Bill Hansen, and the set and lighting designer is Gil Oliva. Executive producers of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on June 4, 5, and 10-12; 3 p.m. matinees will be held on Sunday, June 6, and Sunday, June 13. All performances are held at the OakView Center, 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Ticket prices are $18 for adults and $17 for seniors and children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com. Box-office hours are Mondays 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Offender Stopped By Oak Lawn Police

On May 3rd James Styx, 52, of Orland Hills was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance after a traffic stop in the 4800 block of 96th. Police observed the strong aroma of alcohol and noted his slurred speech. During the custodial search, police discovered a folded dollar bill, containing a white powder in his pants pocket. In his shirt pocket was a pack of cigarettes that held a paper with white powder. Both field tested positive for cocaine.

Appoint Roscoe Rush

Oak Lawn Bank is announcing the appointment of Roscoe N. Rush as vice president.

Rush brings 37 years of banking experience. He previously worked at the First National Bank of Evergreen Park and Evergreen Community Bank. He served as a director and president of the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce, president of the Evergreen Park Rotary Club, director of the Chicago Chapter of Robert Morris and Associates, Evergreen Park American Cancer Society Committee and Evergreen Park Fourth of July Parade Committee.

Rush can be reached at (708) 658-5000.

Remember Mother's Day This Sunday!

Lewis And Clark State Historic Site Ceremony

"I am now on an expedition to the westward, with Capt. Lewis and Capt. Clark, who are appointed by the President of the United States to go on an expedition through the interior parts of North America."

Two hundred years after Sgt. John Ordway wrote these words, the nation is poised to mark the anniversary of the day that the Lewis and Clark Expedition departed from the east bank of the Mississippi River on their 28-month, 8,000-mile journey of discovery that has had no equal before or since.

The nation will join the Illinois Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission in observing this anniversary during "The Departure," scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, May 13-16, in and around Hartford, IL. This is the first bicentennial "Signature Event" designated for its national significance.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial at the spot where the journey began," said Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich.

The observance begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Gateway International Raceway in Madison, IL with "Eve of Discovery," a night of parades, music and fireworks that will kick off the four-day event.

Events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15, and 16 center around Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford. Opening ceremonies take place at 10 a.m. Friday, May 14. The Departure Ceremony, where re-enactors will shove off from the Illinois shore and head up the Missouri River, will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 14.

Numerous living history re-enactments, performances, period musical performances, displays and other special activities will be available all weekend, most of which are free and open to the public.

Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (www.Illinois-History.gov), is along Route 3 about two miles north of I-270. The site features a brand-new museum with a full-size replica of the expedition's keelboat inside, as well as a complete reconstruction of the camp where Lewis and Clark spent the five months before departing on their journey. The site is open Wednesday through Sunday for free public tours.

Cancer Walk And Roll

Thousands of participants come to this annual event for a variety of reasons because just about everyone has been touched by cancer themselves, their family, their friends or co-workers. They come to raise money to fight and prevent cancer.

"Some may be your friends or family. Maybe it's you. Maybe some day it will be you…or me, this is why I feel it is so important to take part in activities and organizations that are committed to conquering this disease and supporting people who are in a crisis situation," wrote one participant on her team's Walk and Roll web site.

"Cancer has touched our family in many ways, and we miss those who have lost so very much," wrote another.

Rich King, WGN-Channel 9 sportscaster, and Dave Fogel of the WTMX-FM, MIX-101.9, will participate in opening ceremonies, which begin at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 16th. Staggered routes for bikers, walkers and in-line skaters begin at 10 a.m.

This year's Walk and Roll has moved to a new location along the lake at the corner of Columbus and Balbo at Hutchinson Field.

Begun as a bike-a-thon 32 years ago, Walk and Roll is supported by thousands of participants and hundreds of companies. Over the years this event has raised more than $11 million in support of ACS research. Funds are also used to support the ACS mission to raise awareness and eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

Refreshments will be available on site. Water will be provided along the route. Corporate sponsors will have tents, many with catering. Participants can picnic with their respective teams after the event.

The route is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Leashed pets can participate.

For more information and how to participate or contribute, go to www.walkandrollchicago.org, or contact Tracy Jensen, Income Development Manager, American Cancer Society, at (312) 577-6035.

Present Greeting Letter

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas presents the official Polish Constitution Day Greeting Letter to the Honorable Franciszek Adamczyk, Consul General of Poland. Pappas said, "The Polish Constitution marks a glorious chapter in the history of Poland and the World. The Document of 1791 gave Europe a voice for democracy that was contemporary to the American Constitution."

Wishes On Wheels

Wishes on Wheels makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years old & up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required.

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Call 1-800-823-5220 or visit the web site at www.threewishes2.com for more information on the details of this program.

Sixth Annual Courthouse Tour

Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the sixth annual *Circuit Court of Cook County Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Courthouse Tour* will take place on Friday, May 28th in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St. in Chicago.

The tour will offer the public a sense of the day-to-day operations of one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Highlights of the tour will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a trial in progress, an informal presentation by a Circuit Court judge, and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Attendees receive the *Circuit Court of Cook County – Informational Guide*. The guide contains an overview of the court, a directory of court and county resources, and background on the trial process.

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The Ultimate Car Makeover contest and car judging will take place at the Goodyear "Go America! Assurance Road Rally" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, in Soldier Field – South Parking Lot, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive.

NASCAR driver, Shawna Robinson, will attend the event.

At the event, experts will provide simple maintenance checks to help drivers gear up for the summer road trip season. People can learn how to restore their cars, starting from the tires up. Drivers also can learn how to prevent potential mishaps before the car gets rolling to assure a smooth, stress-free ride.

The grand prize will be a new car. Five people will win a $5,000 makeover stipend and set of four new Assurance tires. A total of 100 people will win a set of four new Assurance tires.

The event also will include "Ride-n-Drives" with Robinson on a closed road course; NASCAR-style pits equipped for car and tire inspection; Goodyear Blimp fly-over (weather permitting) and a chance to win a ride in the blimp; several interactive stations; games and activities; and giveaways including Goodyear products and car care tools.

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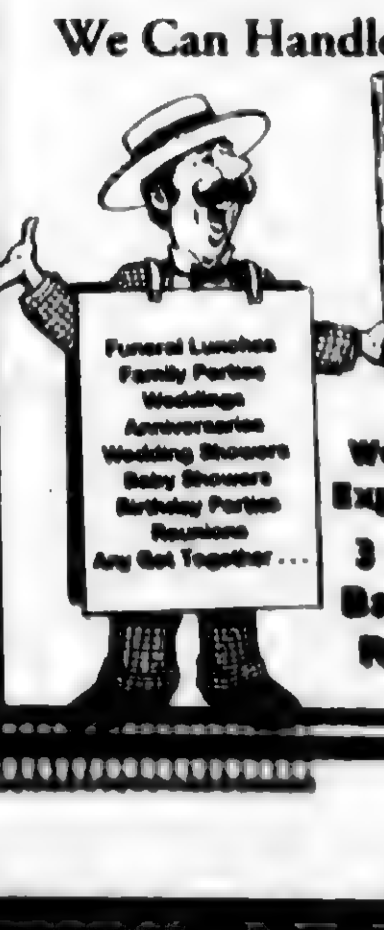

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McAuley Art Exhibitors

Mother McAuley art students are active this spring, participating in numerous exhibits throughout the Chicagoland area. Recently in March, senior art students participated in an exhibition at the Bernard Gallery at the Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Indiana. Students who displayed artwork are: Harriet Majchrowicz (Burbank), Hillary Delich (Beverly), Elaine Cabugnoon (Garfield Ridge), Nicole Bilder (Chicago Ridge), Lauren Watts (West Lawn), Becky Shaughnessy (Oak Lawn), Kathleen Sirisni (Oak Lawn), and Kathy Wellner (Palos Park). Kathleen Sirisni received an Honorable Mention Award for her painting, "D.J. On A day At The Beach." Mother McAuley was one of 11 high schools participating in the event.

In April, 24 students from McAuley had work selected for display at the 5th annual Chicago Area 4x5 exhibition held at Fremd High School in Palatine. Senior Amy Costello received an Honorable Mention in the Photography category and junior Danielle Quiroz received an Honorable Mention in the Painting category. Participating students are: seniors Harriet Majchrowicz (Burbank), Amber Holliday (Ashburn), Brittany Aadamson (Beverly), Hillary Delich (Beverly), Amy Costello (Mt. Greenwood), Julie Jantz (Mt. Greenwood), Julie Sullivan (Mt. Greenwood), Lauren Watts (West Lawn), Kristin Murray (Evergreen Park), Julie Peterson (Merrionette Park), Lauren DeLaTorre (Orland Park), Becky Shaughnessy (Oak Lawn), and Kathleen Sirisni (Oak Lawn). Juniors are Katlyn Bush (Blue Island), Danielle Quiroz (Blue Island), Celena Russ (Ashburn), Kathryn Gallik (Beverly), Laura Rogers (Beverly), Kristen Cummings (Oak Forest), Michelle Bujan (Oak Lawn), Mary Gallagher (Oak Lawn), Ashley Konicki (Oak Lawn), Jackie McGill (Oak Lawn), and Stephanie Stark (Oak Lawn).

On May 7th from 7 to 10 p.m., McAuley will host its Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. The event provides the opportunity for students to exhibit work that encompasses their progress over the course of the year. At the exhibit, art students will have their work juried by the department faculty. The student work is a sampling of all media from classes throughout the year, including ceramics, painting, computer imaging, drawing, sculpture and photography. McAuley alumnae are invited to attend the exhibition and tour the renovated art facilities. The exhibition is open to the public.

MWRD Illegal Dumping Hotline Is Available

Terrence J. O'Brien, president of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced recently that the District's toll-free hotline number is available for citizens to report any suspected illegal dumping in the local sewers and waterways. The number, 1(800) 332-DUMP, was established to provide an easy way for citizens to alert the MWRD when they witness such illegal activity.

O'Brien said, "We are proud of the improvements in water quality in the Chicago area waterways that have resulted from the Deep Tunnel Project and the District's strict enforcement of its industrial waste ordinance. We rely on the public to assist us in reporting any illegal dumping of materials into the sewer or the discharge of illegal chemicals into the sewer system. All calls to the 1(800) 332-DUMP number will speak to a dispatcher at the MWRD, not an answering machine or a voice mail system."

Callers can also use the hotline number to report debris in the waterways. The District has had a specially equipped debris boat that patrols the waterways since 1971 and pontoon boats since 1987. The debris boat concentrates operations in the North and South Branch of the Chicago River on a regular basis and removes debris such as fallen trees and other large objects. The pontoon boats remove floatables in the waterways of the downtown Chicago area during the summer months.

The District collects and treats wastewater from more than five million people in Cook County and the industrial equivalent of another four million people. The District's web address is www.mwrd.org.

Stem Cell Research

"Recently, well-intentioned but misinformed members of Congress released an open letter to President Bush calling on the administration to expand federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research. However, focusing on embryonic stem cell research funding limitations reveals a lack of understanding regarding the status of stem-cell research.

"The best financial investment our government can make in stem-cell research centers on non-embryonic sources. Therapies using stem cells from sources like bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and the pancreas have already successfully treated patients with conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and multiple sclerosis.

"Sadly, some members of Congress are operating under a misconception regarding the source of these cells. Human embryonic stem cells are only harvested from one source: human embryos, which are destroyed in the process – an unethical and unnecessary act.

"Focus on the Family encourages the Bush administration to retain its current policy regarding funding for embryonic stem cell research and at the same time explore avenues for increasing federal funding for non-embryonic stem-cell therapy development, which will continue to ensure benefits for patients and taxpayers alike."

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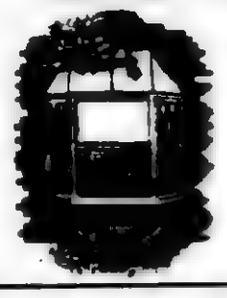

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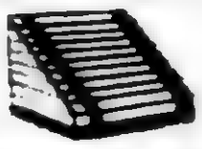

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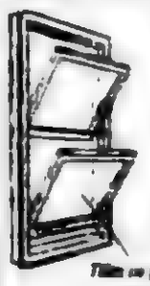

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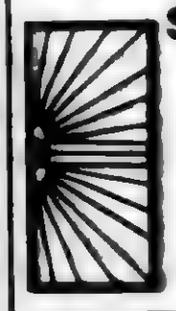

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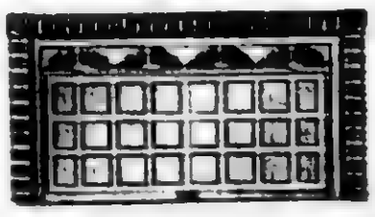

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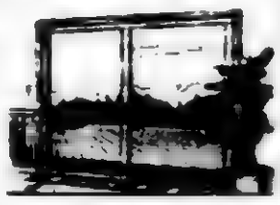

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EDITORIAL / OPINION PAGE

Oppose Closing Of Tinley Park Mental Health Center

The Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday stating its opposition to the closing of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center. Commissioners are urging Governor Rod Blagojevich to reconsider his plans to close the facility, and asking Illinois legislators to adopt a FY2005 budget that fully funds it.

"Closing Tinley Park would dismantle a vital community resource that has taken decades to develop," said Larry Suffredin, 13th district, the resolution's sponsor. "It provides a safe and secure treatment setting for mentally ill individuals, including those who have no insurance coverage."

"The state's plan proposes to send $7.5 million of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center budget to area hospitals and service providers to help them handle the influx of patients," said Joan Patricia Murphy, 6th district, also a resolution sponsor. "That's this year. What happens to these patients next year? The burden for providing care will fall on Cook County Health Services.

"In addition," said Murphy, "many of these patients will be frustrated, discouraged, disoriented, will not be able to acclimate themselves to a new location and may very well end up wandering homeless through the streets where they will eventually be detained in local lockups or County jail. The Cook County Board has been working diligently to find alternative holding centers for mentally ill detainees who are currently incarcerated with the general population of the County jail. Closing the Tinley Park Mental Health facility will exacerbate the problem."

The Cook County Board joins Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and more than a dozen Southtown leaders, including 10 mayors and village presidents, in opposition to the proposed closure.

Although the 46-year-old state facility is not in his district, Suffredin chairs a community health task force that is exploring ways to make all County health care benefits easily accessible.

"Mental health is one of our priorities," Suffredin stated. "We want to make treatment more available. We want to remove barriers to care, not create more. Closing Tinley Park would take away a safety net that provides treatment for our residents who are in crisis. The state's plan to close Tinley would take away much needed beds."

The resolution points out that Tinley Park is the only mental health resource that reliably provides inpatient treatment to those who cannot pay in a region that includes the south side of Chicago, the south suburbs in Cook County, and Will, Grundy and Kankakee counties.

Citing more than 2,000 admissions to Tinley in 2003, Cook County commissioners believe the demand for services at the center is increasing. They are also concerned about the possible loss of more than 300 jobs. Tinley Park Mental Health Center employs doctors, nurses, other mental health professionals, and specially trained para-professionals.

The Campaign to Save the Tinley Park Mental Health Center is a coalition of 20 public officials and citizen, advocacy and labor organizations that oppose the proposed closure of Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

Relief Bill

Illinois needs to pass crucial relief legislation to keep Illinois trucking jobs in Illinois, according to State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) who says last year's tax and fee hikes are sending jobs across state lines.

Already, nearly 17,000 trucks and more than 2,700 trucking companies no longer operate in Illinois. The Mid-West Truckers Association released the number this week. The loss of truck and companies is being attributed to out-of-state relocation and closures due to the heavy financial burden placed on the trucking companies last year by the Blagojevich Administration.

"The impact of last year's tax and fee hikes is clear they took jobs away from Illinois families," said Radogno. "It is time for the tax on trucks to go. We need to pass House Bill 412 now to keep trucking jobs in Illinois."

Radogno opposed the tax hike last year when Governor Rod Blagojevich presented it as a revenue source for $1 billion in new spending. Radogno maintains the Governor should have kept spending under control rather than tax trucks.

The tax repeal, House Bill 412, is currently bottled up in the Senate Rules Committee. Radogno is a cosponsor of the bill, which would eliminate the new commercial distribution fees and restore the rolling stock exemption as it existed prior to last year's changes.

She urges area truckers hit hard by last year's tax and fee hikes to sign a petition urging passage of House Bill 412. Copies of the petition are available online at www.senategop.state.il.us/www/fees/truckfees.htm or by calling Radogno's district office at (630) 243-0800.

SWAP Team

Labor crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) are scheduled to work in Alsip on May 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st as a public service to the taxpayers of Cook County, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The program is made up of non-violent offenders charged with DUI and other misdemeanor crimes who "swap" jail time for a community service sentence. Under the supervision of specially trained sheriff's deputies, the crews work throughout the county on a variety of public works projects such as cleaning parks, viaducts and streets.

"The SWAP Program serves our county well because it saves taxpayers millions of dollars," said Sheriff Sheahan.

SWAP provides our communities with a free labor source and it helps to combat jail crowding and the costs associated with that problem. It also provides tough yet meaningful rehabilitation to the offenders by allowing them to pay their debt to society in a productive fashion."

For further information about SWAP, call (773) 869-4401.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

As local municipalities fight with tax caps and business reversals the Village of Crestwood continues to thrive. Mayor Chet Stranczek alerted All Points to the arrival of a Super Menards store and a Wal-Mart, scheduled to be built on 36 acres of land east of Cicero Avenue, between 135th Street and Cal-Sag Road. The property currently is occupied by seven industrial buildings which will be cleared for this new project.

Demolition and site preparation will begin this summer with both stores expected to open in 2006. The current Menards store located in the River Crest Center is expected to be occupied by another quality commercial business.

The economic engine propelling this project is a $35 million TIF (tax increment financing) and a secure partnership between the Village of Crestwood and Rubloff Development. Approximately 1,500 construction and permanent job opportunities will be available.

Look for this TIF project to mirror the earlier success of River Crest, the first TIF Crestwood undertook. The results there were an unqualified success. Quality stores and full occupancy, school districts enjoying windfall financial rewards and unprecedented tax relief in the form of surplus fund refunds to Crestwood residents. The residents in Crestwood wouldn't want it any other way.

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U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) has announced that the United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded $128,158 in grants to three fire departments in our circulation area.

Durbin said the funding is being provided through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. In addition to the federal funds, each department must provide some portion of the funding on its own. The cost sharing is based on department size, with larger fire departments bearing a larger share of the program costs. Fire departments serving 50,000 residents or fewer are responsible for 10 percent of the total program costs while departments serving more than 50,000 residents share 30 percent of the total program costs.

According to FEMA, departments receiving grants for fire prevention programs are: Alsip Fire Department, Alsip: $76,703; Evergreen Park Fire Department, Evergreen Park: $6,593; and Mokena Fire Protection District, Mokena: $44,862.

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Congressman Bill Lipinski is presently accepting nomination request letters from young persons in the 3rd Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academies. These students would be requesting entrance in the summer of 2005. The service academies include: Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, West Point Military Academy and the Merchant Marines.

Requirements for consideration include: must be at least 17 years old but not have reached their 22nd birthday by July 1st, 2005, be a U.S. citizen, have graduated from high school, taken the ACT and/or SAT tests and meet the entrance requirements of the preferred Academy.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible or no later than September 1st, 2004. For information contact Lenore Goodfriend at (312) 886-0481 or (708) 952-0860.

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Seniors will be better protected from the flu and pneumonia under legislation sponsored by State Rep. Kevin Joyce and passed out of committee last Thursday.

The legislation requires assisted living and shared housing facilities to administer flu and pneumonia shots to residents 65 years of age or older. If the facility does not administer medication, they must advice their residents to consult a physician on where and how they can receive the vaccinations.

This bill has the potential to save thousands of lives," Joyce said. "There is no reason that in today's world of medical advances anyone should suffer from what could be a life threatening illness because they failed to receive flu and pneumonia vaccinations for the winter."

Each year up to 60,000 adults dies in the United States from an infectious disease. Many of these are seniors, whose deaths from the flu or pneumonia could have been prevented with a vaccination. For example, flu vaccines can prevent up to 70% of hospitalizations and 85% of deaths from flu-related pneumonia.

Senate Bill 2768 passed the House Aging Committee unanimously and now goes before the full House for consideration.

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The Illinois Republican Party is pleased to announce that special guest Karl Rove will be the keynote speaker at this year's Illinois Republican State Convention in Collinsville on Saturday, May 15th. According to Illinois Republican Party Communications Director Jason Gerwig, "we have Illinois Republican National Committeeman Bob Kjellander of Springfield to thank for securing Rove, President Bush's White House Senior Advisor.

"Karl Rove is one of President Bush's most trusted advisors. He assisted the successful Bush campaign for governor of Texas in both '94 and '98 and will undoubtedly play a major role in the upcoming presidential election," Gerwig concluded.

For information about this event contact the Illinois Republican Party at (312) 201-9000.

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Representatives of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) announced that the organization is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. With over 1,750 members, JULIE, Inc. stresses the importance of calling the one-call system before starting any digging projects and promotes safe digging practices in Illinois.

JULIE, Inc., also known as the Illinois One-Call System, is proactively involved in a variety of public and member education and safety programs aimed at increasing the use of the one-call system and reducing accidents through increased awareness of the excavation dangers. Illinois law requires anyone digging, regardless of depth, to call JULIE, Inc. (1-800-892-0123) at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. Call center operators are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With over 14.5 million calls received and processed since its inception and an annual call volume of over 1.1 million, JULIE, Inc. is one of the largest industry one-call non-profit systems in the United States.

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Medco Settlement

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently joined Attorneys General from 19 other states in announcing the settlement of consumer protection claims against Medco Health Solutions, Inc., the world's largest pharmaceutical benefits management (PBM) company.

As part of the settlement, Medco is required to significantly change its business practices. Medco also will pay up to $2.5 million in reimbursement to patients and $20.2 million in *cy pres* payments, including more than $1.4 million to Illinoisans.

In Illinois, the *cy pres* funds will be used to help low-income, disabled or elderly patients purchase generic medications they otherwise could not afford. Medco also will pay $6.6 million to the states in costs, including $410,000 to Illinois.

While many consumers with health insurance may not realize it, PBMs play a significant role in their health care coverage and process approximately two-thirds of all prescription drug spending in the United States. PBMs contract with employer and government health plans to design lists of drugs patients can use and be reimbursed for by a plan; negotiate with drug companies to obtain volume discounts for drugs on the formulary; negotiate discounts with participating retail pharmacists to provide dispensing services at a discount; dispense drugs to beneficiaries through PBM-owned mail order pharmacies at a discount.

"Through this settlement, Medco will now be held accountable for its decisions when it comes to switching drugs, and Illinois consumers will benefit from these important changes in the way Medco does business. Drug switches should be made to benefit patients – not just Medco," Madigan said. "In addition, our state now has an additional $1.4 million to help buy prescription drugs for those who are least able to afford them but may need them the most."

Madigan said that because of the large number of patients covered by health plans that contract with Medco, these changes will have a dramatic impact on patients throughout the United States. Medco is the nation's largest PBM, with more than 62 million covered patients.

Madigan and the other 19 attorneys general filed complaints in their state courts alleging that Medco engaged in deceptive business practices by encouraging doctors to switch patients to different prescription drugs under the assumption that the patients and health plans would save money. But, the suits allege, the drug switches often increased the cost to patients. Moreover, according to the suits, Medco did not pass the company's savings on to patients or their health care plans and failed to follow its policy of covering the switch-related costs.

The suits allege that while Medco claimed to be saving the patients and health plans money, the drug switches generally benefited Medco. Medco allegedly did not inform doctors or patients that the switches would increase rebate payments from drug manufacturers to Medco. The states also allege the drug switches resulted in increased costs to patients and health plans, due primarily to the need for follow-up visits and tests. For example, when Medco switched patients from certain cholesterol-lowering medications to Zocor, that switch usually required patients to undergo follow-up blood tests.

"Medco was supposed to be a disinterested middleman who negotiated discounts and formularies," Madigan said. "Instead we found that Medco often was negotiating based on what profits it could reap from a decision to switch drugs. The settlement means that Medco's future decision-making process will be more transparent and better for patients."

Governor's Award

The Waste Management and Research Center is accepting applications for the 2004 Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards, a program recognizing Illinois companies and organizations for innovative pollution prevention efforts. The WMRC is a division of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources.

"For 18 years, the WMRC has presented the Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards to private and public sector organizations and businesses that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold. "We are impressed every year with the outstanding work being done by so many Illinois companies and groups in preventing pollution and conserving valuable resources."

Any Illinois public or private organization is eligible to apply for an award through the program. Eligible applicants are evaluated in one of the following categories:

- Small, Medium or Large Business/Industrial Facility
- Vendor/Supplier
- Community Group
- Trade Organization/Association
- Educational Institution
- Service Organization (i.e. medical, military, government)

Applications for the 2004 Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards are due no later than May 21st. Applications will be reviewed by technical experts from the WMRC and site visits may be performed.

Winners will be announced at the Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 21st at The Abbington in Glen Ellyn.

Information on the awards program and an application form are available by contacting Bob Iverson, WMRC Information Services Manager, at (217) 333-8946, e-mail: biverson@wmrc.uiuc.edu, or on the WMRC web site at www.wmrc.uiuc.edu. Click on "Governor's Awards" in the Special Projects section of the home page.

Art Fair Exhibitors

A special invitation is extended to area artists and craftsmen to apply to be among the participants in the 44th Arts Experience, an art fair to be presented by American Society of Artists, a national membership organization, on the sidewalks of Plaza of Americas, 420 N. Michigan Ave., on Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Art in Action will be included in the show with some of the exhibitors working/demonstrating at various times during the show. Programs will be available free of charge at the show listing the exhibitors, their medium and showing their location in the show.

Potential exhibitors in this popular event are invited to submit four slides or photographs representative of their work they wish to exhibit, one slide/photograph of their display set-up, self-addressed, stamped business-size (No. 10) envelope, resume/show listing helpful.

Additional information may be obtained from American Society of Artists, PO Box 1326, Palatine, IL 60078; (312) 751-2500 or visit online at http://www.americansocietyofartists.org.

The On Track Singles Hold Social Events

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles is offering an evening of miniature golf Saturday, May 22nd, at Smuggler's Cove at 153rd St. and Harlem Ave., Orland Park.

Dinner will follow at Gino's East, 159th St. and Harlem Ave., Orland Park.

*The group will leave St. Mary's south parking lot, 6435 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, at 5 p.m. or meet at Smuggler's Cove at 6 p.m.

To register, call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m. or Steve Doyle at (708) 268-9482 or e-mail sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

Airport Vendor Summit

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with South Suburban Airport Commission, will co-host the South Suburban Airport Vendor Summit on Monday, May 17th in downtown Park Forest.

The Vendor Summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon. According to Congressman Jackson's office, the Vendor Summit is designed to target businesses and contractors in South Cook, Will and Kankakee Counties who are interested in benefiting from business opportunities the development of a third airport in the region would bring.

"We saw involvement in this project as ideal since we have long been proponents of the development of the third airport in the Southland and our primary business lies in representing the interest of the business communities that exists in the Southland," stated Kevin McNulty, president and CEO of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

The south suburban airport project is slated to improve economic development and job growth in the Chicago Southland. According to summit organizers, this summit is designed to provide an opportunity for developers and businesses to develop mutually beneficial business partnerships.

Businesses are encouraged to bring their business portfolios to the summit. Cost of the program, which is open to the business community, is free to the public; however, pre-registration is required. For reservations or further information, contact Keiana Barrett at (708) 798-6000.

Christmas In July

The Worth Township Seniors are planning a "Christmas in July Celebration" at Niko's at 7600 S. Harlem on July 14th. There will be Polynesian entertainment as well as a "Holiday" meal. Also included will be bingo games with prizes and gifts. The cost is $38.

The bus will leave the township center at 11601 S. Pulaski at 10 a.m. and return around 4 p.m.

For reservations, call Jean at (708) 371-2900, Ex. 28.

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Please mail to the attention of:
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

CLASS REUNIONS

Harrison High School – Reunion for classes of 1931 through 1959, Sept. 26th at The Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Call Brian Brown at (708) 366-3423 or Marilyn Havlat at (708) 246-7568.

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Curie High School class of 1979 will meet on Sept. 25th. Call (708) 614-7644.

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Gage Park High School class of 1954 will meet on Oct. 8th. Call (708) 349-0908.

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Harrison High School, classes of 1959 to January 1961, will meet on Sept. 18th. Call (708) 352-2952.

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St. Theodore Grammar School class of 1954 will meet on Sept. 11th. Call (773) 284-6968 or (847) 548-5687.

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Austin High School class of 1969 will meet on Sept. 28th. Contact Linda at stlimitz@aol.com.

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St. Francis de Paula class of 1954 is seeking classmates and others for a Sept. 25th, 2004 reunion. Call Patty at (847) 342-3616 or Evelyn at (708) 422-8806.

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John Harlan High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 264-5775 or (630) 707-8000.

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Calumet High School class of 1944 will hold their 60th year class reunion on Oct. 3rd, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip. Call Gladys Mountford at (708) 424-1063.

Irish Fest At Gaelic Park

Celebrating Memorial Day Weekend at Gaelic Park's Irish Fest has become a South Side family tradition. Continuing the custom, this year's Fest, held at Gaelic Park's 50-acre complex, located at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The Festival has become a family tradition because it offers something for everyone. Over 50 musical performers will appear on Gaelic Park's five covered stages. "The Godfather of Irish Song, Tommy Makem (pictured), popular Irish rockers, Black 47, local traditional starts, Bohola, the high-energy female traditional Irish group, Cherish the Ladies, and Irish tenor Pat Woods are all welcome back for smashing performances this year.

Each year, the Festival attracts several new and exciting acts. This year, Gaelic Park presents more new acts than ever. Millish, The Diggers, Jed Marum, City Limits, The Indulgers, Knot Fibb'n, The Elders, Gael Force, Seven Nations, and The Mulloy Brothers are all appearing at Gaelic Park for the first time.

Loads of local entertainers will be performing, including The Larkin & Moran Brothers, The Irish Musicians, 3 Men in Kilts, Finnegan & Callahan, Sean O'Donnell, Pat Daly & The Sounds of Green, Bernie Glim & Country Roads, Bluestack, Salthill Mines, Burren Ceili Band, Shannon Rovers Pipe Band, Lavin Cassidy Irish Dancers, and many, many more.

In addition to the great live musical performances, there will also be live one-act plays and performances by theatre groups from the Irish American Heritage Singers, Prairie Dog Theatre, Beverly Theatre Guild, Irish Repertory Theatre, Standby Productions, and Gaelic Park's own Gaelic Park Players.

In keeping with favorite family traditions, one stage will be dedicated solely to children's entertainment, including acts such as Callahan's Crackups, Wizard of Wonder, Family fun Show, Magical Mystery Show, O'Neil's Fun & Frolics, and many more. There will also be face painting contests, pony rides, and the huge carnival midway. Unlimited rides are included in the low admission price of $12.

Finally, the Fest offers a wide variety of food vendors and an "Irish Mall," consisting of 20 Irish import stores.

The big Irish party starts Friday, May 28, from 3 to 11:30 p.m. with half-price admission from 3 to 4 p.m. It continues Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, from noon to 11:30 p.m., with a special mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. The Festival concludes on Monday, Memorial Day, from noon to 8 p.m.

For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit their website at www.ggp-chicago.org.

Luvabulls Dancers Auditions

The Chicago Bulls Basketball Team is searching for dancers to join its female dance team, the Luvabulls.

The Luvabulls is accepting applications for new members. Female dancers 21 years and older may submit applications prior to Saturday, June 5.

The auditions for the 25-member team will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago.

The auditions will be for pre-approved applicants.

One selected, the dancers will be scheduled to perform at all Chicago Bulls home games and have the opportunity to appear and perform at numerous other events across the country including banquets, corporate parties, conventions, promotional events, trade shows and charity events.

Forms are available at www.bulls.com <http://www.bulls.com/> or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: C.C. Company of Illinois, Inc., Attn: Luvabull Application, P.O. Box 4712, Wheaton, IL., 60189-4712.

More information on the Luvabulls is available at www.bulls.com <http://www.bulls.com/> or by calling C.C. Company of Illinois, Inc. at (630) 668-7915.

Dianne Reeves Will Appear At GSU Center

Often compared to great female jazz artists Sarah Vaughn and Ella Fitzgerald, Grammy Award-winner Dianne Reeves will appear on Saturday, May 22nd at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. Reeves and her trio will perform selections from her 2004 Grammy Award-winning CD, *A Little Moonlight*, as well as repertoire that traverses the world of pop, blues, folk and Latin music.

Reeves' extensive and versatile career has allowed her to explore different forms of jazz music in her 11 albums. Following her 2002 Grammy-winning orchestral album, *The Calling: Celebrating Sarah Vaughn*, she chose to return to a simpler, all-acoustic setting. In December of 2002 Reeves worked with legendary producer Arif Mardin to record *A Little Moonlight*, an intimate collection of 10 tunes featuring her touring trio: pianist Peter Martin, bassist Reuben Rogers and drummer Greg Hutchinson.

Reeves continues to tour and has garnered a remarkable array of recognition and special appearances. Aside from winning her second Grammy Award for her 2002 album, *The Calling*, she performed at the closing ceremony of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. She sang on the season finale of HBO's hit series *Sex and the City* and received the Ella Fitzgerald Award at the Montreal International Jazz Festival. Reeves was appointed the Creative Chair for Jazz of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and has released a career-spanning compilation CD on Blue Note Records, *The Best of Dianne Reeves*. She recently performed the national anthem at the inaugural gala for the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles in 2003.

Tickets are $43/$38/$34. For tickets, call the box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.govst.edu/center.

Immersion Weekends

The Chicago Office of Tourism now offers visitors even more reasons to visit Chicago with a new series of **Immersion Weekends**. Each package will include a two-night stay in first class downtown hotel accommodations along with a pre-planned itinerary in theater, architecture or art museums and galleries.

"**Immersion Weekends** are a wonderful way for visitors to sample some of Chicago's best loved cultural attributes – from theater to architecture to the visual arts," said Dorothy Coyle, Director of the Chicago Office of Tourism. "We're especially pleased to be able to offer weekend packages that include opportunities to explore the city's newest attraction – Millennium Park."

Travelers can now reserve *Theater, Art and Antiques* and the *Great Chicago Places and Spaces* **Immersion Weekend** packages by calling toll-free 1(877) 244-2246 or visiting the web site, www.877chicago.com. *Museums and Galleries* and *Lakefront Adventures* **Immersion Weekend** packages will be available for purchase. Customer service representatives will be able to assist **Immersion Weekend** guests who wish to extend their two-night stay in Chicago with special hotel rates.

Symphony Concerts

Two ensembles from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will present concerts at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum this May, part of the CSO's ongoing Musician Residency Program at the Pilsen Museum. The Icarus String Quartet will perform two programs on Sunday, May 16th at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The repertoire to be selected for this performance will be inspired by the museum's new exhibit "Mexican Modernism and the Arts of Gunther Gerzo."

The Chicago Winds will appear at the museum on Saturday, May 22nd at 1 p.m. They will present a performance of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, with Spanish narration by Rita Simo, founder and executive director of People's Music School. All the events are free and open to the public. The museum is at 1852 W. 19th St. in Chicago.

Uchida To Conduct Concerts

Symphony Center recently announced that conductor Sir Charles Mackerras has regrettably withdrawn from his May 13th to 18th appearances with the CSO due to illness. Mackerras was scheduled to conduct the Orchestra in a program of music by Janacek, Mozart and Dvorak. Piano soloist for these concerts, Mitsuko Uchida, has graciously agreed to step in and also serve as conductor in a new all-Mozart program. Ms. Uchida will play and conduct Mozart's Piano Concertos Nos. 12 and 19. In addition, the Wind Serenade No. 12 will also [illegible] Subscriber should direct all questions to (312) 294-3000.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Summer Embrace Art Exhibition

This summer, the **Embrace Art Exhibition** at the Chicago Tourism Center, 72 E. Randolph St., invites visitors to preview three of the city's major summer highlights in celebration of the visual arts during *Embrace Art in Chicago: Summer 2004*. The three-featured displays in the exhibition are **Millennium Park Unveiled, The Art of Art in the Garden** and **For the Birds Preview** beginning May 13th through Sept. 30th. Hours of the free exhibition are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"With the **Embrace Art Exhibition** at the Chicago Tourism Center, we are building excitement for the city's summer events during the *Embrace Art in Chicago* tourism initiative," said Dorothy Coyle, Director of the Chicago Office of Tourism. "Visitors can begin their experience at the Chicago Tourism Center, then explore and celebrate the richness and diversity of Chicago's visual arts community throughout the city."

Visitors to the Chicago Tourism Center can trace the development of *Millennium Park*, Chicago's new 24.5-acre cultural and entertainment venue through the models, drawings and plans of **Millennium Park Unveiled**. Through this display, visitors will have an exclusive look at how Chicago's newest marvel came to be. This serves as the perfect complement to an actual visit to the park, which will celebrate its public grand opening beginning July 16th.

Visitors can experience the best of spring while strolling through **The Art of Art in the Garden** display before the city's parks are officially in bloom. These include an array of artists' proposal drawings and models of the *Art in the Garden* exhibition scheduled to open to the public on June 15th. Twenty-four Chicago Park District floral gardens will be transformed using plants, sculptures and a variety of creative elements. **The Art of Art in the Garden** display will also detail how a landscaper's idea is turned into a floral masterpiece. Garden enthusiasts and nature lovers may even pick up an idea or two for their own garden or yard, including the addition of a birdhouse.

Another insider's perspective on Chicago's summer events is the **For the Birds Preview**. Visitors will not want to miss examples of the 100 historical, contemporary and futuristic artistic birdhouses designed by renowned artists and architects before they are put on display in *For the Birds: An Amazing Exhibition of Bird House Dwellings by Chicago Artists and Architects* at the Clarke House Museum and throughout Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, 1827 S. Indiana Ave., from June 15th to Oct. 15th. These birdhouses are not just for the birds. Both children and adults will be amazed by these delightful creations.

Katz Is Guest Speaker

Comedian and Emmy Award winner Jonathan Katz will speak to people with multiple sclerosis about his personal experience with the disease at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22nd, in Westin Chicago O'Hare, 6100 N. River Road, Rosemont.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Katz is best known for creating, writing and starring in the Comedy Central animated series "Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist."

Dr. Heidi Crayton also will speak at the program. Crayton is an MS specialist at Georgetown University Multiple Sclerosis Center in Washington, D.C. She will speak about the latest in MS treatments and research.

To register for the free program, open to anyone wanting to learn about MS, call (866) 955-9999.

Concert And Art Show

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will host its annual Spring Band Concert and Senior Art Show tonight, Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. The program will include musical performances by the Concert Band and Ritanettes in the Auditorium and art displays by senior students in the library. Tickets are $3 for adults and high school students. Grade school students are free.

For more information, call the Mustang Band Room at (773) 925-6600, ext. 6659.

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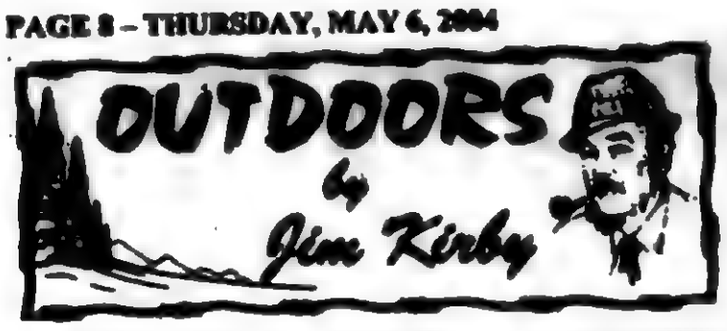

KUDZU AND SIX SPECIES OF BUCKTHORN NOW ILLEGAL: When the allies invaded France during World War II, they encountered impenetrable hedgerows that slowed down their progress. It's my guess that those hedgerows were similar to varieties of plants that are serious threats in this country. Any hunter who has knocked a bird down that took cover in honeysuckle or similar cover knows the problem of retrieving that bird, no dog in its right mind would attempt to go into that type of cover. Loss of an eye or other injuries are possible. The only recourse is a long flushing stick to prod or move the bird to an opening where it can be picked up.

Kudzu and six species of buckthorn, all exotic species that can take over the landscape and choke out native plants are now illegal in Illinois. The new law adds these non-native species to the list of Illinois exotic weeds, making it illegal to buy, sell or plant these species in Illinois, and join Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose and purple loosestrife on the weeds list.

The Department of Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Tourism, along with the U.S. Forest, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service all have been working together to eradicate kudzu in Illinois before the federally listed noxious weed becomes a major economic and wildlife habitat pest.

■**MUST THINGS TO DO DURING THE MONTH OF MAY:** The Palos Gun Club will have a steak shoot on May 23 and will be open to the public. The 10 target shoot will be the shooters choice: trap or 5-stand clays. The club is located at 24038 S. Harlem Ave. in Frankfort, The shoot hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone (815) 469-4446.

The Palos Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will have its 40th Anniversary Dinner, Wednesday, May 26th, starting at 6 p.m. at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills.

Activities include: $5,000 grand prize raffle; Gun boards; Gun raffle; Silent auction; Door prizes; Regular auction; Sit down dinner; Open bar; Mystery box and Pick of litter. Ticket price is $60, contact Frank Rini, (708) 923-1990 or Jim Mayer (708) 429-8696.

"Both of these events are fun for the entire family-see you there!!

■**FROM THE CALUMET HARBOR SPORT FISHERMEN NEWSLETTER: "Platte River hatchery loses 458,000 cohos-** Shock, disbelief, and disappointment met workers at the Platte River Fish Hatchery when they arrived for work March 8. Hundreds of thousands of dead yearling coho salmon were floating belly-up in one raceway at the newly renovated facility. They were victims of a mechanical malfunction by one of the pumps that keep water circulating in the raceways.

The pump failed during the night of March 8, resulting in the loss of approximately 458,000 yearling coho (10- to 14-inch fish) out of a total projected coho stock this year of 1.065 million.

Apparently, a re-circulating pump cycled down, but did not completely blow out. If it had blown out, it would have triggered an alarm. The loss will likely be felt in southern Lake Michigan in 2005. DNR managers said this should not have any effect on their egg-taking capabilities, which is of primary importance."

"Alert-flare gun malfunction- A defective opening mechanism in some 12-gauge plastic flare guns manufactured by Olin (now Orion Safety Products) prior to 2000 may not open wide enough to accept a flare cartridge. For details see http://www.uscgboating.org/news/alertsview.aspx?id=20."

"Boat recall alert registry- Federal law requires boat builders to issue recall defect notices to original boat owners for a period of ten years after manufacture. However there is no requirement to notify subsequent owners of a boat if a recall is issued. Boat U.S. has stepped in to fill this gap with its National Recall Alert Registry. This is a free service and boat owners must register with Boat U.S. to participate."

■**SPECIAL FIREARM DEER HUNT:** In an effort to better manage the deer population adjacent to Baldwin Lake in southwest Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is instituting a special firearm deer hunt on part of the Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area this fall. Firearm deer hunters will be able to apply for a permit to hunt deer on part of the rest area between Baldwin Lake and the Doza Creek Waterfowl Management Area. Permits to take antlerless deer will be issued to 30 hunters for use during the first firearm season, and to 30 hunters for use during the second season.

Hunters interested in this opportunity should apply using the 2004 deer permit application, specifying the Area as their preferred hunt area and their preference for the first or second season. Hunters with permits will be assigned a specific hunting area.

SXU Freshman Nick Tantillo Scores

Freshman third baseman Nick Tantillo went 5-for-7 on the day with a run scored and five RBI as the St. Xavier University baseball team handed Cardinal Stritch University (Wisc.) a pair of CCAC losses in a league doubleheader on Sunday. SXU won game one, 8-2, and took the nightcap, 12-2.

ThunderBolts Hire Randy Dunnett

The Windy City ThunderBolts have announced the hiring of Randy Dunnett who replaces Greg Beck who recently resigned as the Pitching Coach.

Dunnett is no stranger to Crestwood; he played with the Cheetahs for two years in 1999 and 2000. Since his last season, Dunnett has played semi-pro ball every summer while working as a private pitching, hitting and fielding instructor at Jack Perconte's Sports Academy. He also works at the Chicago Board of Trade.

Manager Steve Maddock feels that "it's important to bring people back that have been in the organization and the community and want the south side of Chicago to be proud of the team."

Even though coaching was not something Dunnett had considered, he now finds himself on the other side of the game. Dunnett has experienced success instructing and teaching younger ballplayers as well as his teammates and is confident that he will succeed as a coach at this level. "The most important lessons I can teach are in using mental motivation. I believe the mind is what separates the good players from the great ones, and teaching and communicating that is crucial in getting the most out of an athlete."

Maddock says, "I am very excited to have Randy aboard. Randy is someone that has a great passion and knowledge for the game. He has always been a very hard worker and a fierce competitor. I am very confident that it will rub off on the pitching staff."

Dunnett is honored to work alongside Maddock and Joe Charboneau and is looking forward to being a part of the organization. "I hope to be able to help build and create a sense of pride and tradition in the club," says Dunnett.

Summer Running Camp

Once again, Mother McAuley is proud to offer its summer running camp from June 21st to 25th from 9 to 11 a.m. for students entering 7th-12th grade. Running camp is an ideal introduction to the sport of running or as a way to hone your skills if you already have some running experience.

Our four coaches have been coaching at McAuley two to 14 years and our small number of campers guarantees individual attention. Campers will receive a camp T-shirt, along with a folder of instructional materials. Each of the five sessions will consist of 30-45 minutes of instruction followed by a warm-up run, stretching, a training run, and a cool-down.

A weight training program will be introduced to the high school runners. You do not have to be a skilled athlete to run. You do not need to purchase expensive equipment or even form a team. You can run whenever and wherever you wish and may begin running at any age. It is also a wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors. Call Coach Bob at (708) 423-0213 if you have any questions or wish an application.

NSA Men's Decker Early Bird Softball

Team registrations are being accepted now for the 23rd annual NSA Men's Decker Early Bird Softball Classic held from May 14th to 16th at the renovated River Road Park Softball Complex in Kankakee.

The Early Bird offers four divisions. The Men C Division is a Super World Series Qualifier. Classes B, D and E are World Series Qualifiers.

Tournament awards include $5,000 in travel money, Super World, World, regional and state berths and team trophies. The top three teams in each division will receive special limited edition Decker Man-Shark 4-color T-shirts.

Entry fee for classes D and E is $225. Class B and C entry fee is $250. All Decker optic yellow softballs are provided. Two NSA Umpires will be on the field for each game.

More information and entry forms are available at www.illinoisnsa.com, e-mail illinoisnsa@aol.com or call (815) 932-4536.

Youth Basketball

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have several remaining openings in their annual summer regional youth basketball tournament in the Bolingbrook area at the Bolingbrook Park District Recreation Centers from June 4th to 6th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $115 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is May 14th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265 or tournament director Joe Morelli at (630) 759-5874.

Sports Assault Bill

State Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced legislation to the Senate floor that would permit law enforcement officials to charge individuals who attack sports officials or coaches with aggravated assault.

Individuals convicted of the crime could be eligible for a term of imprisonment up to one year and a maximum fine of $2500.

Sen. Maloney's legislation would make the offense an act of aggravated assault if the attacker knows that the victim is a coach or sporting official. Additionally, the attack must occur near or within a sports facility and the victim must be participating in an event at the sports facility. This legislation includes referees and umpires refereeing a game at any level of play, from professional sports to T-ball and youth soccer.

"This legislation is a very necessary measure to protect both sports officials and coaches from violent fans," said Maloney. "As a former official, I can tell you that referees are an integral part of the game. In the past, the law didn't protect sports officials and coaches regardless of the extent of their injuries. This new legislation will make important clarifications to existing law strengthening our ability to send a clearer message that these types of attacks will not be tolerated."

House Bill 4023 now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

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Bremen Pom Pon Squad Placed Second

The Bremen Pom Pon squad (pictured) placed second in state only behind its sister school Oak Forest in the AA Prop category. The girls were among the 132 teams competing in 13 categories during the March 27 weekend at the University of Illinois Assembly Hall.

Head coach Rita Damhorst and assistant coaches Tina Rivera and Jenny Foss (choreographer) advise the squad. Pat Spreadbury provides the musical arrangements and set design.

Sixteen members of the Pom Pon squad includes captains Becky Erb and Erika Schmidt. Other squad members are Amanda Catellier, Jeanna Doesburg, Taylor Foy, Heather Haney, Sessily Hernandez, Jessica Landy, Jessyka Lynch, Brooke McCarthy, Maureen O'Leary, Breanna Sheridan, Karis Short, Shana Smith, Janet Tunzi and Amanda White.

To qualify for state competition, the squad had to score 78 points. Only eight teams qualified in the prop routines. Other categories, Pom Pon Dance, Dance Funk, Lyrical Dance, Kick, Prop, Production, Novelty, Short Flag, Tall Flag, Flag Show and Lyrical Flag. Schools were divided by size for the A, AA or AAA division.

"This is a huge accomplishment for a team who has never competed before. Last year they went to state for the first time in school history and they placed 12th in pom dance. This year, with only five veterans returning and most of the squad being freshmen and sophomores, they took second place," explained Mrs. Damhorst.

Sponsoring the event was the IDTA, an organization that offers many avenues of pep arts. According to Mrs. Damhorst, "Besides the IDTA clinics, workshops and pom contest being run, the organizations host an all-star program for dancers."

IDTA offers scholarships as well. After meeting grade requirements and writing an essay, 53 all-star seniors were honored and 87 girls received recognition. Becky Erb was honored as an IDTA All-Star and performed with the other All-Stars in a hip hop routine at the state contest honoring the 25th anniversary.

The Miss Illinois Drill Team competition was held and six girls qualified.

Special Olympics At Soldier Field

Special Olympics athletes will return home to Soldier Field Tuesday, May 11, where the very first Special Olympics Games were held 36 years ago. Joined by Master of Ceremonies WGN sports anchor Mike Barz and surrounded by coaches, family members and volunteers, more than 4,000 talented competitors are expected to march in the Parade of Athletes to celebrate the 2004 Spring Games and honor the rich history of Special Olympics. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. and are free and open to the public.

The ceremonious Lighting of the Torch at Soldier Field is a 36-year testament to the international success of a program with modest beginnings. From just 1,000 athletes from 26 states and Canadian provinces in 1968, Special Olympics now serves over one million athletes worldwide in more than 150 countries.

"In the spirit of inclusion and the finest recreational opportunities for all Chicagoans, we are dedicated to continuing the Special Olympics legacy," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Tim Mitchell. "And what better place to stand and celebrate than at Soldier Field where history was made more than three and a half decades ago."

Joining the ranks of Special Olympics supporters, Subway has generously offered to donate 4,000 sandwiches to the day's events and Subway's popular fitness spokesperson, Jared, will be on hand to rally the athletes and deliver the Special Olympic Oath.

Opening Ceremonies for the Special Olympics 2004 Spring Games were also made possible by gracious contributions from UBS and Coca-Cola.

The first Special Olympics Games were held at Soldier Field on July 20, 1968 with 1,000 athletes from the United States and Canada competing in aquatics and athletics. The games were a cooperative effort of the city of Chicago, the Chicago Park District and the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation. Today, Special Olympics training and competition programs are in more than 150 countries with more than one million athletes and growing fast.

There are 5,000 registered Special Olympics athletes in the city of Chicago, which is larger than 26 state programs. Special Olympics Chicago is one of 17 areas of Special Olympics Illinois programs offering training and competition in 22 sports training and events. Athletes learn fundamentals, rules and strategies from their coaches during a training period prior to competition. Competitions are held at the Area, Regional and State levels. Special Olympics Chicago also provides motor activities training programs for persons with severe and profound disabilities.

Special Olympics Chicago is a successful public/private partnership in cooperation with the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Public Schools and Special Children's Charities. The program is wholeheartedly devoted to Chicago's children and adults with mental retardation who need dedication and support.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Monday, 4-26-04
Bremen 11, Tinley Park 1
Eisenhower 14, T.F. North 1
Gordon Tech 14, Leo 0
Holy Cross 13, St. Laurence 0
Kennedy 13, Ag Science 9
Lockport 13, Lincoln-way East 11
Loyola 5, Brother Rice 3
Marian Catholic 9, Marist 7
Oak Forest 9, Hillcrest 5
Richards 11, Stagg 1
St. Rita 7, Mount Carmel 6
Sandburg 4, Andrew 2
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Bremen 8, St. Francis de Sales 3
Illiana Christian 11, Walther Lutheran 4
Joliet 12, Marian Catholic 4
Kelly 14, Kennedy 4
Oak Lawn 12, Argo 0
Richards 11, Reavis 1
Sandburg 6, Marist 0
Shepard 7, Homewood-Flossmoor 5
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Bremen 13, Tinley Park 3
Brother Rice 14, Bishop McNamara 4
De La Salle 8, St. Laurence 7, 8 inn.
Fenwick 8, St. Rita 6
Lincoln-Way Central 11, Joliet 3
Lincoln-Way East 6, Lockport 1
Marist 13, Marian Catholic 1
Morgan Park Academy 5, Brooks 4
Oak Forest 16, Hillcrest 6
Providence 10, Hales Franciscan 0
Sandburg 10, Andrew 0
Thursday, 4-29-04
Argo 6, Oak Lawn 3
Brother Rice 4, Providence 1
Farragut 6, Bogan 3
Hales Franciscan 12, Leo 7
Harper 8, Bogan 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 12, Shepard 2
Joliet 14, Lincoln-Way East 4
Julian 4, Ag Science 3
Lemont 5, Plainfield Central 1
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Stagg 3
Lockport 8, Andrew 7
Morgan Park 11, Crane 9
Richards 13, Reavis 3
Westinghouse 24, Kennedy 3
Friday, 4-30-04
Eisenhower 5, Hillcrest 0
Marian Catholic 7, Thornwood 1
North Shore 2, Morgan Park Academy 0
Oak Forest 4, Tinley Park 1
Sheperd 12, Chicago Christian 2
Saturday, 5-1-04
Lincoln-Way East 3, Plainfield Central 3

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, 4-26-04
Argo 5, Morton 0
Lockport 3, Plainfield Central 2
Oak Lawn 3, Andrew 2
Shepard 4, Illiana Christian 1
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Brother Rice 4, Mt. Carmel 2
Eisenhower 4, Reavis 1
Fenwick 4, St. Ignatius 1
Gordon Tech 4, De La Salle 1
Lincoln-Way East 7, Thornwood 0
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Oak Lawn 2
Marian Catholic 4, St. Joseph 1
Sheperd 5, Oak Forest 0
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Andrew 6, Brother Rice 0
Morgan Park Academy 3, Chicago Christian 2
Thursday, 4-29-04
Andrew 4, Joliet 0
Argo 5, Bolingbrook 0
Bremen 3, Oak Forest 2
Fenwick 4, Providence 1
Lincoln-way East 4, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Loyola 4, Brother Rice 1
Mt. Carmel 4, De La Salle 1
Oak Lawn 4, Richards 1
Reavis 4, Romeoville 1
Sandburg 5, Lockport 0
Stagg 4, Shepard 1
Friday, 4-30-04
Chicago Christian 3, Shepard 2
Illiana Christian 4, Eisenhower 1
Young 5, Morgan Park Academy 0
Saturday 5-1-04
Leyden 4, Brother Rice 1
Glenbrook South Invite
Final Team Standings: 1, Glenbrook South 56. 2, Loyola 34. 3, Maine South 24. 4, Libertyville 19. 5, Elk Grove 14. 6, Sandburg 11. 7, tie, Evanston and Niles West 5.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 4-26-04
Oak Lawn d. T.F. North 25-17, 25-13
Shepard d. Reavis 25-16, 14-25, 25-15
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Fenwick d. St. Laurence 26-24, 25-22
Lincoln-Way C. d. Stagg 19-25, 25-18, 25-11
Lincoln-Way East d. H-F 25-22, 17-25, 25-24
Marian Catholic d. St. Joseph 25-15, 25-10
Mt. Carmel d. Providence 19-25, 25-22, 25-21
Oak Forest d. Richards 26-24, 25-23
Sandburg d. Andrew 25-13, 25-16
Washington d. Ag Science 25-16, 26-24
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Oak Lawn d. Argo 25-12, 25-17
St. Rita d. Lyons 25-18, 28-26
Shepard d. T.F. North 25-3, 25-14
Thursday, 4-29-04
Brother Rice d. Fenwick 25-9, 25-13
Lincoln-Way E. d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-20, 23-25, 25-17
Marist d. Marian Cath. 25-21, 23-25, 25-19
Mt. Carmel d. Gordon Tech 25-6, 25-20
St. Laurence d. De La Salle 25-8, 25-20
St. Rita d. St. Ignatius 25-11, 25-17
Stagg d. Lockport 25-11, 25-21
Friday, 4-30-04
Shepard d. Illiana Christian 25-20, 25-21
Downers Grove South Tournament
Sandburg d. Niles West 25-19, 25-22
Sandburg d. Hinsdale S. 25-16, 24-26, 25-15
Glenbard East d. Reavis 25-15, 25-16
Saturday, 5-1-04
Downers Grove South Tournament
Oak Lawn d. Willowbrook 16-25, 25-10, 25-16
Gold Division (Championship)
Sandburg d. Glenbard E. 26-24, 25-23
Oak Park d. Sandburg 25-22, 22-25, 25-21
Lake Park d. Sandburg 25-17, 23-25, 25-17 (3rd)
Wheaton-Warrenville S. d. Oak Park 25-14, 25-12 (title)
Eisenhower Invite
Ag Science d. Washington 25-21, 25-23
Eisenhower d. Ag Science 25-21, 22-25, 25-13
Eisenhower d. Luther East 25-16, 25-14
Eisenhower d. Washington 25-23, 25-15
Richards d. Ag Science 25-20, 25-19
Richards d. Luther East 25-15, 25-14
Richards d. Washington 25-22, 25-13
Washington d. Luther E. 25-21, 16-25, 26-24
Richards d. Eisenhower 25-21, 25-22

BOYS WATER POLO
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Andrew 10, Bradley 4
Homewood-Flossmoor 20, Bremen 3
Latin 10, St. Rita 9
Lincoln-Way East 10, Lincoln-Way Central 7
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Sandburg 9, Lyons 7
Thursday, 4-29-04
Sandburg 10, Lockport 1
Lincoln-Way East 12, Stagg 4
Friday, 4-30-04
M.C.A.C. Meet
Brother Rice 15, St. Viator 7
Loyola 15, St. Rita 9
Fenwick 19, Mount Carmel 1
St. Patrick 19, St. Ignatius 7
Saturday, 5-1-04
Metro Catholic Aquatic Conference Meet
Brother Rice 13, St. Patrick 7
Fenwick 18, Loyola 5
Loyola 8, St. Patrick 6 (3rd)
Fenwick 11, Brother Rice 10 (OT) (title)

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 4-26-04
Chicago Christian 0, Marist 0
De La Salle 5, Mother Guerin 0
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Joliet 0
Lincoln-Way East 2, Lockport 0,
Maria 1, Shepard 1
Oak Forest 5, Queen of Peace 2
Tinley Park 1, Rich Central 0
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Argo 4, Reavis 0
Hancock 4, Morgan Park 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Bloom 0
Maria 4, Chicago Notre Dame 0
Oak Lawn 3, Bolingbrook 1
Providence 4, Marian Catholic 0
Romeoville 6, Richards 1
St. Ignatius 3, Regina 2
Timothy Christian 3, Illiana Christian 2
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Lincoln-Way East 4, Joliet 1
Maria 2, De La Salle 0
Tinley Park 7, T.F. North 1
Thursday, 4-29-04
Argo 3, Oak Lawn 0
Bogan 4, Kenwood 0
De La Salle 4, Notre Dame 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Bloom 0
Mother McAuley 4, IHM 1
Providence 2, Marist 1
Reavis 4, Richards 1
St. Ignatius 1, Oak Park 1
Stagg 2, Lincoln-Way Central 1, PK
Friday, 4-30-04
Bolingbrook 1, Mt. Assisi 1
Illiana Christian 7, Luther North 2
Naperville Invitational
Lincoln-Way Central 2, Sandburg 1
Saturday, 5-1-04
Chicago Christian 3, Illiana Christian 3
Fenwick 3, Marist 1
Morton 4, Argo 2
Naperville Tournament
Fremd 3, Lincoln-Way East 0
Sandburg 1, St. Charles East 1

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, 4-26-04
Ag Science 16, Bogan 1
Bremen 17, T.F. North 0
Evergreen Park 3, Illiana Christian 2
Joliet Catholic 5, Providence 2
Lockport 13, Joliet 1
Marian Catholic 3, Bishop McNamara 2
Marist 5, Providence 1
Morgan Park 17, Mather 7
Mother McAuley 8, St. Francis de Sales 0
Mount Assisi 3, Walther Lutheran 0
Oak Forest 7, Eisenhower 0
Richards 12, Maria 0
Sandburg 1, Lincoln-Way Central 0
Stagg 7, Andrew 1
Tuesday, 4-27-04
Ag Science 14, Tilden 2
Illiana Christian 9, Walther Lutheran 0
Joliet 3, Marian Catholic 2
Lane Tech 14, Kennedy 4
Lemont 3, Oswego 0
Oak Lawn 1, Argo 0
Providence 7, Bishop McNamara 4
Queen of Peace 9, St. Ignatius 2
Reavis 1, Richards 0, 8 inn.
Resurrection 4, Maria 0
St. Francis de Sales 2, Bremen 1
Westmont 2, Evergreen Park 1, 9 inn.
Wednesday, 4-28-04
Bremen 16, Hillcrest 0
Chicago Christian 10, Luther North 0
De La Salle 9, Seton 8
Illiana Christian 1, Walther Christian 0
Joliet Catholic 5, Providence 4
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Andrew 3
Lockport 16, Plainfield Central 1
Marian Catholic 9, Bishop McNamara 7
Mount Assisi 5, Oak Lawn 0
St. Ignatius 5, Lane Tech 4
Sandburg 5, Lincoln-Way East 2
Shepard 3, Mother McAuley 1
T.F. South 2, Eisenhower 1
Thursday, 4-29-04
Bogan 10, Englewood 5
Evergreen Park 2, Westmont 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Thornwood 0
Kennedy 14, Curie 7
Lemont 2, Plainfield Central 0
Marist 2, Illiana Christian 1
Mount Assisi 8, Mother Guerin 3
Oak Lawn 3, Romeoville 0
Queen of Peace 6, Regina 0
Reavis 1, Bolingbrook 0, 8 inn.
Richards 5, Argo 1
Sandburg 4, Stagg 0
Shepard 10, Thornton 0
Washington 4-11, Morgan park 3-5
Friday, 4-30-04
Bremen 9, T.F. South 0
Lincoln-Way Central 1, Lockport 0
Marian Catholic 10, Bradley 0
Mother McAuley 6, Eisenhower 1
Oak Forest 10, T.F. North 0
Shepard 12, Chicago Christian 0
Saturday, 5-1-04
Lemont 11-2, Sycamore 1-4
Ridgewood 6-12, St. Ignatius 1-6
Richards 5, Bremen 3
Romeoville 6-1, Eisenhower 3-6
Sycamore 4-1, Lemont 2-12

GIRLS WATER POLO
Monday, 4-26-04
Stagg 9, Richards 3
M.C.A.C.
Mother McAuley 15, Maria 7
St. Ignatius 11, Marian Catholic 3
Loyola 9, St. Viator 6
Saturday, 5-1-04
M.C.A.C. Meet
Mother McAuley 17, St. Ignatius 5
Fenwick 13, Loyola 1
Loyola 9, St. Ignatius 3 (3rd)
Fenwick 14, Mother McAuley 5 (title)

Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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DAIRY PRODUCTS ENHANCE WEIGHT LOSS

On April 16, an amazing study was published in *Obesity Research*, the official journal of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity. The findings: that adults on a reduced calorie diet who ate 3-4 servings of dairy foods each day lost an average of 24 pounds, significantly more than those who also cut calories but consumed few or no dairy foods.

In fact, the study indicates that 3-4 daily servings of milk, cheese or yogurt help people lose more weight by helping them burn more fat in the abdominal region, when compared to those who just cut calories or took calcium supplements. The mix of essential nutrients in dairy foods, including calcium and protein, appears to speed up metabolism and improve the ability of the body to burn fat.

"The practical significance of this research is simple—people lose more weight on diets that include three servings of dairy than on diets that don't, said lead researcher Michael Zemel, PhD, professor of nutrition, director of the Nutrition Institute, University of Tennessee. "By reducing body fat in the abdominal region, people may also reduce their risk of developing several chronic diseases, including heart disease and hypertension."

Dr. Zemel discovered the dairy-weight loss connection 14 years ago when he was originally studying high blood pressure in African-American men and noticed that those who consumed at least two servings of yogurt daily lost an average of 11 pounds during a one-year study without reducing calories. Other researchers have documented similar findings and more research is underway to better identify the role dairy foods play in weight loss.

These findings come at a time when over half of Americans are overweight or obese, meaning that most of us are at risk for weight-related health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. According to the US Surgeon General, in 2000 the total cost of obesity was estimated to be $117 billion. A recent research review of over 90 studies suggests that increasing dairy food intake to 3-4 servings each day as part of a lower-calorie, nutrient-rich diet could lead to a significant reduction in chronic disease risk, including obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, resulting in a cost savings of more than $200 billion over five years.

For more information, you may visit www.nationaldairycouncil.org.

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Great Strides Walk

On May 15th and 16th, Chicago-area residents will lace up their walking shoes and pound the pavement towards a cure for cystic fibrosis at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) Greater Illinois Chapter's 16th annual Great Strides walk-a-thon. Participants will raise money to benefit the more than 1,000 families in the Chicago metropolitan area who are waging a daily battle with cystic fibrosis (CF), the most common life-threatening genetic disease in the United States. CF affects 30,000 Americans.

"We are asking all Chicagoans to make a "great stride" forward by becoming a donor to the CFF. This disease is fought one day at a time and every donation gets us one step closer to finding a cure," said Carolyn Cronin, executive director of the Greater Illinois CF chapter. "While medical research and breakthroughs in the treatment of this disease have made it possible for many CF patients to live longer, there's still much work to be done. Our goal is to provide them with the quality of life they want and very much deserve."

More than 5,000 area residents are expected to participate in a total of seven walk sites. Participants will gather at Chicago's Montrose Harbor on Sunday, May 16th for a day of camaraderie, fun and festivities to help make "great strides" in CF research. The remaining walk sites will be held the previous Saturday, May 15th in the suburban cities of Schaumburg, Orland Park, Rockford, Morris and McHenry. In Orland Park the check-in is at 8:30 and the walk begins at 10 a.m. at 15600 West Ave. on May 15th.

Test New Vaccine

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago are testing a new vaccine that may prevent genital herpes infection in women. If it works, it would be the first vaccine ever developed for a sexually transmitted disease.

"Although antiviral drugs can treat and help prevent herpes outbreaks, the virus can't be eliminated once it enters the body," said Dr. Richard Novak, professor of infectious disease in the UIC College of Medicine. "If this vaccine proves effective, it would break the chain of transmission by preventing infection altogether and slow the spread of the disease."

The study at UIC is part of a nationwide trial resulting from a collaboration between the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the manufacturer of the vaccine, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals.

More than 7,500 women will be enrolled in the trial at 35 sites nationwide. Participants must be women between the ages of 18 and 30 who are free of herpes simplex virus, either type 1 or 2. Type 1 is associated with oral herpes, whereas type 2 is the primary cause of genital herpes. In an earlier study, the vaccine proved ineffective in men, as well as in women with herpes simplex virus type 1, but preliminary data suggested it worked in women who were free of both types of virus. Researchers are hoping to confirm this result in the present study.

In the trial, women will be randomly assigned to receive either the herpes vaccine or, as a control, a hepatitis A vaccine. They will be given three shots of vaccine, one at enrollment, another at one month and a booster at six months.

Blood samples will be drawn over the course of the 20-month trial to determine whether the women have developed antibodies to the herpes virus. The women will also be clinically evaluated for signs of the disease.

Genital herpes is the most common cause of genital ulceration in the developed world and one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the United States. More than a million new cases occur in the United States along every year. Forty-five million people in the United States aged 12 and older, or one out of five of the total adolescent and adult population, are infected with herpes simplex virus type 2.

The symptoms of genital herpes include painful blistering, ulceration and itching of the genital area. These symptoms can be extremely distressing. A major concern for people with genital herpes is passing the virus to their partners through sexual or other skin-to-skin contact.

Besides its physical and psychological impacts, genital herpes can be passed from mother to child at birth. An infant with herpes can become very ill or even die.

Women between the ages of 18 and 30 who are interested in participating in the UIC trial may call (800) 575-5758 or (312) 413-5897.

Transplant Organs

A Northwestern Memorial physician recently testified before the Illinois Senate in support of allowing the transplant of organs from HIV infected donors to those with HIV. Passage of this bill would make Illinois the first state in the country to allow this. "It makes social and scientific sense to increase the organ donor pool by using HIV-positive liver grafts for patients with HIV infection," said Patrick Lynch, M.D., a hepatologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "This will provide a safe and effective approach for expanding the organ donor pool and allowing patients with HIV to receive organs that would ordinarily be discarded. In addition to allowing HIV-positive patients to be transplanted sooner, this amendment would free up non-HIV-positive organs for other patients." Over the past eight years, there have been dramatic breakthroughs in the ability to treat and control HIV infection. Unfortunately, many of the patients who have HIV also have concurrent infection with hepatitis B or hepatitis C. "In fact, liver disease is now one of the most common causes of death in patients with HIV infection," adds Dr. Lynch. "This is why we are pursuing the use of transplantation in patients with advanced liver disease and cirrhosis." The Illinois House recently voted overwhelmingly to pass this legislation and it passed unanimously in a state Senate subcommittee. It is expected to go before the full Senate soon.

Childhood Asthma

May is National Asthma & Allergy Month.

La Rabida Children's Hospital is a leader in the treatment of childhood asthma. The La Rabida Community Asthma Program has screened more than 13,000 children in the Chicago Public School system and has found that approximately 11 percent have possible undiagnosed asthma.

If you would like to have an expert speak on topics related to childhood asthma and allergy, contact Lisa Jones or Ferren Farah in the La Rabida Public Relations office, (773) 363-6700, ext. 381.

Learn About Healthy Cooking

Want to learn more about healthy cooking? St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island will offer a vegetarian cooking class on Tuesday, May 11th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"Eat Your Veggies!" is a hands-on cooking workshop that will show you how to prepare low-fat, healthy vegetarian appetizers, salads and entrees. Taste-test sampling is included.

The cost is $7. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

Northwestern Prostate Cancer Screenings

William Catalona, M.D., director of Northwestern Memorial's Familial Prostate Cancer Screening Program at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, is one of the leaders in a national network of cancer centers recommending a much more aggressive approach to prostate cancer screening, including testing all men as early as age 40. The change could affect nearly 50 million people. The cancer network also suggests that doctors consider biopsies for men with PSA readings above 2.5 rather than 4.0. Research shows that more than 20% of men with scores between 2.5 and 4.0 have cancer. Dr. Catalona predicts the change will lead to finding cancers earlier, when they are more curable. Dr. Catalona also hopes to diagnose more men earlier through the new Familial Prostate Cancer Screening Program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Their goal is to zero in on genes that may lead to new screening tests and eventually new strategies to prevent and treat prostate cancer. "We believe prostate cancer is the most hereditary of all cancers. I think eventually we'll end up with about a dozen different genes that, when mutated, can be implicated for prostate cancer susceptibility and/or aggressiveness," says Dr. Catalona. The program is enrolling men with a family history of prostate cancer and men with other possible genetic predispositions, including a relative with breast cancer.

Ischemic Stroke Treatments

Ischemic stroke patient who arrive at the hospital too late to receive currently available treatment options might some day have a new treatment option. Northwestern Memorial Hospital is the only site in Chicago to participate in a phase III trial of abciximab (ReoPro – Centocor/ Eli Lilly and Company), which seeks to determine the drug's ability to improve neurological function and minimize disability in patients who present with an acute ischemic stroke.

"tPA is the only FDA-approved treatment for ischemic stroke within three hours of onset, but most patients can't be treated with it because they arrive in the emergency department more than three hours after their stroke occurred," explains Richard Bernstein, M.D., Ph.D., a stroke neurologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and assistant professor of neurology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "Preliminary results with abciximab suggest we may be able to use it to extend this time window to six hours and possibly use it to treat the many patients who wake up from sleep with a stroke.

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Honor Railroad Hall Of Fame

The Senate passed a resolution sponsored by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL) honoring the National Railroad Hall of Fame in Galesburg. The National Railroad Hall of Fame is working to establish a monument recognizing the historic contribution of the railroad industry.

"This resolution supports the National Railroad Hall of Fame in Galesburg in its mission to serve as a museum, educational facility and archive," Durbin said. "The National Railroad Hall of Fame serves as a tribute to those whose labor and ingenuity established the nation's railroad system. It is also a tribute to the spirit of American invention, progress and innovation."

Galesburg has played a key role in the growth of the railroad industry since 1849, when it became part of the newly organized Peoria and Oquawka Railroad," said Fitzgerald, noting that at one time the city was one of the few places in the world served by two railroads. "I can think of no better home than Galesburg for a monument honoring the great tradition of the American railroad."

Illinois has long been a critical part of the nation's railroad system, serving as an early link between east and west. Illinoisans George Pullman (the inventor of the Pullman sleeping car), Ralph Budd (the former head of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, who extended the reach of railroads in the U.S. and internationally, even building a rail line across Panama's rough jungle terrain in the early part of this century) and Abraham Lincoln (who was among the country's most prominent railroad lawyers in the 1850s, representing the nation's largest railroad, the Illinois Central) are among those honored at the Hall of Fame for their invaluable contributions to the industry.

Reject AFL-CIO Petition

Last week, the Bush Administration rejected the AFL-CIO's petition challenging China's abuse of labor standards under Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act.

According to Congressman Lane Evans (IL-17th), "The rejection of the AFL-CIO's petition for the investigation of working conditions in China shows that this Administration is willing to turn a blind eye to the needs and rights of workers in China and the U.S. Our workers cannot compete against those who are forced to work in horrendous conditions for starvation wages. As leaders of the free world, the US should not send and cannot sit idly by as others are forced to live and work in sub-human conditions. This decision by the Bush Administration does just that."

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-9th), Ranking Democrat on the House Committee, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee, stated, "The Bush Administration's decision to reject the AFL-CIO's 301 petition is disappointing but not surprising. At a time when the Bush Administration's number one economic priority should be to create jobs here at home, President Bush is instead ignoring the needs of America's workers and is failing his moral obligation to the international workforce."

The Administration also stated it would not accept a forthcoming complaint concerning China's fixed currency peg of 8.28 yuan to the dollar, which has been in effect since 1994. This 301 petition was about to be filed by the Fair Currency Alliance, which includes over 40 labor and business groups. The FCA argues the Chinese purposely undervalue their currency through the controlled peg, which results in an unfair trade subsidy by making Chinese goods 15-40 percent less expensive.

For almost 30 years, the 301 process has been "an important tool in addressing unjustifiable and unreasonable practices by U.S. trade partners that have hurt U.S. manufacturers, farmers and workers. If the administration accepted these petitions, the U.S. Trade Representative would have brought the cases to the World Trade Organization for dispute resolution procedures. Successful litigation would allow the U.S. to levy sanctions until the Chinese stop the labor abuses and currency manipulation.

"This is a shock to a lot of manufacturers, labor organizations and Members of Congress," said Congressman William O. Lipinski, (IL-3rd). "Absent legislation from Congress, these two petitions were the only means to address the enormous U.S. trade imbalance with China through international law; China continues to cheat and our government continues to look the other way."

Lipinski also called for Congress to pass H.R. 3058, a bill that would threaten sanctions if the Chinese fail to revalue their currency.

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Responsibilities Of Bicyclists On Roadway

According to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, 22 bicycle fatalities and 3,048 injuries occurred on Illinois roads in 2002. Riders under the age of 15 accounted for 31.8 percent of the pedalcyclist deaths and 38.8 percent of pedalcyclist injuries.

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users. They are advised to brush up on their bicycle safety skills and to follow the rules of the road to reduce the risk of injury.

Q. What are the most important bicycle safety tips?

A. Obey stop signs and lights, and always observe the right-of-way laws.

Before crossing an intersection, look for cars and make eye contact with the driver to ensure that you have been seen. Use arm signals to let drivers know when you are turning. Most bicycle injuries and deaths occurred at intersections.

When riding at night, in rain or fog, wear light-colored or reflective clothing. Make sure your bike has a front light that shines up to 500 feet, and a red reflector in the rear that can be seen up to 500 feet.

Q. Should bicyclists ride in the same or opposite direction as other vehicles?

A. The law requires bicyclists to ride on the right side of the road and in the same direction as other traffic. They may also ride on sidewalks as long as they yield to pedestrians.

Q. Does Illinois law require bicyclists to wear helmets?

A. No. However, head injuries account for more than 60 percent of bicycle-related deaths and more than two-thirds of bicycle-related hospital admissions. The most effective safety device available to reduce head injuries and death from bicycle crashes is a helmet.

For a free copy of the Bicycle Rules of the Road, write to the Secretary of State's Driver Services Dept., Traffic Safety Division, 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62723.

Illinois State Fair Non-Livestock Exhibit Judging Changes

The Illinois State Fair, along with the University of Illinois Extension State 4-H Office, recently announced a number of changes to the way non-livestock exhibits are judged and displayed throughout the fair.

The changes, which will be effective for the 2004 fair, will allow general exhibits to be set up within the first week of the fair. Exhibits will be judged at that time allowing entries to be displayed for the duration of the fair.

"To have a showcase of the participation in our state's 4-H program is one of the cornerstones of the State Fair," Illinois Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "4-H and State Fair staff are optimistic about this opportunity, as some days the building was a bit sparse and we hope a fuller, more attractive display will bring more people into the Junior Home Economics Building on 4-H Lane to see the projects. It's a win, win situation for everyone."

Exhibitors can obtain additional information about the exhibiting change in the soon-to-be-available Jr. Livestock Premium Book, and check for postings to the Illinois State Fair web site at www.illinoisstatefair.info. Information is also available through local University of Illinois Extension offices throughout the state.

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Approve IDPA Database

The top U.S. Child Support official in the nation visited Illinois to deliver the official federal seal of approval for the computer database maintained by the Dept. of Public Aid (IDPA) Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE).

Dr. Sherri Heller, Commissioner of the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), presented the certification for the KIDS (Key Information Delivery System) system and said it paves the way to greater automation and efficiency in Illinois' child support enforcement process.

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich pointed to the certification as an affirmation that Illinois' child support system is moving in the right direction as it strives to upgrade its performance and harness high technology to the task of delivering vital financial support to children and struggling parents.

The KIDS database is the high tech engine which drives every facet of the child support enforcement process. The database keeps track of all relevant information for 730,000 child support cases in Illinois, from the amount owed in each case to scheduling and court docket details.

Illinois is the 28th state in the nation to achieve federal certification for its child support database. Heller said that a number of states face severe financial penalties, through the withholding of millions of dollars in TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) block grant funds, for their failure to meet the federal certification requirements.

"It's really important to remember that this is not just a bureaucratic achievement we are talking about, but an important milestone in our efforts to strengthen the Division of Child Support Enforcement," said Director of Public Aid Barry S. Maram. "The KIDS system is the database that contains all the vital information that we need to function as a child support agency. It is a tool that makes it easier for all of us to do our jobs – that is helping children and struggling single parents – more effectively and more efficiently."

Gov. Blagojevich has made strengthening of the Child Support Enforcement system one of the priorities for his administration.

The Department estimates it will take in a record $922 million in total child support payments in the current fiscal year ending June 30th, and projects $989 million in payments for fiscal year 2005.

The agency's core functions include establishing paternity and child support income withholding orders and enforcing those orders. DCSE uses a number of tools to recover unpaid child support, including: intercepting state and federal tax refunds; suspending Illinois professional licenses; placing liens on real and personal property; collaborating with the Illinois Dept. of Revenue and private collection agencies; collaborating with the U.S. State Dept. to block passport renewals for those who owe more than $5,000 in past due child support; and reporting the debt to credit reporting agencies.

In addition, IDPA launched a Deadbeat Parents Web site in November that features photos of parents who owe more than $5,000 in past due child support and have made no voluntary payments in 90 days. These cases are only publicized if the custodial parent grants authorization.

Credit Card Closings

When looking to simplify their financial lives or curb the temptation to spend, many people choose to close unused or old credit card accounts. But while getting rid of those cards could lighten your wallet, there are guidelines that need to be followed when closing credit accounts.

"Simply cutting up a credit card and throwing it in the trash does not close the account," said Jen Anthony, president of OnePay, a nonprofit debt management organization. "To ensure a card is properly closed you need to send a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the customer service department of the card issuer. In the letter you should ask the issuer to close the account and report your account to the credit bureaus as "closed by consumer." In about 10 days you should receive a confirmation letter stating the account has been closed. If you don't receive a letter, make sure you follow up with a phone call."

According to Anthony, deciding what accounts to close, and when to close them, can impact your credit score significantly.

"Since the length of your credit history makes up a large portion of your credit score, you should never close the accounts you've had the longest," Anthony said. "Closing multiple accounts at once an also hurt your credit score by increasing the proportion of the balances on your cards to your total credit limit."

"Closing a credit card that still has a balance on it is never a good idea," Anthony added. "Doing so can trigger a significant increase in your interest rate which could cost you thousands of dollars and add years onto your debt repayment."

Richards High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

Harold L. Richards High School announced the students from Oak Lawn who have qualified for Honors with Distinction for the third quarter of the 2003-04 school year. In order to attain Honors with Distinction status, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 4.0 and receive no less than a "C" in any subject. Students may exceed 4.0 on the 4.0 scale through the weighted grades they earn in honors and advanced placement courses.

Students named are Nadia Abueid, Fida Abuisneineh, Alexandrina Almazan, Kristy Barrett, Nicole Barrett, Domas Bartkus, Amanda Bennett, Kathleen Biernaciak, Elise Biggers, Catherine Blinstrup, Nicholas Borchers, Dany Bourjas, Lina Bourjas, Victoria Boyle, Noelle Brenza, Allison Brett, Sarah Brett, Abigail Brooks, Egle Bucinskaite, Inga Bucinskaite, Barbara Bukowski, Tarek Cattan, Gerald Chickerillo, Krystina Chickerillo, Jennifer Collins, Alexander Connelly, Chris Connelly, Patrice Connelly, Rachel Corwin, Jackie Coyle, Greg Czaplewski, Tom Czaplewski, Lauren Davies, Sarah Dearth, Brian Dennis, Kurt Dietrick, John Diguido, Jonathan Dove, Bryan Druktenis, Katherine Druktenis, Erin Dugan, Shatha Dweik, Ross Eckert, Matthew Erickson, Tim Ferencak, Cathleen Fitzgibbon, Kaitlin Fleharty, Daniel Flood, Alan Francis, Colleen Francis, Eugenia Gavrilos, George Gavrilos, Katherine Geraghty, Liz Gonzalez and Jessica Greene.

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Others are, Jennifer Saathoff, Kaycee Sakal, Julie Scheibel, Sarah Schultz, Elizabeth Sereiko, Mentor Shala, Hilary Sifling, Jessica Sim, Lauren Sinclair, Anne Siska, Monica Solus, Ashley Sorensen, Daniel Spedale, Eric Sroka, Anna Stani, Mitchell Stanley, Brendan Styler, Ashley Szykowny, Ruba Tadros, Poonam Tanna, Sonam Tanna, Ashley Taylor, Melissa Taylor, Jennifer Thiel, Alberto Vargas, Deirdre Vargas, Zuzana Vidlickova, Sabina Walkosz, Kristin Weibel, Matthew Weibel, John Werner, Alynn White, Laura Wiechec, Alison Wild, Ben Williams, Michael Wojnarowski, Jeff Wycislak, Stefanie Wycislak, Sarah Zahlmann and Vyta Zukauskaite.

Sophomore Pitcher Lindsey LaChiana

Sophomore pitcher Lindsey LaChiana (Oak Lawn/Richards H.S.) went 1-2 in four appearances last week for Loyola University Chicago, but her record did not reflect how well she pitched. The right-hander allowed only two earned runs in 22.0 innings (0.64 ERA) and struck out 15 while chalking up three complete games. She also hit safely in three games versus Youngstown State over the weekend.

With 138 strikeouts this season, LaChiana has tallied the fourth-highest single-season total in school history. She needs only five more wins to tie the LU single-season mark in that category as well.

For the year, LaChiana is 12-12 with a 2.41 ERA and 138 strikeouts in 168.1 innings of work. At the plate, she is hitting .164 (9 for 55) with three RBI.

Loyola is 19-26 overall and 8-7 in the Horizon League.

Clean Chicago River

On Saturday, May 8th, volunteers from Oak Lawn will join Friends of the Chicago River and over 3,000 other volunteers to clean and beautify the Chicago River at the 12th annual Chicago River Day. Working at Wolf Wildlife Wetlands, Stony Creek, in Oak Lawn, volunteers will pick up garbage and sort for recycling. People who wish to join in Chicago River Day should check Friends' web site at www.chicagoriver.org, choose a site of interest, and call the site captain listed. The volunteer site captain for Wolf Wildlife Wetlands is Larry Scinto of Oak Lawn. To sign up a group of 10 or more, call Friends at (312) 939-0490, ext. 23.

Park Dist. Host Teen Battle Of The Bands

The Oak Lawn Park District will be hosting the regional competition of the South Suburban Teen Battle of the Bands on Friday, May 14th at 7 p.m. at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. Winners from local park districts – including Alsip, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Oak Forest, Justice and Tinley Park – will be competing for the regional title, thus qualifying them for the state competition in August. Admission is $5 at the door; the event is open to all junior high and high school students with a valid school ID.

"This event is a great way for teens to become involved in the community, while having fun and meeting new people," says Maura Kennedy, event coordinator.

For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Oak Lawn Is Named A Tree City USA

Oak Lawn has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the eighth year Oak Lawn has received this National Recognition. "Based on participation in this program, it is clear that city leaders in this state recognize the importance of trees in their communities and to the residents they represent," said IDNR Director Joel Brunsvold.

Oak Lawn has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance. The Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is annually sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. This year's awards were presented March 18 at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle and on March 25 at the Northfield Center in Springfield.

"This year's record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "It shows the people of Oak Lawn value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort and practical blessings they bring.

Oak Lawn is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program for its activities of Education and Public Relations, continuing education for tree workers, and the addition of the Tree Maintenance budget. The Village has now earned its fourth growth award.

"The trees in Oak Lawn help clean the air, conserve soil and water, and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures," stated Heather Green, Village Forester. "Tree City USA honors everyone in Oak Lawn who is working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for us all." Acting Village President, Ronald Stancik congratulated Heather Green and the Forestry Division on their achievements and accomplishments in winning these awards and maintaining an urban forest.

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Chamber Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for their next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, May 11th at Oak Lawn Community High School, 95th St. & Southwest Highway. Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon.

At this luncheon networking event, Oak Lawn Fire Dept. Engineer Gary Patrick will present awards to the winners of the Chamber's 2004 Fire Safety Coloring Book Contest. Afterwards, musical entertainment will be provided by the Oak Lawn Community High School Choir.

For reservations, call the Chamber office, (708) 424-8300.

Self-Help Support

The Oak Lawn Park District's M.S. Self-Help Support Group – a group that meets monthly to provide information and social opportunities for those affected by Multiple Sclerosis – welcomes a certified music therapist to its next meeting on Wednesday, May 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Louise Demiceli-Mitran will explain and demonstrate the use of music for health and well-being.

At its meeting on Wednesday, June 16th, Anne Cusack, a registered nurse, will address the issues of stress reduction and anger management from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our group is intended to benefit those who have M.S. or those who know someone with M.S.," says Mary Ellen Tinman, facilitator. "Whether you attend on a regular basis or intermittently, you are always welcome."

Meetings are held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Seniors Club Meets

Commissioner Frank Avila with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will speak before the Greater Oak Lawn Senior Club on Friday, May 14th at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 9000 S. Menard.

Adele Oprondek, coordinator, announced that the commissioner will discuss the Deep Tunnel project and other functions of the MWRD with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and a master of science from the University of Arizona.

Health Screening

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer two free health screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Wednesday, May 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants may stop in anytime within that two-hour period to have their blood pressure checked and a glaucoma screening performed by Dr. Sandra Bury of Complete Vision Care in Oak Lawn. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by volunteer nurses from Advocate Christ Medical Center, nursing students from St. Xavier University and personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Dept.

For additional information, call the library at (708) 422-4990.

Deliver Park Guides

The Oak Lawn Park District's Summer 2004 program guides were delivered to the residents of Oak Lawn recently. The guide contains news, facility information and program offerings for the months of June through August, plus a pull-out summer events calendar.

Registration will begin on Monday, May 10th for residents; non-residents will be able to register beginning Monday, May 24th.

In the program guides, the park district highlights 20 new programs. They are: Employee Stock Options; Time, Space & Money; Adult Art Workshop; Beginning Sewing; Drawing for the Young Artist; Kids Drawing People; Kids Get the Lead Out; Portrait Drawing for Kids; Hickory Hills Woodworkers Club; Fun with Fitness Teen Camp; A.M. Pilates; Total Body Workout; Silly Willy Workout; All About Vegetables; Introduction to Arabic; Initiation to Arabic; Junior Cooks; Junior Crafters; Magic Day; and Special Recreation Gymnastics Exploration.

A new special event is also offered this season: the Cool Beens Bean-Bag Tournament. This all-ages event will be held at the Stony Creek Golf Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Tuesday, May 18th and Thursday, May 20th.

For more information or program fees and schedules, call (708) 857-2200.

Named To Dean's List

Oak Lawn residents Giulia Calafiore, David Lundeen, Michelle Radosevich and Robert Snyder were named to Elmhurst College's dean's list for the fall term of 2003-04.

The dean's list is made up of students who, during the semester, attained a grade point average of 3.75 or better.

It's been said that the early bird catches the worm. However, at the Oak Lawn Park District's Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center, 10444 S. Central Ave., the Early Birds get much more. No matter the season the Center has a group of approximately 45 active tennis players who meet Mondays through Fridays to play open games of tennis from 6 to 9 a.m.

"Early Bird Tennis is not an Oak Lawn Park District program," says member Jack Waite, "rather it began as a spontaneous get together of individuals wishing to remain active and healthy, a function that would fulfill their desire to play the great game of tennis."

Most Early Birds are retired seniors, but not all, says Waite of Oak Lawn. "Some younger players come because a good tennis workout is available whenever they show up."

About a quarter of the Early Birds are female. All Birds are members of the Center, and all members receive the health benefits associated with playing tennis. The Early Birds – some who have been playing together for 25 years – also enjoy social activities together, such as morning coffees and treats in the Center lobby, monthly birthday celebrations, monthly dinners at restaurants, an annual golf outing at the Stony Creek Golf Complex, and even an annual trip to Mexico or other warm location.

For more information or to join the Early Birds for a game of tennis, call (708) 857-2215 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

On Tuesday, April 20th at 9 a.m., 300 students from the junior and senior classes at Oak Lawn Community High School assembled at the driver's education driving range. Two vehicles were set up in a mock collision with four students from the drama club in one vehicle and two teachers in the other vehicle. Oak Lawn Police and Fire units responded to the scene. The occupants of both vehicles were extricated by the Fire Department. There was one fatality from the student's vehicle. The driver of the student vehicle who was not seriously injured was administered a field sobriety check which he failed. He was taken into custody and transported. The other occupants of the vehicles were all transported by ambulance. The fatality was placed into a van for simulated transport to the morgue.

With the demonstration of the mock crash ending, the following people spoke to the students: Fire Chief Moran, Police Chief Smith, Joe Witt, a victim of a drunk

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Free Marathon Training Program

Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) will host two free previews of its popular "CARA's LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Training Program" on Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. at Children's Memorial Hospital, Bigler Auditorium, 707 W. Fullerton Ave., on Chicago's north side and Friday, May 21, 12 noon at James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Lower Level Assembly Hall, in Downtown Chicago.

"You don't have to be a professional athlete to finish a marathon," claimed CARA's CEO David Patt. "You just have to train properly."

The CARA program, with over 2,300 participants at city and suburban locations, is the largest of its kind in the nation, and boasts a nearly 100% success rate among runners who follow the training program.

"People of all ages and physical abilities will run the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon," Patt noted. "We're here to help them train safely, and injury-free."

The free preview will outline the structure of the program – expert clinics, group long runs, training texts and schedules, social events, and a special race day tent, with toilets, gear check, water, and post-race refreshment – and will explain the minimum requirements to begin proper training.

CARA's LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Training Program kicks off June 7-11 with clinics in Chicago, Lake Zurich, Glen Ellyn, and Oak Forest. Weekend long runs begin June 12-13 in Jackson Park, Lincoln Park, Downtown Chicago, Niles, Libertyville, Lake Zurich, Western Springs, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, St. Charles, and Oak Forest.

Register on-line for the marathon training program at www.CARAruns.org or call (312) 666-9836 for a printed registration form.

CARA is the official training group for Children's Memorial Hospital, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, American Diabetes Foundation, Alzheimer's Association of Illinois, Girls on the Run, and LUNGevity.

The program is sponsored by LaSalle Bank, New Balance, BodyGlide, Jamba Juice, Accelerated Rehabilitation Center, Clif Bar, Goose Island Brewery, Dominick's, Gatorade, Fleet Feet Sports, Marathon & Beyond, and Chicago Athletic magazine.

Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) founded in 1978, is a 9000-member not-for-profit association promoting health and fitness through running.

First Orchid Show

The Chicago Park District and the Lincoln Park Conservancy join forces to make Mother's Day merrier with the first orchid show held at the Lincoln Park Conservatory in 30 years. Five prominent local orchid vendors will offer hundreds of varieties of the rare flower from Thursday, May 6 through Sunday, May 9. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Orchid Show is free and open to the public.

"Orchids are among the most beautiful flowers growing in the world," said Chicago Park District Director of Conservatories Dr. Lisa Roberts. "We're thrilled to partner with the Lincoln Park Conservatory to make the variety of orchids the Conservatory showcases in its collection available to the public."

The Lincoln Park Conservancy, formerly known as the Friends of Lincoln Park, and the Chicago Park District have partnered on many projects to improve Lincoln Park including the $2.4 million restoration of the historic Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool.

"We are pleased to be a part of this incredible show at the Lincoln Park Conservatory where locally grown, affordable orchids will be available to the public from the top breeders in the United States," said Lincoln Park Conservatory Executive Director Steve Zeiner.

The Lincoln Park Conservatory is located at 2391 N. Stockton Dr. and is open 365 days a year from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Women's Heart Health Risks

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health, women state legislators and the American Heart Assn. recently joined forces to encourage women to take their heart healthy seriously and personally.

"While many may think cancer is the No. 1 killer of women, the fact is that heart disease is the leading cause of death of women in the United States and Illinois," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director. "It is never too early or too late to take action to prevent and control the risk factors. A woman should talk to her health care provider about her risks for heart disease and take steps to lead a heart healthy life."

Almost 16,000 Illinois women died of heart disease in 2002, compared to 12,000 from cancer and 4,500 from stroke.

Heart disease includes coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, angina and other conditions. Risk factors include smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, family history of early coronary heart disease and age (55 years of age and older).

"Once heart disease develops, it can be managed but it cannot be cured," Dr. Whitaker said. "However, without lifestyle changes, such as not smoking, following a heart healthy diet and regular physical activity, heart disease will likely worsen."

As part of an effort to raise heart disease awareness, the Department and the other groups sponsored the national *Heart Truth* Campaign and its Red Dress Project in the Illinois State Capitol building rotunda. The event, which was open to the public, offered educational exhibits and free risk factor screenings for heart disease.

Launched by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the *Heart Truth* Campaign features a Red Dress as the symbol for women and heart disease awareness. The Red Dress Project includes a traveling collection of red dresses contributed by top fashion designers. The Red Dress signals a red alert that heart disease doesn't care what you wear and it is not just a disease that affects men.

In conjunction with National Women's Health Week, May 9th to 15th, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health will host a Women's Health Fair on May 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St. in Chicago.

Backup Generators

With an eye on potential power outages, the unpredictable spring weather and other unforeseen emergencies, Verizon Wireless will install 140 backup generators at new and existing cell sites throughout Chicagoland and Illinois in 2004 to ensure network functionality during times of crisis.

"We're investing $7 million to give customers peace of mind that their wireless phones will work during emergencies," said Tracy Nolan, president – Illinois/Wisconsin Region, Verizon Wireless. "Our key sites already have permanent generators. Having permanent backup generators as well, as opposed to portable backup generators, is part of Verizon Wireless' continued focus on network reliability and will serve to further reinforce our robust network across the state."

During the crippling power outage along the East Coast and in parts of the Midwest in August 2003, Verizon Wireless' network remained operational because many of the company's cell sites already had permanent generators.

"Our Illinois investment is a direct extension of our commitment to provide the best nationwide network," Nolan continued. "We want our customers to know they can depend on their phones not only in times of normalcy, but also in times of emergency."

Tips To Avoid Foreclosures

Foreclosures throughout the Chicago suburbs are epidemic level and forcing many from their home without a place to go or any hope of a fresh start.

Foreclosure is a process in which a home is sold at auction in order to satisfy unpaid liens secured by the home. The foreclosure process is a very public event that destroys the credit of the homeowners and strips any equity that the homeowners have spent years to build.

Foreclosure can occur for many reasons and the most common are job layoff and divorce. Once a mortgage is late by 60 days, most lenders begin the initial stages of foreclosure. Although many banks are willing to work out a payment plan for the late payments, many homeowners are unable to keep up with the plan.

When the home is sold at auction, the homeowner has a limited time, typically 30 days, to leave the home or to pay off the loan. After this time has expired, the homeowner is removed from the property.

Homeowners facing foreclosure have had few options available if the bank is unwilling to work out a payment plan, until now. Specialized firms are offering hope for homeowners on the brink of losing their home. Duties of these property investment firms include freezing the foreclosure process, negotiating a settlement of late mortgage payments and providing homes for sale with attractive easy to qualify owner financing. These firms will also provide credit counseling and credit repair services to help homeowners get back on their feet quickly.

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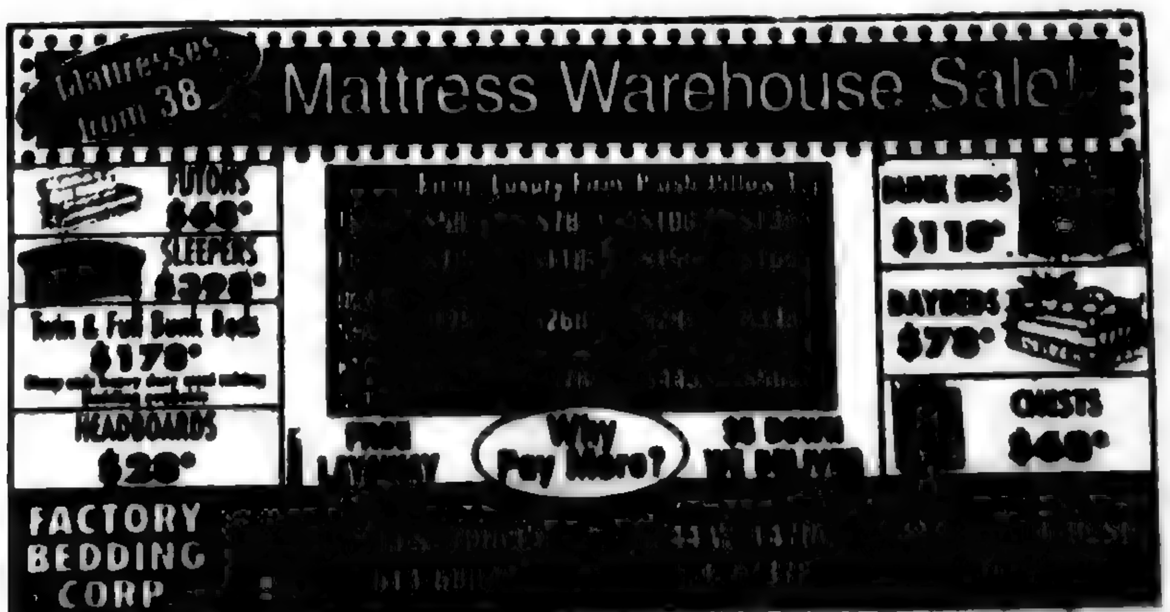
For more information, call Brian Brown at (708) 366-3423 or Marilyn Havlat at (708) 246-7568.



Stop Issuing HH Savings Bonds This Summer

The U.S. Treasury Dept. has announced it will stop issuing Series HH savings bonds this summer as part of its plan to eventually move to a paperless, electronic account system encompassing all of Treasury's retail securities.

After the close of business on Aug. 31st, owners of Series EE and E bonds will no longer be able to exchange them for HH bonds, and owners of matured HH/H bonds will no longer be able to reinvest their holdings in HH bonds. However, investors holding HH bonds on that date will continue to earn interest until their bonds reach final maturity 20 years after issue.

Issued since 1980, HH bonds – which are available in multiples of $500 – are current income securities. They provide owners of EE/E bonds with a means to defer reporting the accrued interest on those bonds for Federal income tax purposes, while earning interest income semi-annually on both the principal and interest of the E/EE bonds. Income taxes on the deferred income become due when HH bonds are redeemed or reach maturity.

HH bonds pay interest income to owners semiannually on their face value. This interest is taxable in the year received. They cannot be purchased with cash, but are acquired only in exchange for Series E and EE bonds or by reinvesting the proceeds of matured HH/H bonds.

Relatively few people have invested in HH bonds over the years. Today, there are only a little more than 607,000 owners, compared to the tens of millions of individuals who own at least one savings bond. HH bonds make up $13.3 billion worth of the more than $200 billion invested in savings bonds, representing just 7 percent of the market.

"Even after the discontinuance of HH bonds, U.S. Savings Bonds will continue to be a flexible, low-risk and practical investment for long-term financial goals, such as retirement and college expenses, for people at all income levels," says Stephen Meyerhardt, public affairs officer for the Bureau of the Public Debt. "We're simply consolidating the bonds we offer as we move to make it easy for Americans to purchase, manage and redeem bonds online through our TreasuryDirect account system."

With the end of new Series HH issues just a few months away, there are several things to consider. First, there is no effect on HH bonds issued before Aug. 31st, 2004. Investors can hold onto these bonds, which will continue to earn interest until the end of their 20-year life. The annual interest rate for new HH bonds is now 1.5 percent, but HH bonds issued (or having entered their second 10 years) between March 1994 and December 2002 earn 4 percent until they are 10 years old, at which time the rate will change for their next 10 years, or stop if the bonds have reached final maturity.

As for investors who had planned to defer taxes by purchasing HH bonds when their E/EE bonds matured, they have only a limited time to make an exchange. But they too must carefully weigh the tradeoffs of exchanging higher-interest E/EE bonds, which may be earning as much as 6 percent, in order to gain the benefits of HH bonds while they're still available.

Owners of E/EE bonds who want to purchase HH bonds before the August deadline should fill out an exchange application and submit it with the bonds being exchanged to a qualified savings bond agent. Financial institutions that serve as agents are able to help customers fill out the application form and forward appropriate materials to a Federal Reserve processing site or the Bureau of the Public Debt.

After Aug. 31st, when the last HH bonds will be issued, investors can still opt for I and EE bonds. I bonds currently pay an interest rate of 2.19 percent, composed of a fixed rate of 1.1 percent for 30 years and an inflation rate that's adjusted semiannually.

EE bonds, which are guaranteed to reach face value in 20 years and earn interest for a total of 30 years, earn interest tied to 90 percent of the average return on five-year Treasury marketable securities.

U.S. securities can be compared online at www.treasurydirect.gov, where investors can open an account to buy savings bonds directly over the Internet. Investors can track and manage their holdings online – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – from anywhere they have Internet access. There are no charges or fees, and you can buy paperless bonds in penny increments ranging from $25 to $30,000 each year

The site is ideal for small savers and investors because you don't need to have $1,000 or $5,000 or an even larger amount to use the site.

Whichever bonds you chose, they remain among the safest, most secure and affordable investment opportunities available, and they offer attractive interest rates and tax advantages.

More information about savings bonds and exchange transactions can be found on the U.S. Treasury's web site, www.treasurydirect.gov.

Health Care Proposal

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently called on members of the General Assembly to protect Illinois' investment in health care by approving funding slated to provide health care for children, adults and senior citizens who need it, and avoid having to remove people from the Medicaid rolls. At Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, the governor explained that in the upcoming budget, the legislature faces choices like closing corporate loopholes in order to protect programs like Medicaid, Kid Care, Family Care and Senior Care, and the 2 million people who benefit from them.

Blagojevich proposed spending $600 million in the FY 05 budget to protect Medicaid and health care for those who otherwise could not afford it. Illinois faces a deficit of $1.7 billion and Blagojevich proposed a series of spending cuts and corporate loophole closings in order to balance the budget without raising income or sales taxes and while protecting the state's investments in health care, education and public safety.

"We can balance this budget and provide health coverage for an additional 56,000 people without raising the sales or income taxes as long as we are willing to make hard choices. It means closing corporate loopholes. It means cutting other government programs. It means saying 'no' to lobbyists," Gov. Blagojevich said. "Health care is more than a privilege. It's a fundamental right. Everyone should have health care and as we go through this budget process, we cannot forget that. That's why I'm calling on the legislature to protect our investment in health care for people who need it."

Last year, despite record deficits, Illinois was one of only three states to increase health insurance for people without it. Nearly two million people in the state of Illinois rely on government programs such as Medicaid, FamilyCare, KidCare and SeniorCare for their health care needs. During Blagojevich's first year in office, 120,000 children, families, seniors and newly-disabled enrolled in state health care programs.

Continuing to provide health care for Illinoisans in need will cost the state an additional $600 million. For the state to afford that commitment and to balance the budget deficit, Gov. Blagojevich proposed a series of tough budget cuts. Those include closing tax loopholes that allow wealthy corporations to avoid paying their fair share in state taxes and closing several state facilities.

The governor's budget proposal for FY 05 eliminates the $1.7 billion deficit while funding his core priorities, health care, public safety and education. His proposal includes an additional $400 million for K-12 education, puts new Illinois State Police officers on the streets and provides health care to more people – not less.

Seventh Grade Writing Contest Winners

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School announced the winners of its Annual Seventh Grade Writing Contest. This contest is an event jointly sponsored by McAuley's Writing Club, Thespian Society, and literary magazine *Equinox*. Students from area schools were asked to submit works in three categories: Short Story, Non-Fiction Essay and Poetry.

In the category of Short Story, the winners are: First Place – Caitlin Myron from Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, "A Week in Arizona"; Second Place – Lauren Gonzalez from St. Alexander School, "My Meeting with God"; Third Place – Amy Jarzembowski from St. Mary Star of the Sea, "A Familiar Friend"; and Honorable Mention – Becky Susmarski of St. Germaine, "The Skater." For Non-Fiction Essay, the winners are: First Place – Caitlin Myron from Cardinal Bernardin School, "Riverdance"; Second Place – Natalie Galleges from St. Benedict School, "My Love"; Third Place – Megan Scully from St. Alexander School, "What I Think About 9-11-01." In the Poetry category, the winners are: First Place – Sarah Lopez of St. Alexander School, "Reality", Second Place – Mary Kate Halm of St. Germaine, "If"; Third Place – Alyssa Creger from St. Albert the Great, "A Journey"; and Honorable Mention – Kristen McCormack from St. Albert the Great, "What is Love?"

Winning pieces will be published in McAuley's annual creative writing publication *Equinox* this spring, and will be performed by McAuley drama students in a special performance. The winning writers, their teachers and their families will be invited to attend the celebration.

Accept U.S. Services Academies Requests

Congressman William O. Lipinski is presently accepting nomination request letters from young persons in the 3rd Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academies for the classes entering in the summer of 2005. Lipinski noted, "to be accepted into one of the U.S. Academies is a great honor. Many thousands of gifted young men and women compete each year to be one of those honored to be selected."

The service academies include: Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY; Merchant Marines at Kings Point, NY; Coast Guard admissions are based on nationwide competition with no congressional nominations.

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday but not their 22nd by July 1, 2005, be a United States citizen, graduated from high school, taken the ACT and/or SAT tests and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred Academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon the "whole person" elevation. Although nominations will not be made until January of 2005 all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible or no later than September 1st, 2004. Closing date for completed files is December 1st, 2004. Contact Lenore Goodfriend at the Archer office, 5832 S. Archer Ave., Chicago 60638, telephone number (312) 886-0481 or (708) 952-0860 (Oak Lawn office).

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9121 S. Monitor Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

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For information call Ms. Diane Thomas, at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/548-6058.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. CNI National Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela A. Rose a/k/a Pamela Rose a/k/a Pam Rose a/k/a Pamela Ann McKean a/k/a Pamela A. McKean a/k/a Pamela A. Karstan, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18486.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9306 S. 78th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $122,365.78.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A816.

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192897C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Anna Marie Drazin, Defendants. No. 03Ch-16312.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 10836 S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $119,657.84.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Kranse at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Violet R. Drozd, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-15781.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7928 S. Central Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a single family home one story wood frame separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $102,619.23.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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194684C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Richard S. Consentino a/k/a Richard S. Consentino, Sr a/k/a Richard Consentino, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17397.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was $118,139.30.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A076.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194616C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Frank D. Billups Sr. a/k/a Frank D. Billups, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11523.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4105 W. 135th Pl., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story red brick and no garage.

The judgment amount was $34,701.08.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http.\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0305488.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Steve J. Gorski, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14652.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4435 152nd St., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with detached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $151,599.83.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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194634C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia Robinson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-15018.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2860 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $175,709.95.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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194217C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Shirley Conner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14609.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4139 W. 79th St., #2-S, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $70,892.19.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7422.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA, f/k/a Bancfirst Home Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar H. Zayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11918.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8891 W. 93rd St, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,788.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6774.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Norman T. Litland, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-10318.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7924 S. Lamon Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,950.40.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-9143.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Delores Hurley a/k/a De Loras Hurley, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17963.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 13406 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60466.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $27,311.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-0949D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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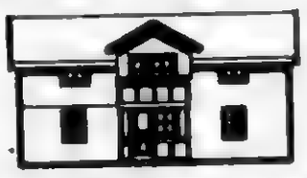

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Young, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17152.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4554 W. 129th St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,542.66.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dale M. Prince, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7356.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 17667

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 2, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3531 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling, brick construction.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $167,919.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202093C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-BC5, Plaintiff, vs. Wayne Hopkins, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-20169.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3721 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60643.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,304.08.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8831.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Provident Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Brian T. Anders, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16814.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 4, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14717 S. Major Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,322.23.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 33996.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Home Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juan M. Canal, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18003.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9632 Massasoit Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $202,560.97.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0308494.

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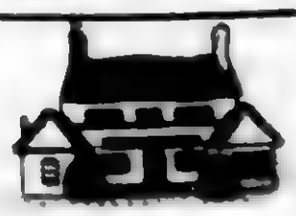

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2, Plaintiff, vs. Pattye J. Jackson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13934.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 19, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 24, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9254 S. Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence one story + attic brick construction separate (2 car) garage red brick.

The judgment amount was $94,319.99.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306659.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., Successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Angela Clark a/k/a Angela P. Clark, et al., Defendants. No. 00Ch-16878.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 24, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 147000 Mozart, Unit A, Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,849.22.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Maranatha Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel A. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12250.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14155 S. Lamon Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,590.03.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-4790.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mary Mamates, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-17425.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11605 S. LaPorte Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $127,524.07.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8988.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Craig P. Atkins, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3904.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 27, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 24, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14346 S. Karlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story brick residence with a detached one car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $181,047.04.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0301376.

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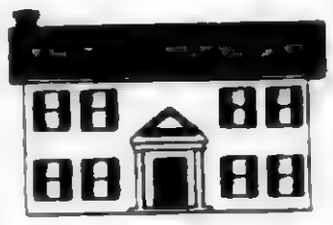

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Karina Trujillo a/k/a Karina Navarro, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-13695.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3723 W. Pippen St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence two story brick construction separate (1 car) garage brown.

The judgment amount was $189,714.16.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0306474.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. John K. Shrader, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17180.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8009 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $157,575.60.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO RE FUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-08620.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Mortgage Corp. S/B/M To Charter One Credit Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Thomas F. Barnas, Sr., Deceased, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10468.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14318 Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $138,197.44.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SGB Corporation d/b/a Westamerican Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Candy J. Khamis a/k/a Candy J. Guth, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14533 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,234.13.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3942.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. US Bank N.A., f/k/a Firstar Bank N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Anita Salaam a/k/a Anita Harden, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-2117.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 6, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9360 S. 85th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $212,692.92.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0300603.

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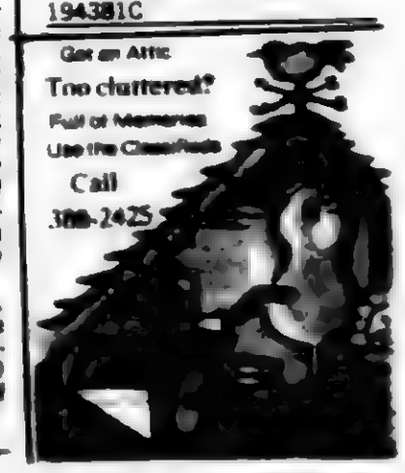

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor by Merger to Crossland Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas D. Wesner a/k/a Thomas Wesner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 1,,2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15409 S. Lavergne Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,106.94.

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9819.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. William Pappas, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6292.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 12, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2835 W. 97th Pl., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,040.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3602.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, Illinois, N.A. f/k/a Bank One, Springfield Successor by Merger to Bank One, Chicago, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Harold C. Bernot, Jr. a/k/a Harold Bernot, Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16800.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7731 S. Thomas Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $45,296.66.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1ST MORTGAGE and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8710.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Damon a/k/a Thomas Damon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17548.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8811 S. Kolmar Ave., Hometown, IL 60456.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $78,020.64.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A087.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for the Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1, Plaintiff, vs. Lawrin Riles, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14930.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 20, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7915 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $158,404.00.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7573.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Chapman, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16552.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3916 W. 75th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,250.90.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9504.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-A, Plaintiff, vs. Arturo Tapia, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16462.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7701 S. Long Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $114,065.17.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9566.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001, Series 2001-A, Assignee of TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Lorraine Porter, et al., Defendants. No. 02Ch-13048.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 25, 2002 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 17, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 14106 Hedricks Rd., Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $40,090.90.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank, a Division of ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas a/k/a John M. Lucas, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16689.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $29,890.21

Sale Terms. This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-0737D.

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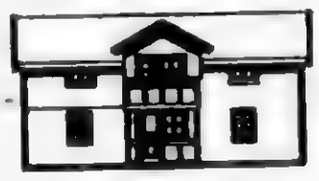

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homes Servicing Corporation f/k/a TMS Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Joseph Wheeler, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18306.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2645 W. 89th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $39,227.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A432.

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NOTICE

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Orville Stacey

Services were held Saturday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Orville Stacey, veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Lawn Lodge 1166 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, Medinah Temple, American Legion Post 854 and Teamsters Local 705.

He is survived by his wife, Anne L.; his son, Orville J. Jr. (Betty) and two grandchildren.

Howard R. Smith

Services were held Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Howard R. Smith, Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Teamsters 705.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine J.; his children, Sherrill (John) Gray and Jennifer (Steven) Strauch; five grandchildren and his sister, Rita (Stanley) Piersch.

John F. Gibson

Services were held Tuesday at the Blake-Lamb/Becvar Funeral Home (Capetta-DiCanio Directors), Worth, with entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, for John F. Gibson. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gibson's Collectibles, Vice-President of Windy City Hot Wheels and a member of National Hot Wheels Club (Hot Wheels Newsletter) and Hot Wheels Club of St. Louis, Obin and Matell Redline.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; his daughter, Sherri Gibson; his father, Forrest (Sylvia); his sister, Dr. Claudette (Jeff Brewer) Gibson and his brother, Kenneth.

Rita M. Sheridan

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rita M. Sheridan, wife of the late Philip.

She is survived by her children, James M. (Linda) and Julie Carlisi; one grandchild and her brother, [illegible]

Southwest Area Obituaries

Robert Q. Browning

Services were held Sunday in Benton, IL with military burial rites being conducted by the Benton American Legion and VFW posts in the Masonic and Oddfellows Cemetery, for Robert Q. Browning, 88. He was an Army veteran of World War II serving from May 18th, 1944 to May 18th, 1946. He was president and co-owner of Browning Manufacturing Co. Inc. He was a member of the Church of Christ in West City and he served as an elder in the church for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; his son, Duane (Betty); four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

John A. Murray

Mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John A. "Jack" Murray, 78, husband of the late Anna May. He was a graduate of De La Salle High School. He attended Notre Dame University, DePaul University and John Marshall Law School. He was a 40-year member of I.B.E.W. Local 134 and Chief Steward for Chicagoland Racetracks. He was a member of Queen of Martyrs Holy Name Society and an usher for many years.

He is survived by his children, Anne Carol (Paul) Kiefer, John J. (Marie), Mary Lynn (Chuck) Janson, William P. (Sue), Kevin Sr. (Maggie) and Robert M. (Laura); 22 grandchildren and his brother, Joseph B. (Lois).

Matthew Pahr

Services were held Tuesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, for Matthew Pahr, World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his brother, John (Terry) and his sisters, Dorothy Glowacki and Ruth Voight.

John F. Gunning

Services were held Monday in Naples, Florida for John F. Gunning, 81, a World War II veteran, formerly of Oak Forest, and husband of the late Madonna. He was a member of the Masons and actively involved with Shepard of the Glades Lutheran Church of Naples.

He is survived by his children, Terry Jean Gunning and Jeannie (Bill) Agema and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michael G. Pelka, CPD

A memorial mass was said Monday at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, for Michael Gregory Pelka, CPD, 49, Forensic Investigator with the Mobile Crime Unit and a 28-year veteran of the Chicago Police Dept.

He is survived by his wife, Grace M. Cwiok-Pelka; his children, Emily and Becca and his brother, Mark.

Darrell Pierro

Services were held Wednesday at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Darrell Pierro.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his daughter, Danielle Pierro and two grandchildren.

Thomas R. Stevenson

Services were held Monday at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Thomas Robert Stevenson, veteran of the U.S. Navy, World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his children, Gary (Suzanne) Stevenson, Michael CPD (Bernadette) Duck, Patricia Duck, Kathaleen (William) Peltner, Eileen Shawne Duck, Kevin (Suzanne) Duck and Timothy Sparrey; seven grandchildren; his sisters, Gayle (Edward) Hilligoss and Cheryl Boyce and his brother, Richard.

Thomas J. Pytlik

Services were held Monday at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Thomas J. Pytlik, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his children, Michael and Sandy (Michael) Hardesty; three grandchildren; his mother, Josephine; his sisters, Betty (Ron) Peterson, Marianne (Ed) Velasquez and Kathy (Glen) Hicks and his brother, John (Becky).

James A. Richmond

Private services and interment were held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for James A. Richmond, U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of Owen W. Winter Jr. VFW Post 4241 in Oak Forest and retired from Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.

He is survived by his wife, Ann M.; his daughter, Janet (Keith) Foster and three grandchildren.

Louise Schneider

A memorial service was held Tuesday at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Worth, for Louise Schneider, wife of the late William. She was a charter member of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, past Matron of Hyacinth Chapter 128 Order of the Eastern Star of Spooner, WI, duo member of American Cyrene Chapter 454 Order of the Eastern Star of Oak Lawn, member of the Worth Senior Citizens Club and St. Mark Rockers Senior Citizens Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Rubino; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and her brothers, Henry and Adolph Stehno.

Nellie A. Kenney

Mass was said Wednesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Nellie A. Kenney, wife of the late John. She was a longtime parishioner and volunteer at St. John Fisher Parish and a member of the Ridge Country Club and West Beverly Gems Bowling League.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Jack; one grandchild and her sisters, Jeanette Gardner, Florence Cresto, Ellen Buffo and Eleanor Orr.

Gloria J. Kremer

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Gloria J. Kremer.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; her children, Kevin, Anthony, Keri, Darrin and Angela (Brian) Zak; four grandchildren and her sister, Jo Ann Ruffino.

Joseph V. Tassone

Mass was said Tuesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Joseph V. Tassone, World War II veteran, Purple Heart recipient.

He is survived by his wife, Philomena; his son, Joseph (Caryn); two grandchildren; his sister, Rose Stachovic and his brothers, Vincent (Ann) and Ralph (Carol).

William G. Vacha

Mass was said Monday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for William G. Vacha, World War II Army veteran and past Governor of the Cicero Moose Lodge 265.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; his children, Claude Baich and Tammy (Dan) Rangel; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Woodrow T. Larney

Mass was said Monday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Woodrow T. "Woody" Larney, 85, World War II Navy veteran and husband of the late Mae.

He is survived by his children, Tom (Pam) and Bob (Kathy) and three grandchildren.

Leo W. Keller

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Leo W. Keller, 78, veteran of the 102nd Airborne U.S. Army, retired employee of the Illinois Dept. of Transportation and a member of Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn.

There are no immediate survivors.

Louis J. Kendzierski

Mass was said Tuesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Louis J. Kendzierski, 87, husband of the late Victoria.

He is survived by his daughter, Marlene (John) Bandyk; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his sister, Adeline Anderson.

Deborah A. Allen

Services were held Monday at SS. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Deborah A. Allen, 42.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; her children, Danielle, Nicole and Samantha; her father, George Betsanes; her brothers, Gregory (Lynn), Michael (Donna), Dennis and James Betsanes and her sister, Susanne (Nick) Lisowski.

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Cancer Walk And Roll

Thousands are expected to participate in the 32nd annual American Cancer Society Walk and Roll Sunday, May 16th.

Rich King, WGN-TV Channel 9 sportscaster, and Dave Fogel of the WTMX-FM, MIX-101.9 radio will participate in opening ceremonies, which will begin at 9:45 a.m. Staggered routes for bikes, walkers and in-line skaters will begin at 10 a.m. The closing ceremony is at 12:45 p.m.

This year's Walk and Roll has moved to a new location along the lake at the corner of Columbus and Balbo at Hutchinson Field.

Walk and Roll is a five-mile walk, 10-mile in-line skate or 15-mile bike ride along the lake.

Among this year's corporate sponsors are AstraZeneca, 101.9 The MIX, AkzoNoble, Berlin Packaging, BP, CNA Foundation, KPMG, Ernst & Young, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Beverly Bike & Ski, American Airlines, OAG Worldwide and United Stationers.

Refreshments will be available on site. Water will be provided along the route. Corporate sponsors will have tents, many with catering. Participants can have picnics with their respective teams after the event.

The route is wheel chair and stroller accessible. Leashed pets can participate.

Participants can be individuals or teams. Participants receive incentive prizes according to the amount or donations raised ranging from a T-shirt for $50 to a pullover jacket, free domestic tickets on American Airlines for raising $7,500.

The site at Hutchison Field includes the Main Stage where there will be a Tribute Wall for participants to purchase bricks to honor or remember friends or family touched by cancer. A cancer education tent with American Cancer Society information will be available and nutritionists to answer questions about diet, a doctor to provide skin cancer screening and other expects.

Additionally, there will be various other informational tents, a massage area and a food and beverage tent.

For more information about Walk & Roll 2004 and how to participate or contribute, call Tracy Jensen, income development manager, American Cancer Society, at (312) 577-6035 or visit www.walkandrollchicago.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

The Jane Addams Hull House, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Cook County, headed by Danielle Butts, Program Manager, is a non-profit agency. It is designed to assist area police departments and the State's Attorney's office in the investigations of sexual and severe physical abuse among children under 18 years of age. Though a necessity for the successful prosecution of a person whom sexually abuses children, this agency receives limited financial aid. The CAC relies heavily on financial support it receives through grants and donations. The role of the CAC is very important to local police department that services in the 5th Municipal District Court of Cook County. The CAC not only conducts the forensic interview of the child victim, it also provides courtroom testimony and counseling/referral services to the families and children that are victimized.

Due to the lease not being renewed, the CAC had to move earlier in the year from its location at St. Mark's Church in Worth, where it rented a home since its development. With the help of Mayor Melvin VanAllen and the Village of Justice Board of Trustees, the CAC found a new home within their village. The Village of Justice purchased a home, and the CAC entered into a lease agreement with them. Currently, the many volunteers of the CAC have updated the new home. Another supporter, John Luminowski, owner of J&L Construction in Chicago Ridge, who donated numerous hours/days of labor to design rooms for the forensic interviews in the new home. In August 2003, the CAC held its annual fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Orland Park. The event was successful in raising over $6,000. The CAC also received a donation from Project PROTECT's annual fundraising event, their 5K Run/Walk, headed by Timothy Baldermann, Police Chief of Chicago Ridge. The 5K Run/Walk was last November and the CAC received a donation of over $9,000.

Recently, the 7th grade Religious Education students at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Orland Hills donated over 250 small paper bags. The bags were colored and designed by the 7th grade students for the CAC. The bags will be used for the children that visit the Center. Inside the bags will be a letter of encouragement written by the students and other donated items such as stuffed animals and brochures.

On behalf of all the volunteers and organizations involved with the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Cook County, I wish to thank everyone for their support in making this organization a successful one.

s/s Brian S. Galske, Chairman
Children's Advocacy Board

Make-A-Wish Ball

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois works full-time throughout the year to bring wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. And, once a year, the Foundation hosts one of Chicagoland's most prominent fundraising events. The funds raised by the annual 2004 Wish Ball will help the Foundation accomplish its mission throughout the coming year: Bring hope to children and their families through the power of a Wish.

This year's Wish Ball will be at The Field Museum on Saturday, May 22nd. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner, courtesy of caterer Blue Plate, at 7:30, and then everyone will be dancing the night away! There will also be a silent auction, live auction and a raffle with a trip to Hawaii as the winner's prize. Tickets for the raffle will be $20 each. This year, the Ball will include a unique opportunity for guests: an invitation to an exclusive tour of the exhibition "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong" following dinner. The exhibition, which is currently showing at The Field Museum through Sept. 12th, gives visitors an inside glimpse into the life of one of China's most powerful emperors.

Created by the Wish Ball Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Ball is underwritten by many sponsors, including United Airlines, La Petite Academy and Northern Trust. The theme for this year's ball is "Bejeweled, Bedazzled, Behold" and this elegant and entertaining evening will include many Wish Children who will attend with their families and share their stories.

The black-tie Ball is the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser. Last year's Wish Ball raised approximately $320,000 and event organizers expect to meet or exceed last year's revenues.

Tickets for the 2004 Wish Ball are $300 per person, $3,000 for a table of 10. For more information regarding Wish Ball ticket purchases, call (312) 602-9474.

Annual Ride For A Cure

Motorcycle enthusiasts from the Chicago area will gather on Saturday, May 8th for the third annual "Ride for a Cure," a motorcycle run that is designed to raise funds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Event organizers Brian Bisping and Steve Oberholtzer began this event in memory of their fellow riders who have fought cancer and lost, in celebration with those who have beaten it, and in support of those who are still fighting. Their goal is to exceed the $5,000 raised during the 2003 run through pledges secured by the riders as well as corporate sponsorship.

The route will begin at Belvedere Chateau in Palos Hills and make its way through the suburbs to Samy's Bar & Grill in Joliet with a mid-route stop at Leo's Bar & Grill in Romeoville. Riders can register for this event by contacting either Brian at (815) 715-3928 or Steve at (815) 922-3418.

12th Annual Great Chef's Tasting Party

More than 30 of Chicago's finest chefs will create a philanthropic feast at the 12th annual *Great Chef's Tasting Party* on Monday, May 17th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water St. These generous and talented chefs will serve their tastiest specialties to more than 800 guests in a combined effort to support United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago (UCP Chicago).

The *Great Chef's Tasting Party* will begin with wine tasting from 5:15 to 6 p.m. From 6 to 9 p.m. guests will enjoy a variety of foods including Shrimp & Scallop Ceviche, Gibson's Steak Sandwiches, Roasted Rack of Lamb, and Porcini Crusted Halibut. Master of Ceremonies will be TV's Dining Chicago "Food Dude" David Lissner. Noted chefs donating their time and talents include Tony Priolo of Coco Pazzo, Carlos Garcia of La Strada, Audry Triplett of Gibson's Steakhouse, Laura Piper of Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House, and Tom Kenny of Mike Ditka's.

In addition to the delicious delicacies, the event will feature a silent auction and raffle. Items include American Airline tickets, sports memorabilia, and Chicago Cubs & White Sox tickets. Other items include gift certificates to the finest restaurants in Chicago, signed gourmet cookbooks and more.

Tickets are $90 and include tasting of appetizers, entrees, desserts, soft drinks, coffee, some beer, wine & liquor, and a souvenir program cookbook. Premier tables of 10 are available for $1300 and include priority seating and special Great Chefs 12 party favors. For reservations, call Kim Bayer at UCP Chicago, (312) 368-0380, ext. 229.

Urge Public To Use Sex Offender Registry For Your Protection

Unveiling an unprecedented public awareness campaign, Attorney General Lisa Madigan and the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Team (I-SORT) urged the public to use the state's sex offender registry as a tool to protect their families against sexual assault.

Joined at a recent news conference by Secretary of State Jesse White, Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, Chicago Police Dept. Superintendent Phil Cline, Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan and other I-SORT partners, Madigan announced that the public awareness campaign will be launched with the distribution of 12,000 posters across the state.

The posters will advertise the state's sex offender registry Web site, which is maintained by the Illinois State Police. The posters will be placed in public libraries, gas stations, convenience stores, Dept. of Motor Vehicles facilities, Chicago Transit Authority employee workrooms, retailers' windows, police departments, courthouses and sexual assault advocacy centers statewide. Madigan said while Illinois' sex offender registry was created nearly two decades ago, the public is largely unaware of the thousands of pages of information they can access to find out where sex offenders live and what crimes they committed. While Illinois has a population of more than 12 million, the site registered less than 900,000 hits during 2003 – a 7.2 percent use rate. Madigan also said citizens can call the ISP Sex Offender Registration Unit at (217) 785-0653 or her office at 1(888) 41-ISORT to order posters, ask questions about the registry, ask questions if they can't access the Web site or to provide an update if they find incorrect information on the Web site.

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Aim To Curb Medical Litigation Crisis

In an unprecedented display of bipartisan support, several Illinois Senate Democrats have introduced proposals aimed at curbing the devastating medical litigation crisis that continues to threaten access to vital health care services in Illinois. These amendments, based upon the Illinois State Medical Society's (ISMS') comprehensive medical litigation reform package, offer balanced solutions to preserve patient access to medical care and ensure that affordable health care services are available in all corners of the state.

"Negotiations across party lines represent a giant step forward in developing fair solutions to the medical litigation crisis," stated ISMS President William E. Kobler, M.D. "Frivolous litigation and skyrocketing jury awards are forcing many physicians to flee Illinois, limit services or exit the medical profession altogether, leaving pockets of Illinois without access to high-risk specialty services, trauma centers and certain surgical procedures. These amendments will help rein in excessive litigation."

Sen. James Clayborne, Jr. (D-Belleville) sponsored a floor amendment that includes 10 components.

Among them are provisions that would discourage frivolous lawsuits by strengthening the certificate of merit requirements, enhance medical discipline and increase expert witness qualifications. Sens. Lawrence Walsh)D-Joliet), William Haine (D-Alton), Gary Forby (D-Benton) and Denny Jacobs (D-Moline) have signed on as co-sponsors to Sen. Clayborne's amendment.

In an effort to keep medical services available for our state's most vulnerable patients, Sen. Haine filed a separate amendment to relieve some of the financial burden that escalating costs of medical liability insurance pose for physicians. Sen. Clayborne has voiced his support of the amendment, and Sens. Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago), Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago), Forby, Walsh and Jacobs have signed on as co-sponsors.

Although caps on non-economic damages are not included in this medical liability reform package, ISMS maintains that caps are the single most effective solution.

"I would personally like to thank these Illinois Senators for taking a step toward restoring balance in the legal system to help preserve Illinois' health care system," stated Dr. Kobler. "Republicans and Democrats should share the same goal – ensuring affordable and available medical care for all Illinois citizens."

For more information about ISMS' medical litigation reform legislation, visit www.realitymedicine.com.

Ponds For Kids

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is reminding principals of local elementary and high schools of an opportunity to install an exciting new educational feature on their school grounds. As part of the second annual "Ponds for Kids" program, Brookfield Zoo has joined with Aquascape Designs, Inc. to sponsor a contest that will award three schoolyard ponds to winning schools.

Ponds are wonderful living laboratories that can enhance the school's learning curriculum. Students can get valuable hands-on experience managing a sensitive ecosystem, observing aquatic life and developing an appreciation for the environment.

"The design for these ponds is very attractive, with a waterfall and meandering stream ideal for wildlife," said Commissioner Daley. "They bring a touch of the country to an urban setting."

Teachers, parents and students provide the labor to build the pond, while Aquascape Designs provides the tools, materials and expertise. Most ponds can be constructed in just one day's work.

The deadline to apply is May 14th. Applications are available online at www.brookfieldzoo.org, or call Mena Boulanger at (708) 485-0263, ext. 308, for more information.

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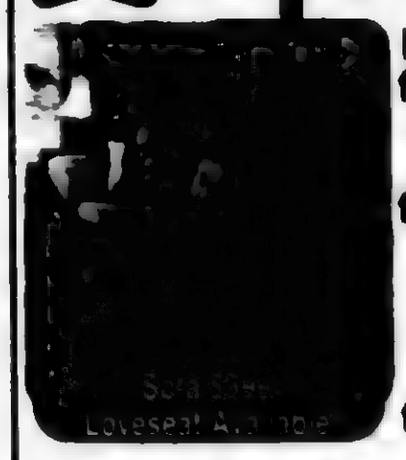

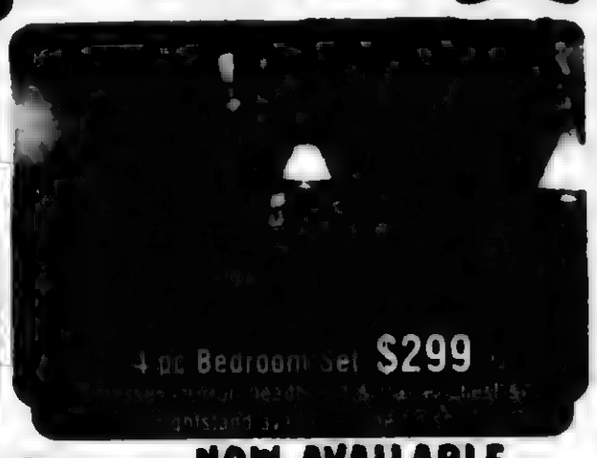

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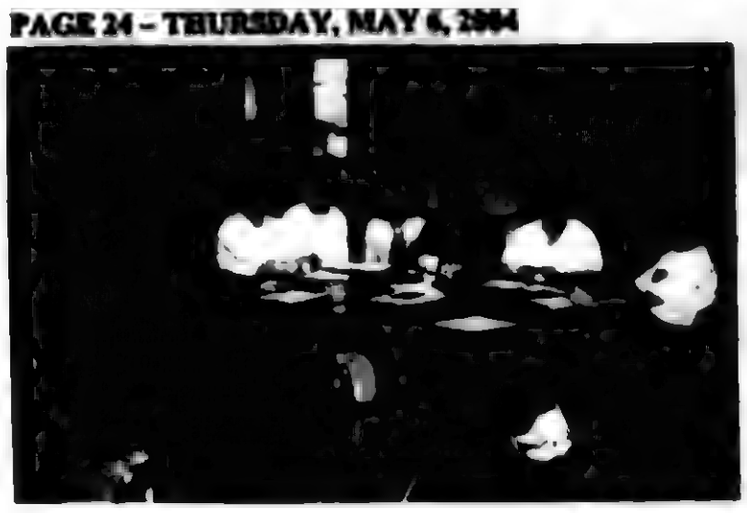

The red ribbon committee will meet again next week. The agenda focuses on a recap and review of their most recent spring event, held last Friday, April 30, 2004, at Oakview Center, 110th and Kilpatrick. Members, including (left to right) Laura Shallow of Fifth Third Bank, Joseph Pacetti of the Oak Lawn Police Department, Mary Egan of Oak Lawn Community High School, Cindy Julian and John Mitchell of McGugan Junior High School, Sue Peltzer of the PTA, Ann Francis of Simmons Middle School, and Joyce Skubic of McGugan Junior High School, welcome feedback from other participating schools and organizations. The games, contests, music by the disc jockey, food and refreshments, and other activities in support of alcohol awareness month seemed to be received and enjoyed. They hope to also begin the planning for their fall event. This next program is scheduled as a kick-off to red ribbon week, a national celebration of an alcohol-free, drug-free, and violence-free lifestyle.

POLICE BLOTTER

On April 15th Casey Kiourkas, 21 and Raafat Elouhary, 17, both of Burbank were arrested and charged with theft. Both were invited into the victims' apartment to have a few drinks. When the victims fell asleep, both men took merchandise totaling between $1,500 and $2,000 from the apartment.

On April 19th Palquees Shaban, 40, and Asell Khabbas, 19, both of Oak Lawn were arrested and charged with retail theft after Kmart loss prevention associates observed both placing merchandise in a cart. Shaban then switched the tickets on some of the merchandise and proceeded to the check out where she paid for only the merchandise with the switched tickets. They then exited the store without paying for the remaining merchandise. The total loss to the store would have been $280.31.

On April 19th Rebecca Boyd, 26, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after she attempted to kick in a neighbor's apartment door, while she was highly intoxicated. The neighbor stated she did not even know Boyd.

On April 19th Marcus Russell, 17, of Chicago was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis with intent to deliver after police were summoned to the 4800 block of Southwest Highway. They observed Russell asleep in his running car in the center lane. After knocking on the window, they were able to rouse Russell and requested that he step out of the car. Russell exited his car with his hand in his pocket and appeared to be nervous. When told by the officer to remove his hand from his pocket, he dropped a packet to the car floor. Upon examination of the packet which contained 10 smaller packets, police observed a leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana.

On April 27th Moniqka Coleman, 23, Joseph Johnson, 23, and Leroy Bobo, 36, were arrested and charged with retail theft. A Marshall's loss prevention associate observed Coleman and Johnson checking out in Bobo's line with a cart full of merchandise. The loss prevention associate remembered seeing Johnson and Bobo together previously and had a second loss prevention associate observe the transaction of the security cameras, who observed a receipt that appeared to be considerably shorter than it should have been for the amount of merchandise that had been purchased. Coleman and Johnson were stopped as they left the store and produced a receipt for $32.87. The total cost of the merchandise in their bags was $307.91.

On May 1st Russell Wilson, 49, and Donald Richards, 31, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with retail theft. Wilson was observed by Hollywood Video employees concealing tapes under his jacket as Russell attempted to distract the employees. When the men left the store, the alarm sounded and one of the employees attempted to lock the door to prevent them from leaving. A description of the car and their license plate number was given to police. A short time later an officer reported observing the car in the 5200 block of 95th St. with its hood up. When the officers arrived, a witness told police that one of the men disappeared for a short time. When he left he was carrying a blue canvas bag, but returned without the bag. Police discovered the bag about 75 feet south on Cook Ave. in some bushes. A Hollywood Video employee identified the two as the men who had taken the videos. Wilson was also charged with battery.

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On The Dean's List

Kelly Catherine Anicich of Alsip, a senior, majoring in creative writing, and Suzanne June Heller of Oak Lawn, a senior majoring in Spanish, have been named to the dean's list at Knox College, Galesburg.

To be named to the dean's list, one requires a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

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Registration for the fall 2004/spring 2005 academic year will begin Monday, May 10th for residents and Monday, May 24th for non-residents.

According to Maura Kennedy, recreation supervisor, the programs for ages 3 and 4 offer a balance of structured and free-play activities that are ideal for the young child: story time, singing, art and holiday celebrations. The programs for ages 4 and 5 are the stepping stones to kindergarten, emphasizing all readiness skills (numbers, colors, letters, shapes, printing).

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Oak Lawn Board Of Trustees Concur With Plan Commission And

Approve Parking Variation

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees, at its meeting on Tuesday, voted to concur with the Planning and Development Commission and approved a parking variation for the new multi-tenant commercial development at 106th and Cicero. Three tenants, Washington Mutual Bank, Panera Bread, and Cold Stone Creamery will occupy this site. The site falls 51 parking stalls short of the code requirements. However, the bank will be closed during evening hours, making the on site parking available for Panera Bread and Cold Slab Creamery.

Both Trustee Marge Joy and Trustee Steve Rosenberg commented about recent events they had attended at Richards High School and at Oak Lawn Community High School. Trustee Joy attended a luncheon and a play at Richards and commented on the excellence of the event including the wonderful interaction with the students. Trustee Rosenberg attended a chamber luncheon at Oak Lawn and his response mirrored Trustee Joy's.

Contracts were awarded to Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, the low bidder, for roof replacement work at the Water Division Office and the C.J. Reich Pumping Station; West Side Tractor Sales for a backhoe loader, and to Hawkinson Ford for the purchase of a ½ ton pick up truck. The board also approved a request to waive the bidding procedure and award a contract to McCann Equipment Company, a single source vendor, for the purchase of a used 2004 front end loader.

The board voted to deny a request from Dollar Store Plus to display seasonal merchandise on the sidewalk in front of the store. Trustee Keane stated that in driving by the store he noted bikes and luggage on the sidewalk after the owner received a citation for not having a permit to use the sidewalk. Both Trustee Rosenberg and Trustee Hurckes stated that the length of time-now through August was beyond the code of one week. Acting President Stancik related that the village has been diligently attempting to improve and maintain the appearance of Oak Lawn business areas since last December and this request would not enhance the area. The board did however suggest that if the owner limited her request to a shorter time frame they would consider her request.

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 25th.

The family of Eric Kaminski will be holding a candle light vigil for Eric (pictured) on Saturday, May 8th at 7 p.m. at the baseball/soccer fields located at the Northeast corner of 93rd St. and Kilbourn Ave.

Eric was last seen at the Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan in Chicago, on Feb. 5 at approximately 3:30 p.m. He was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, white gym shoes, and a navy colored Carhart jacket. His description: white, male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 185 pounds, 25 years of age, hazel eyes, and brown hair (shaved). The police have exhausted several leads in this case.

A $10,000 reward is being offered by Eric's family to be paid to the person or among the persons who provide information which directly results in locating him.

For information regarding the Vigil contact his mother, Patti Kaminski at (708) 687-6795 or his wife Grace Kaminski at (708) 921-4441.

Anyone with information pertaining to the disappearance of Eric Kaminski is asked to contact the Oak Lawn Police Department at (708) 952-3840.

Preservation Month

The Village of Oak Lawn has designated May as Historic Preservation Month. "We are proud of our heritage," commented Trustee Jerry Hurckes. "Oak Lawn has a past so rich in history."

The Historic Preservation Commission installed its elected officers, Michelle Moses, chairperson and Brian Jordan, secretary, at its last meeting April 1. "The Historic Preservation Commission's roles include designating historic sites within the Village, educating Oak Lawn residents of its history and mainly documenting the history of Oak Lawn," said Trustee Hurckes, the mayoral appointment to the commission.

A proclamation was read and signed into effect, by Acting Mayor Ronald Stancik at the last Board of Trustees meeting on April 27, declaring May – Historic Preservation Month.

Members of the Commission will be interviewed by Acting Mayor and Trustee Ronald Stancik on the local cable program "Good Things Begin with Oak Lawn" and this program will air later in the month of May on public access channel 45.

For further information, regarding the commission or the designation of historic sites, contact James Webb at (708) 499-7821.

Reach For The Stars Run/Walk & Fun Run

For the first time, the Five Seasons Sports Country Club is teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois for a fun-filled fitness event that will raise money to help children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Reach for the Stars 5K Run/Walk and One-Mile Fun Run will take place on Saturday, June 19th. The 5K event begins at 8 a.m. and the one-mile Fun Run will start at 9 a.m.

This event is sure to be a great way for every family member to get some exercise while teaching children to help their community. All participants will receive a T-shirt, with prizes awarded to the top finishers in the men's and women's categories.

The Run/Walk will start at the Praxair Building and finish at the Five Seasons, which will host a free post-event Family Fitness Festival open to everyone from 9 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn about cholesterol testing, body fat testing, massage therapy, and much more.

For further information or answers about the 5K Run/Walk or the One-Mile Fun Run, call David Geslak at (630) 570-5200, ext. 452.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 17 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.
MAY 17 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
MAY 18 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 18 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 18 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.
MAY 18 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.
MAY 18 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.
MAY 18 & 20 – Tuesday & Thursday – Bean-Bag Tournament, Stony Creek Golf Course Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St., 6:30 p.m.
MAY 19 – Wednesday – Worth Township Seniors Free Vision Testing, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 9 a.m. to noon, MUST REGISTER, call 371-2900, ext. 28.
MAY 19 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 20 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
MAY 20 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Robert Snyder Receives Degree

Robert Warren Snyder of Oak Lawn received his B.S. in Logistics and Transportation Management during Elmhurst College's midyear commencement ceremony on Feb. 8th in R. A. Faganel Hall on the campus.

Snyder was one of 10 students graduating summa cum laude. To receive this distinction, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.900 or better on a 4.000 scale.

About 165 members of the midyear Class of 2004 completed the requirements for bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music or bachelor of liberal studies degrees.

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Trinity Pre-School Enrollment

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., will be having its closing programs for the year on May 20th and 21st. The preschool is now accepting enrollment for the 2004-05 school year.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four-year-olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information or to set up an appointment to view the school, call Cathy Cepican, director, at 422-0193.

Memorial Day Observance At The Eternal Flame
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Blue Cap in Blue Island awarded Silver Lake Country Club owner John Coghill (pictured) with its Leadership Award at the 2004 Starlight Awards on May 5. Coghill has long supported the services of Blue Cap provides for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Coghill provides the organization with considerable word-of-mouth support and is an active fundraiser for the organization. He also works closely with Blue Cap for its annual Charity Invitational golf outing, which is held at Silver Lake Country Club.

The Leadership Award is among seven awards annually presented to area leaders and supporters of Blue Cap. Past recipients of the Leadership Award include Gregory Heim of Modern Drop Forge and Milton George, former superintendent of School District 132.

Blue Cap is a not-for-profit agency serving individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities throughout Chicago and the southern suburbs.

For more information, call Rachael Marusarz at (708) 389-8137, ext. 303.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

May is National Foster Care Month. As Administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, a major provider of services to foster children and parents in Cook and Lake counties, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank foster parents for the important work they do in caring for children – our most precious resource. By opening their hearts and homes, they play a vital role in helping to heal children and families in crisis.

By their commitment, foster parents leave an indelible mark on generations to come. Each day, in thousands of homes throughout our state, foster parents are helping to end cycles of neglect, abuse and/or addiction, and to heal their damaging effects on children. Frequently, they are helping a child become the first in his or her family to finish high school or even go to college. Children leave their foster homes knowing that there are many other paths in life to take than what they have known.

Foster parents not only provide temporary homes, safety and nurturing for children, they also help birth families, so that their children eventually can be reunited with them. If, however, reunification is not possible, many foster parents choose to adopt the children who have been placed in their homes, offering permanence and stability that the children would otherwise not know.

Foster parents do not receive nearly enough thanks or recognition for their efforts. And although the children they have helped don't always tell them, their lives have been changed forever by the care and kindness found in their foster homes.

Again, thank you to all foster parents for sharing your families and your homes, and for so generously giving love, encouragement and hope to children and families in need.

Sincerely,
s/s Rev. Michael M. Boland, Administrator
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

"Cover The Uninsured" Event

A diverse coalition of 175 Chicago-area organizations launched "Cover the Uninsured Week" at an event featuring top state, business, labor, sports and Latino leaders, along with moving stories told by people who have no health insurance.

In a study the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates that the United States will spend $41 billion for uncompensated care for the uninsured this year. Federal state, and local governments will incur as much as 85 percent of these costs, according to the study, which notes that even with uncompensated care, people who are uninsured for the entire year "can expect to receive about half as much care as people who are fully insured." This study comes on the heels of new research from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the national sponsor of "Cover the Uninsured Week, which found that 20 million working adults in the U.S. are uninsured, including more than 700,000 in Illinois. Both reports have been released to coincide with "Cover the Uninsured Week," the largest national educational effort on the issue of health coverage and the uninsured.

More than 175 organizations, including the Illinois State Medical Society, Illinois AFL-CIO, Illinois and Chicagoland Chambers of Commerce, religious congregations and health care providers are involved in organizing "Cover the Uninsured Week" in Chicago. Nearly 2,000 activities are planned nationwide during the Week. A complete listing of the more than 30 scheduled events in the Chicago area and the thousands around the country is available at www.CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org. Additional findings from the Kaiser report, "The Cost of Not Covering the Uninsured," are available online at http://www.kff.org/covertheuninsured2004.

Discount Drug Scam Surfaces

Although the federal Medicare program has just started allowing seniors to sign up for its new discount prescription drug cards, Attorney General Lisa Madigan said reports of people trying to scam Illinois seniors already have surfaced.

Madigan said her office already has been alerted to cases of potential fraud in which Medicare beneficiaries have received telephone calls promising huge discounts or financial credits they may not be eligible for. In most instances, consumers are asked to provide their bank account numbers or other financial or personal information.

One area of potential fraud involves a new $600 credit the program will be providing to eligible, low income seniors for the purchase of prescription drugs. According to reports her office has received, Madigan said con artists are calling seniors and claiming they need seniors' personal and financial information so the $600 credit can be deposited in the seniors' accounts. The new $600 credit is legitimate and if eligible, low-income seniors will be responsible for enrolling themselves for that benefit.

In another potential scam, Illinois seniors are receiving calls from Canadian telemarketers who claim that "the federal government has passed a law to help you buy prescription drugs." Seniors are led to believe the telemarketers are referring to the federally approved discount drug program. These telemarketers promise seniors from 50 to 80 percent off of their discount drug purchases. Seniors are then asked to read their bank account information from the bottom of one of their checks. The telemarketers them fraudulently creates a bank draft and sends it through the seniors' bank, usually debiting up to $300. Seniors never receive anything.

Madigan warned that while Illinois residents can choose from a number of legitimate discount cards offered by pharmaceutical companies and prescription drug providers under the Medicare plan, as well as discounts offered through the State of Illinois, they must take precautions to avoid getting overwhelmed by the sheer volume of offers and fall for a fraudulent deal.

Madigan offered these tips to help choose the best card:

- Do not rush into choosing a plan. The Medicare discount drug card is a voluntary program and benefits can be taken advantage of at any time after June 1.
- Do not give out any personal or financial information over the phone or face-to-face. Medicare-affiliated discount card providers will not solicit business by going door-to-door or by making telephone calls.
- Do not pay large sums of money up front. Medicare discount drug cards will never cost more than $30 per year and will have the official Medicare seal on them.
- Consider multiple offers. Seniors should make sure the plan they choose covers the medicines they take and is accepted by their local pharmacy.

If a company appears to be engaging in unfair or deceptive practices in promoting Medicare discount drug cards, contact the Attorney General's Senior Fraud Hotline at 1-800-243-5377 or 1-800-964-3013 (TTY). For general information about the Medicare discount drug benefit as well as state pharmaceutical benefits for which seniors may be eligible, call the Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice/TTY).

Non-Traditional Ways To Get Legal Advice

There are a variety of non-traditional ways to obtain legal advice, but you should approach them with caution.

A growing number of consumers seek legal advice through the Internet. Legal advice, whether it is provided on-line or in other ways, must be based on Illinois law (or the locale where the legal matter arises). With the exception of matters governed exclusively by federal law, like bankruptcy and federal tax issues, the laws in one state frequently differ from that in other states. So, just because information is posted on a Web site doesn't mean that it is the law that applies to your circumstances (or case) or that the people who posted it are practicing lawyers. The best approach is to verify the information with an experienced attorney.

Another non-traditional means of obtaining legal advice is through storefront-type organizations that draft legal documents. Unfortunately, some of these organizations use non-lawyers, who, for a fee, draft legal documents or even give legal advice. Consumers should be aware that, in Illinois, only lawyers who are licensed to practice law in this state can draft legal documents. Non-lawyers who do so may be guilty of the unauthorized practice of law. If you believe you have been victimized by this practice, you can contact the State's Attorney in your area or the Illinois Bar Association.

Another non-traditional but increasingly accepted means of receiving legal services is through prepaid legal service plans. This kind of plans calls for you to pay a nominal monthly fee in exchange for legal assistance, usually available by telephone. The plan may also cover brief office consultations, review of basic legal documents, preparation of a simple will and the preparation of short letters or phone calls made by a lawyer to an adverse party. Some plans may offer more extended coverage for an additional fee.

Before joining a prepaid legal service plan, be sure to read the fine print and understand all the options and costs involved.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area of visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Bureau Orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wednesday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd St. in Lansing.

According to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

"Visitors to the area and those attending meetings, seminars and sporting events affect a wide variety of businesses, from hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations, and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle-down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland economy."

A continental breakfast will be served, and a question-and-answer period follows the program. The entire orientation lasts approximately one hour Please confirm by Tuesday, May 18th to the Bureau at (708) 895-8200.

NAACP Home Buyer Repair Seminar

The Chicago Far South NAACP is having a home-buyer/credit repair seminar on Thursday, May 27th at 6 p.m. Understanding the appraisal and loan process will be the topic. If you have recently been denied a home loan or want to find out the correct way to buy property, plan to attend. Buying investment properties will also be discussed.

This event is being held at the Evergreen Towers, 9730 S. Western Ave., ground level. For more information, call Walden Mabry, Housing Chair, at (708) 335-9860 or (708) 585-2987. All are welcome.

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Identity Theft Causes Personal Havoc

Identity theft can wreak havoc on your personal finances, but there are ways that you can take control of the situation.

If an identity thief has stolen your mail to get new credit cards or information about your bank account, or if he or she falsifies change-of-address forms sent through the mail, this is considered a crime and should be reported to your local postal inspector.

If you believe that your bank account has been tampered with, you should close it immediately. When you open a new account, request that a password be used before any changes can be made on the account. Try to avoid using typical password information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date or the same series of consecutive numbers.

Similar action should be taken for an ATM card. If it has been stolen, cancel it as soon as possible and get another card with a new PIN number.

Identity theft can also involve your phone service, your driver's license and your personal investments. Recently in Chicago, the public was warned to be on the lookout for a Social Security identity theft scam where potential victims were contacted for private information such as Social Security and bank account numbers.

Sometimes, an identity thief may create a criminal record under your name, when being arrested, for example. The procedures for clearing your name varies by jurisdiction, so if this should happen, you may need to hire an attorney to help resolve the problem.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois Bar Association member-lawyer in your area at www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

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Give Check To Food Pantry

Cook County Rebekah Lodge No. 90 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) held a special raffle at its annual Soup and Sandwich Fun Bingo night. The proceeds of the raffle were given to the food pantry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Burbank. Pictured is Noble Grand Helen Tischer (left) and Vice Grand Viola Moore holding the check that Sister Tischer will present to the Food Pantry.

The International Association of Rebekah Assemblies selected Illinois as one of five jurisdictions to receive a $1,000 Humanitarian award. Each Rebekah Lodge in Illinois was issued a check in the amount of $12 to be used as seed money to raise more funds to be used for a community cause.

Cook County No. 90 held a special raffle using the $12, along with money donated by Lisa Mooth, lodge chaplain, as cash prizes. The lodge raised $105 in this effort.

It was decided to give the money to Our Savior's Food Pantry as they help area residents in need.

Cook County Rebekah Lodge meets the first and third Fridays of each month at Hometown Christian Church, 87th and Kostner Ave. For more information about the Rebekah Lodge call Helen at (708) 563-0046.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Launch The Illinois Coalition For Jobs

Letter to the Editor,

Voters throughout the state are fed up with the unemployment situation. Nearly 400,000 Illinois men and women are out of work, and that doesn't even include those who have simply given up finding a job. These aren't just faceless numbers from a government report. They are your neighbors and friends. Each job loss is a personal tragedy for a family and the entire community. It means mortgages can't be paid, groceries can't be bought, and kids won't be able to go to college.

Those with jobs know all too well that Illinois' economy seems to be falling further and further behind, and our jobs are less secure than just a few years ago. In short, people are nervous, and with good reason. As a direct result of Illinois' skyrocketing taxation on job creators, every week another company makes a gut-wrenching decision – relocate to a friendlier business climate, or shutdown.

This must stop, and it must stop now.

Last year, Springfield socked employers with more than $600 million in higher taxes and fees. These higher taxes are paid by higher prices and job reductions. While government officials brag that they haven't raised our taxes, someone still must 'pay the piper' and that someone is you.

For these reasons, major employer groups representing more than a million Illinois workers have united to launch the *Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity.*

Our goal is to change the way government attacks job creation, but instead of traditional lobbying in Springfield, we're going to do things a bit different. We're going to lobby you.

We will inform you about the records and actions of state elected officials, and we will be brutally honest. Illinois voters need to know which politicians best understand and support policies and investments that put people back to work – and which don't

Since no single political party has a monopoly on prosperity, and no Illinois county has escaped the harsh reality of families being devastated by the loss of jobs, we are bipartisan and are taking our message from Rockford to Cairo and all points between.

Together, we can put people back to work if we elect candidates who recognize the importance of investing in Illinois. Job creation must become the top issue for our policymakers.

You can do your part this election year by getting informed and holding our elected officials accountable for their actions on jobs-related issues. Please learn more and get involved at www.jobsillinois.us today.

The future of our families, our communities and our state are at stake.

Jeff, Mays, Illinois Business Rountable
Douglas Whitley, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce
Gregory Baise, Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Gerald Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Edward D. Murnane, Illinois Civil Justice League
Illinois Coalition for Jobs, Growth & Prosperity

Women's Luncheon

Beverly South Christian Women's Club extends an invitation to its Hope Springs Eternal Luncheon on Thursday, May 20th at 12 noon. The event will be held at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills at a cost of $10 per person. For reservations call (708) 430-5062 by May 17th.

Nancy Hawley will speak on "A Family Story of Hope." The Dress Barn will present a showing of spring fashions.

SCORE Half-Day Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, May 25th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn to protect yourself and your business from physical damage and lawsuits. Federal, state and local tax basics will also be covered. This workshop is the final one required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

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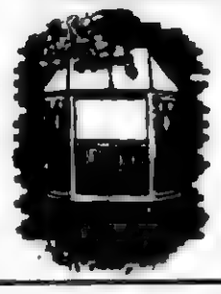

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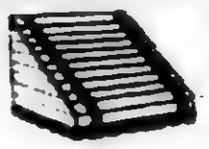

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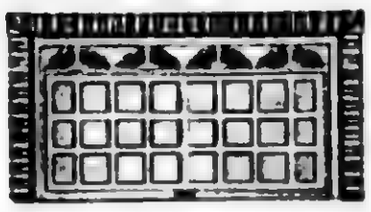

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Post-Election Reports

The March presidential primary was an election of firsts for suburban Cook County voters, as party voting trends continued to shift and Democrats turned out in record numbers, Cook County Clerk David Orr announced.

A post-election analysis recently completed by Orr's office shows that the March 2004 presidential primary marked the highest percentage of Democratic ballots ever recorded in a suburban Cook County primary election.

Also, voters in a record number of townships took Democratic ballots for a presidential primary – 27 townships out of 30.

The post-election report shows that the Clerk's office received its election returns faster than anywhere in the state on election night. More than 50 percent of Cook County's 2,423 suburban precincts had transmitted their results to the Clerk's downtown office 20 minutes after the polls closed at 7 p.m.

"Our analysis provides a snapshot of Election Day," Orr said of the March 16 primary. "It provides historical data reflecting changes in voting behavior and turnout trends among suburban Cook County voters that we hope communities and individual residents find useful."

While suburban Cook County commonly sees significant Democratic turnout for presidential elections, the turnout for the presidential primaries historically is less than that for gubernatorial primaries.

However, with 279,538 suburban ballots cast in March, the presidential primary showed 302 more Democratic ballots cast than in the gubernatorial of 2002. This marked the first such increase in primary Democratic ballots since 1992.

Democrats in the presidential primary of 2000 cast only 148,370 ballots, down from the 182,250 ballots cast in the gubernatorial race of 1998.

"We typically see wide swings in turnout for Democratic and Republican voters during primaries," Orr said. "Most of the peaks come during gubernatorial elections, when voters may feel they're participating in races that affect their local communities a bit more."

Setting the stage for the primary was a spike in voter registration, which was the highest ever before a presidential primary in suburban Cook County. About 1.3 million residents had registered to vote by the February deadline.

Included among the elections in which voters cast ballots were: primaries for president of the United States and a hotly contested U.S. Senate seat; races for the Illinois General Assembly; Cook County offices; judge vacancies; and various local races and ballot questions.

Letter To The Editor

Editor

Illinois taxpayers won a major victory last week when time ran out in the Illinois General Assembly for a constitutional amendment proposed by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn to be placed on this fall's election ballot. Quinn's constitutional amendment, if placed on the ballot and passed, would double the state income tax for individuals earning over $250,000. Fortunately for income earners at every level, our legislators were [illegible] enough to see that passage of Quinn's tax increase would have resulted in a statewide brain drain, loss of capital, closed businesses, higher unemployment and reduced revenues for schools and other governmental entities.

Let's hope the legislature's recent wisdom continues into the indefinite future.

Sincerely,
s/s Maureen Murphy
Commissioner
Cook County
Board of Review

Ho-Chunk Plans A Casino

The Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin has plans for a casino in Lynwood.

The casino would include a luxury hotel, water park, stores and American Indian cultural center and museum.

The proposed casino would be built on a 432-acre site on Stony Island Ave. and Glenwood-Dwyer Road.

Under at 1986 U.S. law, it would be the state's first giving Native American tribes the right to operate a gambling casino.

Ho-Chunk leaders said the project could cost up to $1 billion and be built in stages ranging from 14 months to three years.

The proposal must gain congressional and Bush administration approval for putting the site into a land trust. It also must gain the support of Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D. Ill.) plans to introduce a bill to place the complex site into a tribal trust.

Jackson said he supported the proposal after the tribe promised to commit at least 25 percent of its net gaming revenues to state, local school districts and municipal governments.

Several business leaders, legislators and mayors are endorsing the project.

If it is built, the 220,000-square-foot casino would be the largest in the state. It would have 3,000 slot machines and 100 table games. It would generate more than 5,000 jobs, paying an average salary of $45,000 a year and $78 million in annual payroll taxes.

The complex would include an 8,000-seat outdoor theater, a 50,000-square-foot convention center, restaurants, night club, movie theater, recreational vehicle camp ground, baseball and soccer fields and hiking trails.

If Ho-Chunk does not obtain approval from the federal government or negotiate a deal with Blagojevich over a casino operation, the Ho-Chunks would consider developing the complex without the casino.

Offices Will Be Closed

All Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day, Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently. They will reopen Tuesday, June 1st.

Driver Services facilities outside of Cook County, and also the Chicago West, Midlothian and Niles facilities that are normally closed on Mondays, will be closed on, Saturday, May 29th, as well as Monday, May 31st. These facilities will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, June 1st.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Secretary of State Jesse White has informed All Points that his office would begin verifying Social Security numbers for all drivers licenses and ID cards in June. White stated that the process is another step to protect the public against identity theft and fraud.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States," White said. "State issued drivers licenses and ID cards are the most widely used forms of identification in the country. Verifying numbers with the Social Security Administration will help eliminate fraud at our facilities. This extra security measure is a benefit to law enforcement, consumers and businesses."

White said that 96 percent of all records in the state's drivers license and ID card databases have already been confirmed with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Four percent of records did not match correctly with the SSA. Letters and renewal notices for motorists and citizens whose records did not match are being sent advising them to bring documentation to verify their Social Security Number, name and date of birth. All drivers licenses and ID cards for first-time applicants will be verified before they are issued as well.

White urged motorists receiving those notices to visit a facility as soon as possible. If records need to be corrected with the SSA, the process could take up to four weeks. Drivers licenses and ID cards will not be issued until the Social Security Number can be verified.

The cost of the Social Security Online Verification program is covered by a $540,000 federal grant. Social Security Online Verification is one of many security efforts employed by the Secretary of State's office to prevent identity theft. The office uses facial recognition programs that compare digital photographs of motorists. White has also adopted more stringent identification document requirements and no longer prints the social security number on drivers licenses and ID cards.

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The Illinois State Crime Commission has announced that Worth Township Assessor John Z. Toscas and Lieutenant Detective Michael Tardi of the Hickory Hills Police Department, will be honored at their Eighth Annual Awards Dinner, Wednesday evening, June 23rd at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace.

According to Crime Commission Executive Director Jerry Elsner, "The Salute to Those Who Make a Difference Dinner will honor Mr. Toscas with the 'Community Service Award' for 25 years of service to the southwest Cook County area and the State of Illinois specializing in municipal and governmental law, litigation and legislative analysis."

Elsner continued, "Lieutenant Detective Michael Tardi will be honored with the 'Suburban Police Officer of the Year Award' for his 26 years of superior effort, efficiency in law enforcement and his model of professionalism.

"Each year our honorees represent Illinois' best individual leaders as well as champions from government and industry. They are well-deserving of the recognition, having distinguished themselves with outstanding contributions to our communities throughout Illinois," Elsner stated.

For more information about this dinner contact the Illinois State Crime Commission at (630) 844-9190 or fax them at (630) 844-9198.

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The Crisis Center for South Suburbia will hold a volunteer orientation on Tuesday, May 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd St.

The orientation will provide information on the Crisis Center's domestic violence programs and the rewarding ways in which community members can get involved in its mission to support families in crisis.

To reserve your place at the orientation, or for more information on how you can help contact Jennifer at (708) 429-7255.

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Several local collegiate athletes have exhibited outstanding success and leadership for their team this season. Saint Xavier University senior second baseman Ryan Howell (Hometown Oak Lawn Community High School) was recently named "Player of the Year" by the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) when the league announced its 2004 all-conference team and post season awards as determined by vote of the baseball coaches in the CCAC.

In addition to Howell, fellow teammates senior pitchers Joseph Williams (Blue Island/Chicago Christian High School), Justin Papp (Thornton/South Suburban College) and sophomore shortstop Brendan Christy (Tinley Park/Victor Andrew High School) were also named to the 2004 CCAC All-Conference First Team.

Howell, Williams and Papp all garnered first team honors in their respective positions, while Christy was named to the league's first team as an utility infielder. Howell was named All-CCAC in 2001 as a freshman at third base as well as his sophomore season in 2002 at second base. Williams earned a spot on the 2003 All-CCAC team as a designated hitter, however, this is the first time he has received the honor as a pitcher. Papp and Christy were both named all-conference for the first time in their collegiate careers at SXU.

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Good news for candy lovers! The new owners of the Fannie May candy brands, Utah based Alpine Confections, have announced that they will re-open approximately 30-40 stores in Illinois and Indiana over the next year.

The store locations includes: 14701 S. Cicero, Midlothian; 10700 S. Cicero Ave., and 6351 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn; 324 LaGrange Road, Frankfort; 18101 S. Halsted St., Homewood; 17245 Torrence Ave., Lansing; 14242 S. Bell Road, Lockport and 5543 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Alpine is working with North Development Co. to secure additional retail locations.

According to Alpine co-president David Taiclet," our goal is to build a Fannie May retail chain of strong, popular locations so that we will be able to thrive for many years to come."

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Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Drivers visit 10 seniors once a week. Distribution of meals takes less than three hours. If you have a car and are available between 10 a.m. and noon any weekday, call Carol O'Brien, Senior Advocate department at (708) 346-4150 or (708) 346-5258.

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Big Bikes-Big Hearts Charity Run

Just imagine dozens of leather-clad bikers barreling down the highway looking like they've just put on their roughest, toughest road faces. The average person might be a little intimidated, but those who know bikers know that once they get off their bikes, they cannot hide their hearts of gold.

On Sunday, May 16 bikers of all ages come out for Park Lawn's 7th Annual Big Bikes-Big Hearts Charity Poker Run. Registration will be at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, 11040 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn and begins at 9 a.m. The first bike will go out at 10 a.m. and the last bike at 11 a.m. Entry fee is $15 for the biker and $10 for passengers. Hundreds of participants are expected to rally for this 100-mile scenic run through Chicago's Southwest Suburban Metro area making stops in numerous towns. Commemorative Run Pins will be distributed to the first 300 riders. The day will culminate at The Edge at 147th and Cicero in Midlothian for the post-run party where participants will gather for prizes, raffles, food, and live entertainment. Raffle tickets are now available at the Park Lawn Development office for those who are interested in purchasing ahead of time.

All proceeds will benefit Park Lawn, an Oak Lawn-based nonprofit agency that provides vocational services, supported employment, residential services, and adult developmental training for individuals with developmental disabilities. For more information, contact the Park Lawn Development Office at (708) 425-6867.

Pictured left to right the 2004 Big Bikes Big Hearts Committee: Steve Beak, Mark Miller, Marie Miller, Donna Parti and Doug Parti.

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Wild Life

"Time for Wild Babies," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. This is the time of year for wild babies. Wild babies are everywhere: in the trees, under the ground, in the ponds and marshes. Even in the city, you can find baby rabbits, mice, robins and sparrows.

Join us for our first campfire of the 2004 season. We'll tell some stories, sing a few songs, play a game, and top the night off with marshmallows and cider. Dress for the weather.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Bike Traffic Safety

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White reminded drivers and bicyclists that May is National Bike Month.

"It's important that as drivers and cyclists we are alert and aware of each other especially during this time of year when the weather is warmer and when there are more cars and bikes sharing the roads," White said. "Let's make sure that we keep one another safe while driving a car or riding a bicycle."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- In 2002, 662 bicyclists were killed and an additional 48,000 were injured in traffic crashes.
- More than one-fifth of the bicyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2002 were between 5 and 15 years old.
- In 2002, there were 22 bicyclist fatalities in Illinois.

White reminded bicyclists that the Bike Rules of the Road pamphlets are available at the 136 driver's facilities across the state.

To bring awareness to the issue of bike safety, on May 20th in Springfield, White will be announcing the winners of the 2004 Bicycle Poster Contest.

The Secretary of State's Traffic Safety Unit is also conducting bicycle presentations throughout the summer.

In 2003, the Traffic Safety Unit did 408 Bicycle/Pedestrian presentations reaching 30,199 children statewide.

To find out about available bicycle presentations in your area, visit the web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com or call the toll-free Traffic Safety Hotline at 1(866) 247-0213.

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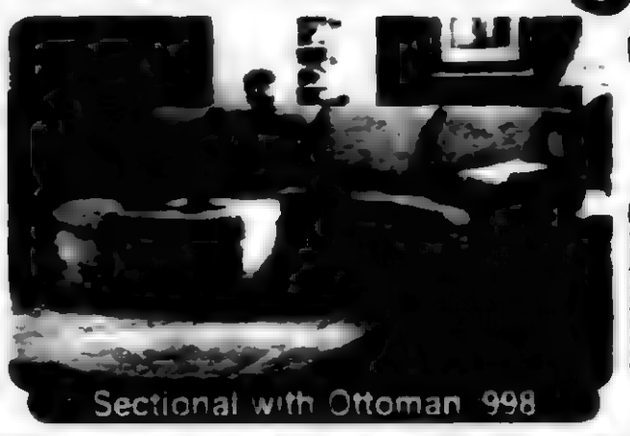

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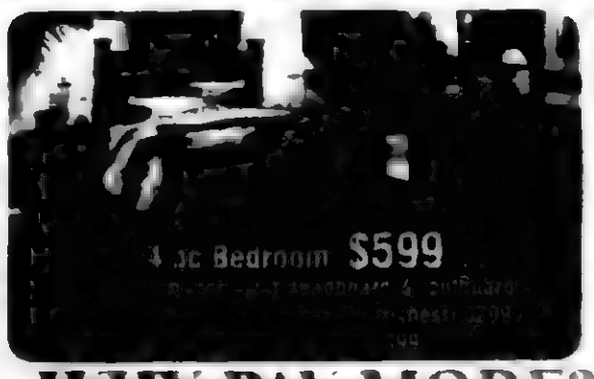

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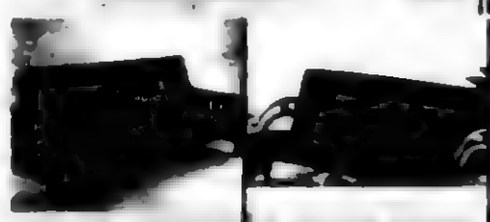

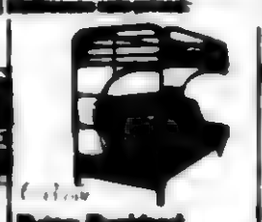

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Weekend Events At Irish Fest

Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Irish Festival will be held Friday, May 28 from 3 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30, noon to 11:30 p.m.; and Monday, May 31, noon to 8 p.m. Five covered stages and covered seating areas with continuous music from 40 groups including Tommy Makem, Black 47, The Elders (pictured), Matt Cunningham & His Band, The Saw Doctors, The Tossers, Jed Marum, Seven Nations, Gael Force, Bohola, The Larkin & Moran Brothers, Millish, Knot Fibb'n and Cherish the Ladies. Unlimited carnival rides, Irish import stores, food and refreshment. Admission is $12 per person. For Further information, call (708) 687-9323.

CLASS REUNIONS

H.L. Richards High School class of 1964, Homecoming Weekend Main Event, Saturday, Oct. 16th, Martinique Burbank. Call (847) 657-3639 or (847) 329-0111. E-mail: FunReunion@aol.com.

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Shriners Hospital for Children – looking for former patients of all ages to participate in rededication of the hospital on June 13th. Call Elise Wachspress at (773) 385-5840.

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Bateman School class of 1974 is looking for classmates for a possible reunion. Call (847) 692-3542 or (847) 426-0073.

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DuSable High School class of 1984 is looking for classmates for a 20th reunion. Call (773) 535-1172 or (773) 398-5910.

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Lourdes High School class of 1978 is looking for classmates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Incarnation Alumni are looking for graduates for an Alumni Directory. Call the school at (708) 385-6250 or e-mail to alum@incarnationcatholic.com.

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Julian High School class of 1984 is looking for classmates. Call (773) 535-5170, ext. 120.

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St. Cyril Methodius class of 1954 (other classes are welcome) is looking for classmates for a reunion in 2004. Call Ray at (708) 422-1961 or e-mail rholly9850@aol.com.

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St. Bruno class of 1959 is looking for classmates for a 2004 reunion. Call Barb Bedus at (708) 425-0156.

Theatre Auditions

Auditions for the 26th season of the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will be held on June 3rd and 4th at 7 p.m. at McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th St. Be prepared to sing 16-32 bars from a musical and wear clothing appropriate for dancing. The shows this year will be "Sound of Music" and "Children of Eden."

For more information, call Mrs. Patricia Haynes at (773) 881-6512.

Ballet

Salt Creek Ballet will present "Sleeping Beauty" at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in the Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University, University Park.

Tickets prices are $26/$22 for adults, $21/$17 for children and $23.50/$19.80 for seniors.

For tickets, call (708) 235-2222.

For more information, call (630) 769-1199.

Present Cyrano De Bergerac

Redmoon Theater and Court Theatre, the professional theatre at the University of Chicago, are pleased to co-produce the world premiere of Mickle Maher's translation of the classic Edmond Rostand play, *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Presented at the Museum of Contemporary Art, these widely acclaimed collaborators will bring *Cyrano* to life in a refreshingly original way.

Previews of *Cyrano* begin Thursday, May 20th. Performances run Wednesday to Sunday through June 27th at the museum, 220 E. Chicago Ave. in Chicago. Tickets are on sale now at the Court Theatre box office, (773) 753-4472, and online at www.CourtTheatre.org.

Through puppets and surprising mechanics, vigorous physical performance, and the startling beauty of the play's lyrical language, Court Theatre and Redmoon Theater tell the romantic, heartwarming and often funny story of the swordsman and poet, Cyrano de Bergerac. Co-directed by Court's Artistic Director, Charles Newell, and Redmoon's Artistic Director, Jim Lasko, *Cyrano* retains the humor and the heart of Edmond Rostand's theatrical masterpiece, while revealing the plot in an unconventional fashion.

Windy City BizBash

The Chicago Chapter of the Business Marketing Assn. (BMA-Chicago) presents "Windy City BizBash" on Thursday, June 3rd from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Café Brauer, 2021 Stockton Drive in Chicago.

Admission is $25 in advance and $40 at the door. Registration: www.bmachicago.org.

BMA-Chicago's third annual Windy City BizBash is an opportunity to network with area professionals while benefiting two causes – Literacy Chicago and the BMA-Chicago Student Scholarship Program. Throughout the evening attendees will enjoy food, drink, entertainment and the thrill of bidding on both silent and live auction items such as concert tickets, vacations and advertising space in industry-leading publications.

All admission proceeds benefit Literacy Chicago while all auction revenues benefit the BMA-Chicago Student Scholarship Program and fund continuing education for Chicago-area marketing communications professionals.

Literacy Chicago is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the literacy skills of Chicago-area adults and families. The BMA-Chicago Student Scholarship Program helps train future marketing leaders and further enhances BMA's award-winning professional development programming in best business-to-business practices.

Rialto Mail Campaign

The Rialto Square Theatre is launching a direct mail membership campaign for its Preservation Society. The Preservation Society is a membership-based annual giving program that supports general operating expenses. Thanks to the support and efforts of past and present individuals in the Preservation Society, the grand facilities in the Rialto Square Theatre are maintained and cared for in the same manner as the visionaries had intended. Over three-quarters of a century ago civic visionaries created a "Palace for the People" where artist and audience would come together for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Joliet. The magnificent Rialto Square Theatre, deemed the Jewel of Joliet, continues today to provide arts and entertainment for new generations in the same theatre showbiz legends like Bob Hope, the Marx Brothers and Al Jolson once performed.

Today, the Rialto Square Theatre continues to provide quality entertainment and opens its doors to 100,000 people annually. Membership into the Preservation Society will help the Rialto Square Theatre sustain the beauty and elegance people have become accustomed to for future generations. In addition to preserving this magnificent facility, your membership will allow you the benefits of priority ticket purchases, discount tickets, recognition of your support and invitations to special events.

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State Fair Battle Of The Bands

Whether their style is classic rock, alternative, country, pop or blues, Illinois bands are invited to complete in the Illinois State Fair Battle of the Bands contest.

The competition will be held during the 2004 Illinois State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Five finalists selected from among the bands that submit promotional materials to the Fair office will perform in the Gate 2 area for 30 minutes each. The bands will be judged on their appearance, stage presence and quality of their vocal and instrumental sound. Trophies will be awarded to the three highest-rated bands.

"We're looking for a diverse group to help us highlight the variety of music available here in central Illinois and elsewhere throughout the state," said Deputy Director for the State Fair, Mark Kolaz. "This contest provides an important venue for local bands to showcase their talents, and we're encouraging musicians to take advantage of this opportunity."

The deadline to enter is June 15th. Entries should be mailed to: Illinois State Fair, Battle of the Bands Contest, c/o Sally Wenskopf, P.O. 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427. Cassette tapes, videos and CDs will be accepted. The contest is open only to bands from Illinois.

Illinois bands are also invited to submit promotional material for a chance to "showcase" in the Gate 2 extreme area on Aug. 13th, 15th to 20th, and 22nd. Bands can submit their entries to: Illinois State Fair, Gate 2 Entertainment, c/o Joshua Jacobs, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427 by June 15th.

The Illinois State Fair is scheduled from Aug. 13th to 22nd.

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EVERY TURKEY HUNT IS A LEARNING LESSON: After a successful fall turkey hunt at which time Tom Noons, Palos Heights., Jim Grady, Orland Park and I got our birds under very trying conditions, we were looking forward to our spring Michigan turkey hunt, a time when the Toms are in the mating mood and will respond to decoys and a variety of turkey calls.

Tom and Grady hunt with friends near Bangor, Michigan. I hunt a patch of woods near our home on Diamond Lake, and get to combine hunting with fishing. We timed our trip to coincide with the Michigan fishing opener, April 23rd.

The patch of woods I hunt are adjacent to farm land and the birds tend to roost on the North side of the woods near a swamp with water. At daybreak they move south, stopping to feed, socialize and pick up gravel on a tote road for digestive purposes, before heading to open fields.

I set up my decoys in a spot that gave me a view of an area that the birds were likely to pass through and provided me with a degree of cover. I was set up an hour before shooting time and then it became a waiting game.

At the break of dawn, the crows started cawing, and the owls started hooting and the turkeys flew down from their roosts and the toms started gobbling and the hens started clucking.

All this turkey activity was going on about a 100 yards in front of me, I knew the birds would pass close to my location. This was the time to make myself blend in with my surroundings, go to all camouflage (including my new face cover, a netting that covers the face, but allows you to see what's going on) and gloves.

Seeing as the birds were talking, I responded with soft gobbles and clucks, trying my best to duplicate their calls. It worked, a hen walked right up to my decoy spread of two hens and a jake. She was very talkative and I expected the rest of the flock to come in. It didn't happen. The rest of the flock passed through about 75 years to my left. The morning hunt was over, but it was almost a certainty that they would come back to the roost, the same way they went out to feed.

At this point, my setup was moved to the area the birds had just traversed, and it was time to try my luck at catching a dinner of walleyes or crappies, and check with Tom and Grady to see if they had any luck and could contribute a turkey breast to the evening meal.

On my ways back to the house I did some scouting and located the flock of birds that had split up. Half of them were in a wheat field and some were in a plowed field, not too far away from the patch of woods where I was set up. The afternoon hunt showed great promise.

As it turned out, Tom and Grady had birds come into their set-ups, but the hens were in shooting range and the toms stayed out of range. After a little fishing, lunch and nap, it was time to get back to our afternoon turkey stands.

Mistake #1: face mask trouble – Within an hour of getting set-up in my re-located location, a band of turkeys walked right through the spot where I had been that morning, with disbelief I watched them move north to roost for the night. As I was getting ready to pack-up and call it a day, a string of birds were coming into my decoys. The last bird was a big tom with a beard that almost touched the ground. Waiting until the other birds were out of line of fire, I slowly lifted my gun and tried to take aim, but I couldn't see the small front bead clearly through the netting of my face mask. If I lifted the mask, the bird would have spooked. Their hearing and vision is very acute. I did the best I could to draw a bead, and fired, the shot was high and the bird strutted off. I didn't shoot again, as the only sure way to take a turkey is a head shot. The hunter's prayer: *"Dear Lord, If I Can't Kill Cleam Let Me Miss Cleam,"* and I did.

Mistake #2: don't leave your stand too soon – We had a severe thunderstorm that night, my uncovered boat had 4 inches of water in it. The forest floor would be wet, making stalking possible, but from past experience, I knew the birds would be late coming off the roost. Getting into my stand a little later the next morning, I practiced flipping my face mask off, not wanting to make the same mistake twice. That thunderstorm really shut those birds down. There was no gobbling or clucking, and no answers to my calls. After three hours, I figured the birds were not going to move, or they had left the roost before I got there.

It was time to end my turkey hunting, go to the house, bail out my boat, and pack-up for the trip home. Walking out to my car, I turned around for one last look down the tote road, where I saw three large toms strutting around the same spot that I had just left.

Tom and Grady had a good hunt, plenty of toms out of range, no shots fired.

NAIA Region VII Academic Scholars

Six different players from the St. Xavier University softball team were recently named 2004 NAIA Region VII Academic Scholar-Athletes for their talents both on the field and in the classroom this year at Cougars. The six recipients included sophomore pitcher Jessica Wilson, junior catcher Karie Karasek, junior outfielder Kacie Karasek, junior infielder Christina Jeon, junior pitcher Cari Nichols and senior infielder Maureen Nelson.

Annual Husky Hike On Saturday, May 15th

Adopt a Husky, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit Siberian Husky Rescue, is hosting the 5th annual Husky Hike on Saturday, May 15th at Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, Shelter A in Wadsworth, IL. Join Adopt a Husky in raising funds for abused, injured and neglected Siberian Huskies so that they may be properly cared for and placed in good homes. The day will include a 3-mile hike, dog games, agility demonstrations, and many more activities. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. To register and learn more, visit www.adoptahusky.com or call (262) 909-2244.

Honor Basketball Athletes

Queen of Peace High School honored its basketball athletes for scholarship, leadership and skill at the school's Winter Sports Banquet in March.

The honorees were (first row from left) Caitlin Stoyias, Varsity Most Improved; Mary Rybicki, Frosh Leadership; Maggie Carroll, Varsity Most Valuable; (second row from left) Michelle Dudek, Varsity Most Improved; Shelby Stercic, Winter Scholar Athlete; Caitlin Miller, Ron Bal JV Leadership; Katie Tumpane, Varsity Leadership; Katie Tumpane was voted to the Daily Southtown Honorable Mention All-Area Team and selected GCAC All-Conference and All-Star.

Athletes named to the GCAC All-Academic Team for maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.0 are Maggie Carroll, Michelle Dudek, Leslie Ellison, Mardee Hresil, Julie Kenny, Nicole Kmiec, Jamie Porrevecchio, Shelby Stercic, Caitlin Stoyias and Katie Tumpane.

All Star Camp Set

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 11 foreign countries attended the 2003 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include Champaign, IL, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hamilton, NY, Hickory, NC, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Commerce, TX, Blacksburg, VA, Poultney, VT, Olympia, WA and Beloit, WI.

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For the first time ever, SportsFest will feature a live auction when it returns to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont from June 25th to 27th.

A variety of sports memorabilia and trading cards will be auctioned by Regency Superior. The live auction will start at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 27th. The items to be auctioned may be viewed by collectors anytime during the show which begins Friday, June 25th.

Some of the highlighted items in the auction are:

- 1934 New York Yankees team-signed baseball.
- 1948 Bowman Basketball complete set.
- 1957 Topps Basketball complete set.
- 1970-71 Topps Basketball unopened wax box.
- 1986 Fleer Michael Jordan rookie PSA-8 card.
- Wayne Gretzky autographed game-used hockey stick.

Three of the NFL's biggest names – Priest Holmes of the Kansas City Chiefs, Ricky Williams of the Miami Dolphins and Marvin Harrison of the Indianapolis Colts – will be among the star-studded autograph lineup at the seventh annual SportsFest.

Others include former NBA star Clyde Drexler of the Portland Trail Blazers and Houston Rockets, and current NFL receiver Isaac Bruce of the St. Louis Rams. In addition, former Green Bay Packers defensive back LeRoy Butler and co-author James Keller will exhibit at the show, with Butler signing his new book, *The Leroy Butler Story*.

Joining the 20-25 current and former athletes at SportsFest will be approximately 15,000 collectors, 300 dealers and 10 manufacturers. The top selling and buying dealers in the country, a first-time gaming area, and give-aways from prominent exhibiting manufacturers such as The Upper Deck Company all contribute to SportsFest's reputation as one of the world's largest and best sports collectible events.

Also being held during the same weekend under the same roof will be the 23rd annual MidAmerica Coin Expo. This show will feature dealers offering rare and collectible coins, paper money and numismatic-related collectibles, as well as two major auctions from American Numismatic Rarities and Stacks.

Tickets are $10 for a one-day ticket to SDC SportsFest and $25 for a three-day ticket. A three-day ticket for the MidAmerica Coin Expo is $5. Tickets are available at www.collect.com or by calling toll-free (877) 746-9757.

Soccer Competition

The 2004 Illinois Youth Soccer State Championships will feature 339 elite youth soccer teams from across Illinois, all vying for one of 14 state titles. The 2004 Illinois State Cup preliminary round games will take place on May 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, June 5th and 6th at the Rockford Park District Sportscore One Soccer Complex in Rockford. The Semi-Final and Championship games for under-15 and older boys and girls divisions will be held on June 12th and 13th at the Libertyville Township Soccer Complex in Libertyville.

Those graced with the skill, ability and needed luck to win the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships in the under-14 through under-19 age groups will earn a berth at the 2004 US Youth Soccer National Championships to be played from July 20th to 25th in Lake Buena Vista, FL at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex.

For more information on the Illinois State Cup, go to www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org.

Runners Training Team

St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation is seeking runners to participate in their training team for the 2004 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. For the second year, St. Coletta's has been selected to be one of the charities to benefit from funds raised through the marathon.

Runners can join the St. Coletta's team, and for a minimum of $750 in pledges, a goal much lower than many charity training teams, they will receive benefits including free training by a qualified running coach from Human Race Sports, race registration, T-shirts, entrance into the charity village at the race, and a free pre-race pasta party sponsored by Aurelio's restaurant. Group training runs throughout the training period will be held in the south suburbs.

Runners of all levels of experience are invited to participate, whether marathon veterans, or first-timers who have never run before. Even someone who has never considered going 26.2 miles in anything other than their car can join the training team, run the marathon, and be in the best shape of his or her life.

On Sunday, Oct. 10th, when the starting pistol is fired at the Chicago Marathon, you could be at the starting line, facing the challenge of a lifetime, while helping someone who faces a lifetime of challenges.

For more information, call (708) 342-5242 or visit www.stcoletta11.org.

Braves Win 1st Game

It was a windy, cool Tuesday evening, and although the skies threatened rain at first, the Raptors were out on the field, getting ready for their game against the Braves. The Raptors is an all-Posen team, while the Braves, except for one who is from Posen, are from Midlothian. This is the first year ever that Posen and Midlothian have joined in one little league. "It offers more competition for the kids," says Tim Bourne, a coach for the Raptors. His team is now 1-2 for the season and the boys, including D.J. Miller and Kyle Sinish, played strong throughout all six innings, but it wasn't enough to overcome their opponents.

The Braves took their first win of the season at Posen's Memorial Park. They are the youngest team in the league, with all of their players between the ages of eight and nine. The coaches were very proud of their teamwork in this game. Tyler Banovich, Rick Kanz, Tripp Topping, Mike Holmes, Ed Bradley, Danthony Cross, Ron Cross, Alex Knaack, Cody Wolff, Gabe Rojas, Tyler Strutz, and Connor Funk (Pictured) all worked together for a victory of 9-5.

Senior Joins Team

St Xavier University senior guard Mark Telander was recently named to the 2004 NAIA Division I Men's Basketball All-America Third Team when the teams were released by the national office He was also named an NAIA All-American following his junior season in 2003 earning second team honors

Telander averaged 21 5 points per game this season leading the Cougars to a 25-11 overall record and the team's fifth NAIA National Tournament appearance over the past six seasons His scoring average was fourth nationally, while he also finished fifth in the NAIA in made three-pointers with a 3.48 per game average (112 total). The Cougars qualified for the NAIA National Tournament three of the four years Telander played and won a total of 105 games.

Telander ends his four-year basketball career at SXU as No. 2 overall in career scoring with 2,281 points. He trails Mike Walaszek, who had a standout career for the Cougars in the late 1970s. Walaszek finished his career with 2,517 points.

Millikin Wins Saturday's Game

Millikin's baseball team entered the weekend one game behind North Central and in fifth place in the CCIW standings. With only the top four teams making the tournament, the Big Blue needed to sweep the Thunder in Wheaton and hope that North Park could beat North Central in at least one of that series' three games to advance into the tournament.

Millikin did what it needed to, taking the three games 5-3 (11 innings), 6-3 (12 innings) and 15-2. But North Central also swept North Park, ending Millikin's season at 22-18 overall and 12-9 in the CCIW. Millikin won five of its last six CCIW contests to end the season, including taking two of three over North Central on May 1st and 2nd.

In Saturday's 6-3, 11-inning win, senior Nick Rosenbaum went the distance, completing 11 innings and giving up only nine hits and one earned run with 11 strikeouts. Freshman Pat Ryan continued his recent success at the plate, going 3-for-6 with two RBI to lead the Big Blue and senior Chad Cline was 3-for-5 with a triple.

Sunday's first contest went 12 innings with the Big Blue coming out on top, 5-3. Senior Toby Johnson got the start, going 7 innings and allowing nine hits and three runs while striking out nine. Senior Michael Lee threw 2 innings in relief and allowed one hit while sophomore Brian Black pitched the final three innings and allowed three hits to earn the win. Offensively, sophomore Corey Getz was 4-for-4 with a double. Freshman Eric Low, junior Justin Small and Cline had two hits apiece.

In what would be Millikin's final game of the year, the Big Blue offense pounded Wheaton's three pitchers, collecting 21 hits overall. Millikin got 19 players in the game including two pitchers. Senior Todd Barber, Cline and freshman George Fear all had three hits for the Big Blue. Ryan and Cline each homered in the game. Senior David Rambo got the win in 6 innings of work. He allowed eight hits and two runs.

Millikin celebrated senior day on May 6th, hosting MacMurray. Senior Zach Handley picked up his first career win on the mound, 10-4. In five innings, Handley allowed four hits and three runs while striking out two. Fear led the Big Blue with a 4-for-5 performance with two RBI and senior Jon Sawyer was 3-for-3 with four RBI.

Complete box scores are available on the Millikin web site at www.millikin.edu/athletics. Millikin wraps up the season with a 22-18 record and a fifth place CCIW finish. Johnson led the starting pitchers with a 3.08 ERA and 67 strikeouts. Rambo had a season-best 6-2 record on the mound while Black was 5-1. Fear finished the season with the Big Blue's best batting average, .407 in 15 games. Getz's average of .360 led all starters. Barber had 10 doubles, Cline had two triples and junior Matt Wyatt had six homeruns to lead Millikin.

Michael Wilkinson To Join St. Xavier

Michael Wilkinson, a senior at St. Rita High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar football team. The 6-foot, 185-pound prep was a defensive back for the 2003 Chicago Catholic League (Blue) champion Mustangs, who fell 20-7 in the semi-finals of the 2003 IHSA Class 6A Football State Playoffs to Bloomington and finished the season with an 11-2 overall record.

Wilkinson played under Todd Kuska and was an all-conference selection his senior season. He is the son of Mike and Sue Wilkinson of Chicago. Wilkinson will start his career as a Cougar as a cornerback, but has the potential to play safety at some point in his college career at SXU.

Team Hires General Manager

The Windy City Thunderbolts have announced the hiring of new General Manager, Lydia Bergeron. Bergeron will oversee the entire operation of the Thunderbolts.

Bergeron joins the Thunderbolts after minor league jobs in Louisiana and California over the past six years. Lydia states that, "It is a pleasure being here and I look forward to a successful 2004 season and seasons to come."

Bergeron will concentrate on filling the seats at Hawkinson Ford Field. She would like to see the stadium filled to capacity every game. Bergeron brings enthusiasm and a strong work ethic to the Windy City ThunderBolts organization. When asked about the hiring of Lydia, one of the ThunderBolts seven investors Patrick O'Malley said, "She has a lot of organizational skills and a remarkable personality. She can focus on things that need to be done."

"We are very excited to have Lydia join our staff," said ThunderBolts Assistant General Manager Matt Wilson, "She will bring much needed experience to the young energetic staff we have in place."

Team Recruits Four

The St Xavier University football team continues to add depth and talent to its defense with the recent signings of four recruits from 2003 IHSA Class 6A second-round qualifier and SICA (Orange) conference champion Oak Forest High School. Don Larkin, Eric Bryce, Jason Hospes and Justin Bergman have all signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and academic careers as part of the Cougar football program

All four players were SICA Orange All-Conference players. Larkin was also named the conference offensive player of the year at quarterback. He will serve as a defensive back for the Cougars this fall Oak Forest finished the 2003 regular season with a perfect 9-0 record. All four Oak Forest recruits played under Brian McDonough

"I think we've signed five of the best players from a pretty darn good football team," said SXU head football coach Mike Fennins "What stood out when we watched Oak Forest on film was they were not very big, but extremely quick They can all run. With David Gonzalez already committing to us about a month ago, we are talking about five guys, who received all-area recognition

"Larkin is an exceptional athlete, who obviously had a tremendous career playing quarterback at Oak Forest," continued Fennins. "We feel he will get on the field sooner if we move him to the defensive side of the ball Hospes is a playmaker. He went both ways for Oak Forest, but I think his future with us will be at corner Bryce was more like a rush end in (Oak Forest's) system and has a pretty good frame (6-1, 200) on him. He will be a nice addition when he gets in the weight room and bulks up a bit Bergman is a little undersized (5-10, 190) but that does not bother me, because he is a solid linebacker."

Both Bryce and Bergman will add depth to the linebacker position for SXU, while Larkin and Hospes will contribute as defensive backs in the Cougar secondary.

LaChiana Becomes Pitcher Of The Week

For the third time this spring, Loyola University Chicago right-hander Lindsey LaChiana has been selected as the Horizon League Pitcher of the Week, sharing the honor this time with Grace Luginbuhl of Cleveland State. Becky Marx was hailed as the Horizon League Player of the Week for the period ending May 9th, it was announced recently.

LaChiana went 2-0 with a 1.00 ERA and 12 strikeouts in a pair of starts last week, earning the decisions in Loyola's three-game sweep of UW-Green Bay. The sophomore tossed a five-hitter and struck out nine in a 3-1 victory over the Phoenix on May 7th. LaChiana equaled the Loyola single-season record with her 17th victory of the year in the Ramblers' 5-4 decision over Green Bay on May 8th. She now ranks second on the LU single-season chart with 180 strikeouts and 210.1 innings pitched.

Marx ended her hitting streak to six games by registering a hit in all four Rambler contests last week, batting .692 (9 for 13) with two doubles and five RBI. In her six-game streak, she has registered six multi-hit efforts.

She went 2 for 4 with a pair of runs in a 6-0 victory at Valparaiso on May 4th, then went 7 for 9 (.778) with five RBI, three walks and two doubles in Loyola's three-game sweep of UW-Green Bay. With five RBI last week, Marx added to her single-season record as she has now driven in 43 runs.

Eschmann's No-Hitter

Senior right-hander Stacie Eschmann pitched a no-hitter and a near-perfect game recently as the SXU softball team cruised to a CCAC doubleheader sweep of Cardinal Stritch University (Wisc.) in Milwaukee. The Cougars defeated CSU, 10-0, in game one and 14-2 in the nightcap.

Eschmann struck out the first 10 batters she faced in game one and totaled 16 strikeouts in the seven-inning contest. She allowed no walks, however, she did hit a batter with one out in the seventh inning to foil the chance at a perfect game. Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff had a huge day at the plate for SXU going 6-for-9 with four home runs, eight RBI, and five runs scored

In game two, Kilduff tallied three of her four homers and six of her eight RBI on the day en route to the 14-2 win. Junior outfielder Melissa Romano also had an impressive outing recently at the plate going 3-for-7 with three runs scored and five RBI.

SXU is 13-9 overall, 8-0 CCAC

Openings Available

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have several remaining openings in their annual summer regional youth basketball tournament in the Batavia area at Batavia High School from June 11th to 13th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets. 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $250 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is May 21st.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS summer tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265.

Boys Camp For Sports

St. Laurence High School will be sponsoring Summer Sports Camps for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. The schedule includes offerings in football (begins June 14th), basketball (begins June 21st), soccer (begins June 28th) and baseball (begins July 5th). Supervision and instruction is provided by St. Laurence coaches and varsity Viking team members. The fee for each camp is $50. Camps run Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon. Registration information on specific camps can be obtained by calling (708) 458-6900, ext. 256, or by visiting the web page at www.stlaurence.com and clicking on "Summer Camps."

Recording Grand Slam

Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff and junior designated hitter Kane Karasiak each recorded a two-out, second-inning grand slam to propel the No. 1 seeded St. Xavier University softball team over No. 2 seed and No. 13 nationally ranked Olivet Nazarene University, 9-0, on Thursday at the CCAC Tournament in Bourbonnais.

Athlete To Stay

Cassie Rumpf, a senior at Lincoln-Way Central High School in New Lenox, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program.

Rumpf, who plans to enter the pre-medicine program at SXU, is projected to play as defender for the Cougars. She is the daughter of Charles and Raelica Rumpf and was coached by Dan Radz at Lincoln-Way Central.

"Cassie is another great addition to our program," said SXU head women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "She fills a huge void for us in the back since we lost two of our starting backs to graduation. She is very aggressive, a hard tackler, has great speed, great work ethic and is very coachable. Her addition, as well as her high school teammate, Caitlin Thornburg, has made our defense very strong for the 2004 season."

Cougars Win First Game

Senior designated hitter Joseph Williams was 2-for-6 on the day with a home run, two runs scored and a RBI as the St. Xavier University baseball team split a non-conference doubleheader with Indiana Institute of Technology on Thursday. The Cougars won the first game, 9-2, before dropping game two, 13-0.

SPORTS ROUND UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Thursday, 5-6-04
Andrew 4, Stagg 3
Bremen 11, T.F.North 1
Brother Rice 2, Providence 1
Fenwick 7, St. Ignatius 3
Hales Franciscan 11, Leo 1
Joliet 6, Lockport 4
Kenwood 9, Hillcrest 4
Minooka 15, Lemont 4
Morgan Park Academy 4, Quigley 1
Mt. Carmel 10, De La Salle 0
Oak Forest 8, Eisenhower 7
Oak Lawn 5, Richards 3
Reavis 3, Romeoville 1
St Laurence 10, Bishop McNamara 0
St. Rita 13, St Francis de Sales 2
Sandburg 9, Lincoln-Way Central 8
T.F. South 6, Tinley Park 0
Friday, 5-7-04
Bolingbrook 4, Argo 2
Brother Rice 11, Mt Carmel 7
De La Salle 5, Providence 3
Homewood-Flossmoor 4, Bloom 3
Illiana Christian 10-12, Luther North 1-2
Lockport 3, New Trier 0
St. Rita 7, Holy Cross 4
U-High 6, Morgan Park Academy 3
Saturday, 5-8-04
Barrington 11, Homewood-Flossmoor 7
Brother Rice 5-3, De La Salle 2-1
Carmel 10-13, Marist 5-6
Chicago Chris. 2-9, Rockford Chris Life 1-2
Hillcrest 5-10, Bloom 3-4
Oak Forest 14, Bolingbrook 11
Richards 7, Lincoln-Way East 6
Reavis 10, Evergreen Park 8
St. Ignatius 17, Montini 6
St. Laurence 14-13, Leo 4-2
St Rita 6-0, Loyola 2-1
Sandburg 10-14, Clemente 0-3
Tinley Park 6, Rich East 3

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, 5-5-04
Benet 5, Marian Catholic 0
De La Salle 5, Holy Cross 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Thornwood 0
St. Ignatius 3, Latin 2
Walther Lutheran 3, Chicago Christian 2
Saturday, 5-8-04
Batavia Quad
Batavia 6, Marmion 1
Batavia 6, Rockton Hononegah 1
Batavia 7, Willowbrook 0
Marmion 4, Willowbrook 3
Oak Lawn 4, Marist 1
Oak Lawn 3, Richards 1
Oak Lawn 4, Brother Rice 2
Rockton Hononegah 5, Marmion 2
Willowbrook 4, Rockton Hononegah 3
Morton Quad
Argo 34, Morton 33, Walther Lutheran 22, Holy Cross 4
Reavis Quad
Morgan Park Acad. 12, Reavis 8, Mt Carmel 7, St. Laurence 3
Rich Central Invitational
Final Team Standings: 1. Providence 18. 2. tie. Rich East and Rich Central 16. 4. Thornwood 10. 5. Chicago Christian 9. 6. Rich South 6. 7. Tinley Park 5. 8. Hillcrest 4. 9. Bremen 1.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, 5-6-04
Brother Rice d. Gordon Tech 25-5, 25-20
Loyola d. Providence 25-14, 25-16
Mt. Carmel d. De La Salle 25-9, 25-9
Oak Lawn d. Richards 29-27, 25-13
St. Ignatius d. Fenwick 25-18, 25-19
Shepard d. Oak Forest 25-21, 25-16
Friday, 5-7-04
Lincoln-Way East Invitational
Pool A
Lincoln-Way East d. Lyons 25-18, 25-16
Lincoln-Way East d. Oak Lawn 25-13, 25-20
Maine East d. Lyons 23-25, 25-21, 25-20
Oak Lawn d. Maine East 25-21, 25-16
Pool B
Homewood-Flossmoor d. Shepard 25-17, 19-25, 26-24
Naperville d. H-F 25-27, 25-19, 26-24
Naperville d. Stagg 25-19, 25-23
Stagg d. Shepard 25-20, 25-15
Pool C
Brother Rice d. Joliet 25-20, 28-26
Brother Rice d. Naperville C. 25-18, 25-25
Illiana Christian d. Joliet 25-23, 26-24
Naperville C. d. Illiana Chrs. 25-17, 25-19
Pool D
Lincoln-Way C. d. Maine West 25-17, 25-14
Lincoln-Way C. d. Sandburg 25-21, 25-16
Mt. Carmel d. Maine West 26-24, 27-25
Sandburg d. Mt. Carmel 25-19, 24-26, 25-20
Saturday, 5-8-04
Bartlett Tournament
Marist d. Plainfield 25-18, 25-22
Plainfield d. Bartlett 26-25, 25-10
Rolling Meadows d. Plainfield 25-15, 25-6
West Aurora d. Plainfield 25-18, 18-25, 25-22
Hersey d. West Aurora 25-18, 25-16
Marist d. Plainfield 25-18, 25-22
Bartlett d. St. Ignatius 26-24, 25-15
Hersey d. St. Ignatius 25-11, 25-19
Rolling Meadows d. Marist 25-22, 25-22
Rolling Meadows d. Bartlett 25-19, 25-17
Hersey d. Bartlett 24-26, 25-15, 25-12
Bartlett d. West Aurora 25-23, 25-18
Marist d. Bartlett 25-14, 25-19
St. Ignatius d. Bartlett 25-8, 26-28, 16-14 (7th)
Plainfield d. West Aurora 29-19, 25-20 (5th)
Marist d. Bartlett 28-26, 25-12 (3rd)
Hersey d. Rolling Meadows 25-12, 25-12 (title)
Lincoln-Way East Invitational
Brother Rice d. Illiana Christian 25-14, 25-10
Brother Rice d. Oak Lawn 25-18, 21-25, 25-15
Lincoln-Way E. d. Maine East 25-22, 25-16
Lincoln-Way E. d. Naperville C. 25-20, 25-19
Lincoln-Way C. d. Stagg 27-25, 25-18
Lyons d. Shepard 21-25, 25-14, 25-20
Lyons d. Joliet 23-25, 25-21, 25-16
Maine East d. Illiana Chris 28-26, 26-24
Mt. Carmel d. Lincoln-way C. 25-20, 25-20
Naperville C. d. Joliet 25-15, 25-16
Naperville N. d. Mt. Carmel 25-9, 25-14
Naperville N. d. Shepard 25-14, 25-19
Oak Lawn d. Lyons 25-16, 25-23
Sandburg d. H-F 25-18, 25-18
Sandburg d. Maine East 26-24, 25-16
Sandburg d. Maine West 25-13, 25-12
Shepard d. Maine Wet 28-26, 26-24
Stagg d. Homewood-Flossmoor 25-16, 25-21
Lincoln-Way C. d. Lincoln Way E 25-21, 23-25, 25-20 (5th)
Oak Lawn d. Mt. Carmel 25-8, 25-12 (3rd)
Naperville N. d. Brother Rice 25-22, 25-14 (Championship)

BOYS WATER POLO
Friday, 5-7-04
Sandburg Sectional
Brother Rice 13, Lyons 9
Sandburg 9, St Rita 5
Homewood-Flossmoor Sectionals
Homewood-Flossmoor 16, Lincoln-Way C. 8
Lincoln-Way East 10, Andrew 9
St. Ignatius Sectional
Chicago Latin 19, Lane Tech 9
St Ignatius 10, Young 4
Saturday, 5-8-04
Sandburg Sectional
Brother Rice 17, Sandburg 9
Homewood-Flossmoor Sectional
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Lincoln-way E. 10
St. Ignatius Sectional
Latin 16, St Ignatius 3

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, 5-6-04
Bloom 4, Eisenhower 0
Bradley 2, Tinley Park 0
Lemont 1, Minooka 0
St Francis 2, Providence 1
Sandburg 1, Lincoln-Way East 0
Stagg 5, Joliet 0
Downers Grove North
Lockport 3, Rosary 0
Illiana Christian
Illiana Christian 8, Luther North 0
Friday, 5-7-04
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Andrew 0
Marist 1, Nazareth 0
Lemont Tournament
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, Providence 1
St. Ignatius 1, Waubonsie Valley 0 (3rd)
Lyons 3, Lincoln-Way East 1 (title)
Saturday, 5-8-04
Evanston 2, Lemont 0
Mother McAuley 8, Queen of Peace 0
Naperville C. 3, Lincoln-Way E. 0
St Viator 2, Providence 0
CPS Playoffs
Amundsen 2, Hancock 0
Amundsen 4, Morgan Park 0
Farragut 2, Hyde Park 0
Farragut 3, Foreman 2
Farragut 3, Mather 1
Lane Tech 6, Juarez 1
Schurz 11, Tilden 0
Schurz 4, Kennedy 4
Von Steuben 0, Payton 0
Von Steuben 8, Bogan 0
Downers North Tournament
Elk Grove 0, Lockport 0
Lockport 1, Downers North 0
PSL Tournament
Illiana Christian 3, Chicago Christian 2
Wheaton North Tournament
Hersey 1, Lincoln-Way Central 0
Hersey 2, Oswego 2
Wheaton North 2, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Oswego 1, York 0 (title)

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, 5-6-04
Ag Science 21, Vocational 14
Bremen 2, Oak Forest 0, 10 inn.
Eisenhower 8, Tinley Park 0
Joliet 4, Andrew 2
Lemont 2, Morris 0
Lincoln-Way East 10, Stagg 0
Lockport 3, Sandburg 0
Marian Catholic 4, Illiana Christian 1
Mother McAuley 7, Chicago Christian 0
Mount Assisi 4, St. Ignatius 1
Providence 8, Crete-Monee 4
Riverside-Brookfield 3, Evergreen Park 0
Shepard 4, Bloom 1
Public League Playoffs
Mather 10, Morgan Park 3
Washington 4, Young 0
Friday, 5-7-04
Argo 2, Reavis 1
Evergreen Park 8, Marist 6, 9 inn.
Homewood-Flossmoor 16, Thornton 2
Saturday, 5-8-04
Andrew 1, Homewood-Flossmoor 0
Boecher 6-1, Providence 5-0
Driscoll 5-1, Chicago Christian 4-8
Evergreen Park 6-10, Bloom 3-0
Kaneland 4-0, Lemont 0-2
Lake Park 2, Sandburg 1
Lincoln-way C. 8, Downers North 0
Lincoln-Way C. 1, New Trier 0
Lockport 8-10, Richards 3-1
Marist 5-13, Fenwick 2-4
St. Benedict 6, Seton 4
Sandburg-Stagg Quad
Barrington 7, West Aurora 2
Fremd 7, Stagg 6
Lake Park 1, Fremd 0
Sandburg 1, Barrington 0
Stagg 4, West Aurora 2

GIRLS WATER POLO
Thursday, 5-6-04
Sandburg Invitational
Maria 14, Richards 13
Sandburg 22, Morgan Park 5
Stagg 20, Bremen 0
Homewood-Flossmoor Sectional
Marian Catholic 9, Lincoln-way C. 7
Andrew 14, Bradley 4
Lincoln-Way E. 15, Lockport 9
Friday, 5-7-04
Sandburg Sectional
Mother McAuley 19, Maria 7
Sandburg 15, Stagg 2
Homewood-Flossmoor Sectional
Homewood-Flossmoor 19, Marian Catholic 4
Andrew 7, Lincoln-way East 4
St. Ignatius Sectional
St. Ignatius 11, Morton 3
Chicago Latin, 11, Northside Prep 5
Saturday, 5-8-04
Sandburg Sectional
Mother McAuley 15, Sandburg 11
Homewood-Flossmoor Sectional
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Andrew 2
St. Ignatius Sectional
St Ignatius 4, Latin 3

BADMINTON
Thursday, 5-6-04
Andrew Sectional
Teams: Andrew (25, Lincoln-Way [illegible] 5, Bradley 4
Homewood-Flossmoor
Teams: Lockport 15 5, Shepard 13 5, Neuqua Valley 7, Homewood-Flossmoor 2, Stagg 2
Oak Lawn Sectional
Teams: Lincoln-Way Central 16 5, Oak Lawn 10, Oak Forest 7 5, Joliet 5 5
Plainfield South
Teams: Sandburg 14, Reavis 10 5, [illegible] North 6, Plainfield South 5, T.F. South 0 5
Friday, 5-7-04
New Trier Sectional
Teams: Downers North 16 5, New Trier 13 5, Glenbard East 9, Maine West 2, Argo

Teammates Honored

The St. Xavier University softball team showed why they are deserving of the No. 1 seed in the CCAC Post-season Tournament when five of its players were recently named to either the all-conference first or honorable mention team for the 2004 season. Senior righthander Stacie Eschmann, sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff and sophomore rightie Jessica Wilson all garnered first team honors in their respective positions.

Eschmann has been named All-CCAC First Team all four years she has played for SXU, while Kilduff was named to the first team for the second time in two seasons. This was Wilson's first appearance on the all-conference team. Freshman centerfielder Nicole Barker and junior leftfielder Melissa Romano were named to the All-CCAC Honorable Mention this season.

SXU is currently 30-22 on the 2004 season.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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Get Hooked On Fish And Seafood

Most health experts agree today that fish and seafood are good for you. For one thing, they are sources of protein which are lower in fat and saturated fat than red meat or poultry. So regularly eating fish and seafood instead of other meats may help to lower blood cholesterol levels – as long as you don't add a lot of fat to your fish by frying it or serving it with buttery sauces. Fish is also a source of omega-3 fatty acids, which, if you remember from some of my other columns, may help prevent hardening of the arteries and help reduce painful inflammation associated with arthritis and other diseases. (Again, to refresh your memory from my other columns, omega-3 fatty acids are found in larger amounts in higher fat, cold water varieties of fish such as albacore tuna, mackerel, salmon, and sardines.)

There are so many varieties of fish and seafood, that if you ate one variety daily for 4 ½ months, you still would not eat them all. The array of fish includes white, light and dark meat varieties. White meat fish typically have a milder flavor, less fat, and a more tender texture than darker meat fish. By familiarizing yourself with the different types of fish, you can easily make a comparable substitute in recipes if the fish that you planned to purchase is not available or is a bit pricey.

Shopping for high quality fish and seafood begins with making your purchases from a reputable source. Be sure that fresh fish or seafood is properly iced and well refrigerated in a clean display case. A fishy scent indicates that the fish is not the freshest. Be careful not to purchase cooked fish that is displayed along side raw, because bacteria from the raw items could contaminate the cooked. Look for whole finfish with a fresh ocean scent that are firm to the touch with clear, bright eyes. The skin should be shiny and the fins stiff, with tightly clinging scales. Fish fillets or steaks should also have a mild scent and firm, moist translucent flesh. Clams, crabs, crayfish, lobsters, mussels, and oysters should be alive when purchased. The shells of clams, mussels, and oysters should be slightly open, but close tightly when tapped. If freshly shucked, they should have a mild, fresh scent and be covered in a fairly clear liquid.

If you buy frozen fish or seafood, be certain it is solidly frozen, free of ice crystals and freezer burn, and mild in odor. Thaw it overnight in the refrigerator or under cool running water, and not on the countertop, to prevent bacterial growth.

Canned fish and seafood are other alternatives. Remember that oil-packed versions will contain significantly more fat than water-packed ones, even when drained. For extra calcium, look for choices such as canned salmon or sardines with edible bones (check the ingredients list to see if they have been left in). Four ounces of salmon with edible bones contains nearly the same amount of calcium as a cup of milk!

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Registered Nurses Celebrate

Illinois' registered nurses celebrated National Nurses Week by releasing a guide that will assist patients and families interested in comparing nurse staffing levels and hospital quality at their local hospitals.

Recent studies have shown that hospital patients are at increased risk for infections and even death when there are not enough nurses caring for them. Short staffing leaves registered nurses too overburdened to prevent medical errors or to simply monitor patient progress.

"It is crucial that the public understand that the crisis in nursing is the number one threat to public health today," said Karen Backus, RN, Director of the SEIU Nurse Alliance of Illinois.

The consumer guide "Is Your Hospital Making the Grade?" is designed to show patients how to use the newly enacted Illinois Hospital Report Card Act to make decisions between competing hospitals. This law requires hospitals to disclose nurse-to-patient ratios and report patient outcomes that are related to nurse staffing, including mortality and infection rates.

In addition to educating patients about the hospital staffing crisis, Illinois nurses are calling for state and federal legislation that would mandate unit-specific nurse-to-patient ratios. "Establishing minimum staffing ratios at all hospitals will guarantee a safe level of care for patients, who are not always able to choose their hospital or transfer to another if they are not satisfied with their care," according to Backus.

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Update Treatment For Nausea And Vomiting

The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, is proud to announce its participation with NCCN and the American Cancer Society in updating the Nausea and Vomiting Treatment Guidelines for Patients with Cancer. This title is just one of a series, available in booklet form or online (www.nccn.org) that is dedicated to educating patients and their families about the treatment of cancer and of associated side effects.

"While not everyone undergoing cancer treatment experiences nausea and vomiting, those who do know these can be debilitating side effects," said Jamie Von Roenn, MD, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, professor of medicine, division of hematology/oncology, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, who participates on the NCCN Antiemesis Panel. "The tools provided in this booklet can help patients work with their health care team to prevent and to treat nausea and vomiting."

The materials are available free of charge on NCCN's Web site at www.nccn.org and by calling NCCN toll-free at 1(888) 909-NCCN. Materials also are available on the American Cancer Society's Web site at www.cancer.org or by calling 1(800) ACS-2345.

Health Care Crisis

A new poll released by the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) shows that an overwhelming majority of Illinoisans believe the state has a medical liability crisis that is jeopardizing patient access to care and that the Governor and lawmakers need to take action to solve the crisis.

The poll found that 84 percent of likely Illinois voters characterize the current state of Illinois medical liability insurance system as a crisis or major problem, and more than three-quarters (77 percent) think the system needs major changes or a complete overhaul.

More than two-thirds (68 percent) rate dealing with the impact of high medical liability insurance rates on health care as an extremely important issue for the Governor and state legislature to address. And 62 percent say they would be more likely to support their state legislator in this fall's elections if their lawmaker voted for IHA's comprehensive reform proposal.

IHA's reform proposal includes graduated caps on non-economic damages based on injury severity, creation of stricter standards for certifying that a medical liability case has merit, protection for hospitals from liability for harms they did not cause, and encouragement and protection of discussions with patients and their families about adverse outcomes.

A summary of the poll results is available at ConditionCritical.org, IHA's web site dedicated to medical liability reform.

Health Plan Terms

Whether your health insurance is provided through your employer or on an individual basis, it is important for you to understand the terminology used in the plan because the plan is a legal, binding contract. Below are some of the more common terms that are present in most contracts.

Adverse determination – A determination by a health care plan or by a utilization review program that a health care service is not medically necessary.

Drug formulary – A listing of prescription medications approved for use and/or coverage by the plan and dispensed through participating pharmacies to a covered person.

Grievance procedure – The process by which a health plan member or participating provider can air complaints and seek remedies.

Medically necessary – A service or treatment which is appropriate under the provisions of the health care plan and consistent with diagnosis and which, in accordance with the accepted standards of practice in the medical community of the area in which the health services are rendered, could not have been omitted without adversely affecting the member's condition or the quality of medical care rendered.

Post-stabilization medical services means health care services provided to an enrollee that are furnished in a licensed hospital by a provider that is qualified to furnish such services, and determined to be medically necessary and directly related to the emergency medical condition following stabilization.

Pre-certification, also known as pre-admission certification, pre-admission review and "precert," means the process of obtaining certification or authorization from the health plan for non-emergency hospital admissions (inpatient or outpatient). Often involves appropriateness review against criteria and assignment of length of stay. Failure to obtain pre-certification often results in a financial penalty to either you or your health care provider.

"Reasonable and customary" or "usual" charges are terms used to refer to the commonly charged or prevailing fees for health services within a geographic area. A fee is considered to be reasonable if it falls within the parameters of the average or commonly charged fee for the particular service within that specific community.

Stabilization means, with respect to the emergency medical condition, to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result.

Utilization review means an evaluation of the medical necessity, appropriateness and the efficiency of the use of health care services on a prospective, concurrent or retrospective basis.

Diabetes Support Group Guest Speaker

The Diabetes Support Group of Little Company proudly announces Mary Ann Hodorowicz, RD, CDE, as the guest speaker for their May 26th meeting. Hodorowicz will present "Carbohydrate Counting" and explain how people with diabetes can better control their blood sugar level by counting carbohydrates in food.

The Diabetes Support Group brings people with diabetes together for support and guidance. The group meets the last Wednesday each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each session features a guest speaker and is facilitated by a Registered Dietitian who is a Certified Diabetes Educator. Family members and other caregivers are welcome to attend.

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St. Laurence Field Experience

The freshmen in the St. Laurence Leader/Scholar Program visited Chicago's business leaders in the hospitality and tourism industry in their annual field experience. The experience introduces the students to the hospitality and tourism industry in Chicago which is a multi-billion dollar part of the Illinois economy.

The students began their day in a meeting with Dr. Gerald Bober, Director of the Manfred Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Roosevelt University. After that, the students received a behind the scenes tour of the Palmer House Hotel and all the various parts which make up the management of one of the city's largest hotels. Matt O'Malley hosted the students for lunch at the new Park Grill in Millennium Park and spoke with them on the restaurant industry. From there, the students went to the Odyssey Boat where they met with Michael Higgins, owner of Premier Yachts, Inc. Higgins spoke to the students about his company and leadership in the business world and how good leadership is the foundation of a successful company and personnel relations.

The entire day was coordinated by Tim O'Malley, board member of St. Laurence High School and the publisher of *Concierge Preferred* magazine. Chicago's premiere magazine for tourists. The Leader/Scholar Program is part of the Leadership Program at St. Laurence which develops students' leadership potential. Other parts of the program include leadership workshops, the school's relationship with the Leadership Development Center of Bradley University, a leadership course in the curriculum, and attendance at leadership conferences such as the annual National Honor Society convention in such cities as Orlando, Houston and Washington, D.C.

Pictured are the participants: (left to right), J.J. Mesina, Pedro Valadez, Brian Staatz, Adam Gyrion, Anthony Salerno, Michael Johnstone, Brad Strandquist, Luke Murphy, David Karpiel, Ken Nowatski, Robert Shaw, Ronald Anderson, Steve Sasak, Daniel Wood, Michael Wolski, Joseph Freund, Jason Mielzynski, Kevin O'Leary, Robert Skrebot, Matt Foley, John Landon and Keith Kierzek.

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Discuss Book Of Past History

"Pages from the Past," a history book-discussion program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Thursday, May 20th at 7 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville. For persons at least 16 years of age, the program is free of charge.

Where can you experience adventures such as the terror of a great fire, the responsibility of a general in the Civil War, the experiences of a new immigrant, or the life of a Native American? By reading books, of course! We will explore various fiction and nonfiction historical writings and share our thoughts with new friends. Come and get a cup of coffee, a snack, and an evening of fun when you participate in the new American History Book Club, "Pages from the Past."

The selection for the May 20th program is *Voices from the Trail of Tears* by Vicki Rozema. Participants should read the selection beforehand and bring a copy of the book to the program.

For information as to where the book can be purchased (at a 20 percent discount) or borrowed, call (815) 886-1567.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located on E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

John Hansen, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Foundation of Worth announced the annual Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 23, at the Eternal Flame located on the Northeast corner of 111th St. and Harlem Ave. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

Mayor Edward Guzdziol will be the first speaker, followed by the State Commander of the DAV. Ed McElroy (pictured), who served as Past National Commander, Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A., will be the keynote speaker. McElroy has been on radio and TV for over 50 years and is still active as the host of Comcast Cable Channels 4 and 43, "Community In Focus."

Chairman Hansen is a retired Second Lieutenant of the United States Army Reserve. He encourages all men, women and children to attend the memorial to show their gratitude to those who have given their lives or lost parts of their bodies to protect our great country. All Veteran Organizations are asked to bring their colors and rifles for volley.

Wauponsee Glacial Trail Opens

A grand opening of the Forest Preserve District of Will County's newest trail, the Wauponsee Glacial Trail, will be on Saturday, May 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Administration Center on W. Laraway Rd. in Joliet. This ideal family event is free of charge.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a 4-mile timed run and a 2-mile fitness walk on the trail. Registration and a fee are required for these events.

The Wauponsee Glacial Trail, named after an ancient lake that formed at the end of the last ice age, will run for 23 miles, from Joliet to the Kankakee River, when completed. The grand opening will celebrate the opening of the first section of the trail, a 7.5-mile stretch from Joliet to the Village of Manhattan. The trail south of Laraway Rd. is natural surface, covered with crushed stone, and is ideal for runners, walkers, bicyclists and horse riders. A 2.5-mile stretch north of Laraway Rd. in Joliet is comprised of asphalt, which can be used for all non-motorized, non-equestrian recreation.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. These activities, many of which are designed around the ancient lake name for the trail, appeal to all age groups.

A variety of exhibitors will be on hand to provide information and offer products for sale.

Food will be available for purchase.

Registration fee for the 4-mile run is $12 if received by May 15th, and $15 after May 15th through race-day registration. Registration for the 2-mile walk is $5 per person and $3 for each additional family member. All registered participants receive a commemorative T-shirt and goodie bag.

The Sugar Creek Administration Center is at 17540 W. Laraway Rd. between Route 52 and Route 53.

For information or registering for the 4-mile run or 2-mile walk, call (815) 727-8700.

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Pictured left to right, (first row) Brian Evans, Christine Puchalski, and Daniel Walton; (second row) Trustee Lind, Assessor John Z. Toscas, Collector Marion Keane, Trustee Roger Benson, Lorraine Wisdom, Trustee Michael Mahoney and Youth Commission Director Sue Sortino.

Pictured left to right, (first row) Peter Moeller, Anna Vanderkerchove, and Kevin Barasaloux; (second row) Trustee Lind, Trustee Roger Benson, Collector Marion Keane, Assessor John Z. Toscas, Lorraine Wisdom, Trustee Michael Mahoney and Youth Commission Director Sue Sortino.

Spelling Bee Winners

Worth Township Supervisor John "Jack" Murphy announced the winners for the 25th Annual Lenon Wisdom Memorial Spelling Bee that was held on April 30th at Evergreen Park Community High School. There were 30 participants from 20 different schools in Worth Township that represented the Junior Division for fifth and sixth graders. There were 13 participants from eight schools in Worth Township that represented the Senior Division for seventh and eighth graders. The participants were all nominated by their respectful schools to represent their grade level. All participants were winners.

Supervisor Murphy and Trustee/Youth Commission Liaison John "Jack" Lind thank Evergreen Park Community High School and its staff for hosting the Worth Township 25th Annual Leon Wisdom Spelling Bee. Everyone in attendance was delighted that Lorraine Wisdom was the guest of honor. The Spelling Bee is named after her late husband who was a Youth Commissioner. Many thanks to all participating students and all volunteers who make this worthwhile event a success.

The winners in the Junior Division are 1st place, Brian Evans, Hannum School, 6th grade; 2nd place, Christine Puchalski, St. Gerald School, 6th grade; and third place, Daniel Walton, St. Catherine of Alexandria School, 6th grade.

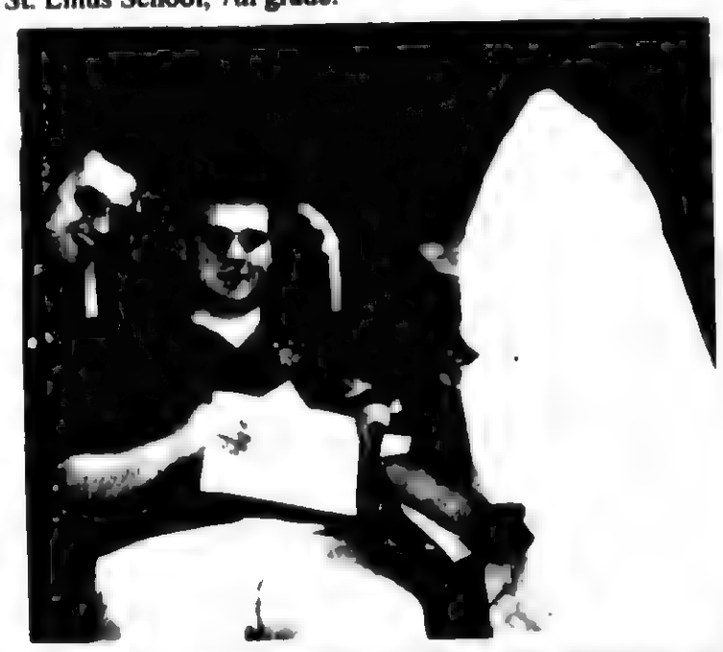
The winners of the Senior Division are 1st place, Peter Moeller, Independent Jr. High School, 7th grade; 2nd place, Kevin Barsaloux, St. Bernadette School, 8th grade and third place, Anna Vanderkerchove, St. Linus School, 7th grade.

Ongoing Used Book Sales

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library recently reopened their Ongoing Used Book Sale at the library, 5300 W. 95th St. This much larger, year-round sale has been re-established in a new location on the first floor of the library's 30,000 square foot addition, near the Fiction stacks.

The Friends book sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost 5 cents each. Other items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond the library's budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than $200,000 in gifts to the library.

Please note that the Friends are still unable to accept donations from the public, due to a lack of storage space during the final phases of the library's construction project.



St. Rita Student Council, Senior Class members, and Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA, recently held its most important event of the year when they sponsored St. Rita's annual Blood Drive in March. St. Rita students 16 years or older and faculty donated a total of 192 pints of blood that was distributed by LifeSource Blood Services to local area hospitals. This amount represents a record-high among area high schools. "Our Student Council and Senior Class Officers really challenged and encouraged their classmates to show their Christian spirit by donating blood," said Bro. Hibbard. "This was one example out of many that St. Rita students have shown concern for their community throughout the year." In addition to the blood drive, students also participate in weekly mission collections to aid Augustinian missionaries in Peru, collect food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, and take part in various other benefits during the school year.

Pictured from left: Jason Semanski of Oak Lawn checks on how classmate Joseph Mikolajczyk of the Bridgeport Ridge area looking while donating blood [illegible]

LaChiana's Year

Loyola University sophomore softball pitcher Lindsey LaChiana (Richards H.S./Oak Lawn) has enjoyed an excellent year for the Lady Ramblers.

LaChiana tied the Loyola University Chicago single-season record with her 17th victory of the year in the Ramblers' 5-4 win over UW-Green Bay on May 8th. In addition, the right-hander ranks second on the LU single-season charts in both innings pitched (210.1) and strikeouts (180).

In a 3-1 victory over Green Bay on May 7th, she scattered five hits and struck out nine. LaChiana has completed each of her last 11 starts and is 4-0 with a 1.00 ERA and 27 strikeouts in her last four starts. Over her last 12 games, she has been hot at the plate as well, batting .297 (11 for 37) with six runs and a double.

For the year, LaChiana is 17-13 with a 2.40 ERA and 180 strikeouts in 210.1 innings of work. At the plate, she is batting .205 (17 for 83) with a double and six RBI.

Loyola finished the regular-season at 28-27 overall and in third place in the Horizon League with a 14-7 ledger. The Ramblers open up play at the Horizon League Championship as the #3 seed and will play #6 UW-Green Bay on May 13th at UIC.

Oak Lawn Seniors Nutrition Program

The senior lunch program in Oak Lawn is inviting all seniors to join for a morning of activities followed by lunch.

The Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network is in the heart of Oak Lawn, with ample parking and is handicapped accessible.

Meals are planned by a registered dietician especially for seniors for a minimal fee.

The location is 9420 S. 52nd Ave.

Call (708) 422-5180 for reservations.

Oak Lawn Library Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 26th annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, June 3rd at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The cost is $20 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30. Reservation forms are available at the library, 5300 W. 95th. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 26th.

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Desk and via the Friends web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, (708) 422-4990.

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Lewis University Radio Station, WLRA 88.1 FM, raised $1,380.24 as part of a fundraiser on Wednesday, April 28 to benefit Hope Children's Hospital. As part of the event, University students, faculty and staff donated change to use to create creative designs on the sidewalks of the Lewis University main campus, located on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Plaques were awarded to the University's Instructional Technology Service Organization (ITSO) for raising the most money (approximately $250) and to Gamma Sigma Tau sorority for the best design. All money collected was donated to the "Make Change for Kids" Foundation, which provides assistance to families of children who are receiving care at Hope Children's Hospital. Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University; Joseph Falese, Vice President for Student Services at Lewis; and Randy Varju, Vice President of Development at Hope Children's Hospital, judged the designs.

Sponsors of the event included: Brother James, George Wlodek and Darryl Soave of Campus Facilities; John Carey, Chair of the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund for Hope Children's Hospital, and John Klipatrick, both of Lewis' Department of Broadcasting; student and WLRA staff member Brandi Luecke and family; the Department of Social Work and Human Services at Lewis; La Dolce Vita restaurant in Lemont; and Randy's Market in Orland Park.

Throughout the years, WLRA has hosted many events to benefit the surrounding community, including a fundraiser last year for Hope Children's Hospital and several projects to benefit agencies of the United Way of Will County.

Hope Children's Hospital was the first children's hospital to be built in the Chicago area in nearly 30 years when it opened its doors in 1996. Located on the campus of Advocate Christ Medical Center, the four-story facility has 45 private inpatient rooms, a 12-bed pediatric intensive care unit and a seven-bed pediatric surgical heart unit. It is a major referral center in northern Illinois and Indiana for pediatric patients requiring the most sophisticated care. Hope Children's Hospital is part of Advocate Health Care, recognized as one of the leading national health care networks.

A Catholic university sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Lewis offers bachelor's degrees in more than 60 majors, accelerated degree completion options for working adults, a variety of aviation programs, and 11 graduate programs in eight fields.

Pictured from left, Randy Varju, Vice President of Development at Hope Children's Hospital; WLRA staff member Louise Eccles; Brother James Gaffney, FSC, President of Lewis University; WLRA staff members Jessica Yasin and Brandi Luecke; and John Carey, Director of Electronic Media at Lewis and Chairperson the Lewis University Family Assistance Fund for Hope Children's Hospital.

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POLICE CALLS

On May 4th Keith Buruss, 38, of Chicago was arrested and charged with retail theft, criminal trespass to property, and aggravated assault. Police were summoned to the Kmart in the 4100 block of 95th Street after Buruss was observed concealing merchandise valued at $156.22 into his pants and exiting the store without paying. When the loss prevention associate attempted to stop him Buruss flashed a shiny object and said, "C'mon big boy, I'll slice you up." Buruss then fled on foot. He was observed coming out of an alley between Harding and Springfield by an Evergreen Park police officer with a shiny object, a screw driver, in his hand. Oak Lawn police were summoned and Buruss was identified by the Kmart loss prevention associate. During the custodial search a pocket knife was found in his jacket pocket.

On May 8th Josef Gawlak, 43, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with theft of cable service. On May 6th a neighbor of Gawlak's called Comcast repair because the cable went out. The service man arrived and discovered that the man's service had been disconnected and Gawlak's, whose service had been disconnected because of past due bills, had been connected. The repairman had Gawlak's service disconnected and reinstalled the neighbor's service. On May 7th the neighbor noted Gawlak and another man at the pole and took a picture of the two, shortly after his cable again went out. He contacted Comcast again and the repairman saw that his cable was again disconnected and Gawlak's had been reconnected illegally and police were summoned.

Host White Sox Trip

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are hosting a day trip to see the Chicago White Sox take on the Cleveland Indians at US Cellular Field on Thursday, June 24th. An in-person registration will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22nd at the library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The cost of this trip, which includes transportation and reserved upper deck box seating, is $27 for Friends members and $32 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus is scheduled to depart at 11:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call (708) 422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Fitzgerald's Staff Will Hold Traveling Office Hours May 18

Representatives of U.S. Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald (R-IL) will hold traveling office hours on Tuesday, May 18th in Cook County. Fitzgerald's staff will be available to meet with constituents who need assistance dealing with federal agencies.

Those interested in meeting with one of the representatives during traveling office hours may do so at any one of the following locations:

Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 Raymond Ave. in Oak Lawn, 9 to 10 a.m.

Prairie Trails Public Library District, 8499 Moody Ave. in Burbank, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79th St. in Bridgeview, 1 to 2 p.m.

Justice Public Library, 7641 S. Oak Grove Ave. in Justice, 3 to 4 p.m.

Call (312) 886-3506 for more information.

Saint Linus School student Joseph Kuchay portrays colonist Robert Treat Payne at the school's recent reenactment of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Sinead Keaney displays the quilt that was handmade by herself and her sister Nora for the St. Linus School's Colonial Days Fair.

Study American Revolution Era

Saint Linus School's seventh and eighth grade students have been busy studying English Literature that dealt with life during the American Revolution. Their studies of the novels *Johnny Tremain* and *My Brother Sam Is Dead*, culminated with a "Colonial Times Day" that featured a dramatization of the colonists' actual meeting discussion and signing of the Declaration of Independence. The students, all dressed in the styles of the time period, also enjoyed a picnic lunch and learned about their fellow classmates' wood work and sewing crafts that depicted handmade goods of the colonial times. The students' hard work paid off as they enjoyed the great day planned carefully by their teacher, Mrs. Vicki Rocus.

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Volunteers Assist In Bolivia

Dr. Nick Andriacchi, a Chicago Ridge Podiatrist, and a team of volunteers sponsored by Maranatha Chapel in Evergreen Park traveled to Santa Cruz, Bolivia to give of their time and talents to help the people there who are so desperately in need of medical care. The team of 30 treated about 1,264 people, the largest crowd of people they have treated over the years they have been going to foreign countries to give aid. Five doctors, seven nurses, and helpers spent Feb. 21st through 26th giving medical aid to these needy people.

Dr. Nick collects supplies in his office all year. Medicines are saved and donated by those who cannot make the trip but would like to help the team's efforts. Church members pack the supplies and equipment headed by pharmacist Tom Robinson and Rose French, who both made the trip. Dr. Nick estimates they took about $80,000 worth of pharmaceuticals. These medicines are the latest on the market. Each of the 30 team members were allowed one piece of luggage which they filled with the medical supplies and equipment. Dr. Nick said they took 270 pair of glasses on this trip which were gone within two days.

The doctors and medical groups that donated these supplies are the Merrionette Park Physician Group Dr. Jerry Coltre, 4040 W. 111th St.; Dr. Cadula, Lawn Medical Center, 4301 W. 95th St.; Dr. William Myint, Oak Lawn Towe, 4700 W. 95th St., and Adult Medical Association, Dr. Deb Burda, 10755 W. 143rd St.

Doctors who made the trip were Dr. Nick Andriacchi, Dr. Waldo Arteaga, Dr. Bernie Milton, Dr. Tom Collinet and his daughter Heather and Dr. Ann Decker.

Some of the others were Rev. Rob Brown an ex-Marine of Maranatha Chapel who headed the spiritual clinic. Rich Knudsen of Oak Lawn, a patient of Dr. Nick's, was the oldest volunteer. Rich has been going with the group for several years. The youngest volunteer was Anna Prochaska, a senior at Chicago Christian High School. This was her first trip with Dr. Nick and his group.

When relating his experiences in Bolivia Dr. Nick said there were lines of children waiting for care. The sick people came from the mountains in a makeshift ambulance which is a horse drawn wagon.

One of the cases he will always remember was a two-year-old baby who was badly infested with parasites and very anemic. The baby needed two pints of blood and would have died if she did not get to a hospital and receive the blood. Dr. Nick is happy to say she is fine now and Steve Potschnich, an Assembly of God missionary, is taking her into his school. The school gives the children at least one meal a day. Steve works with orphans and the 30 children he has been able to get into the school.

Dr. Nick has already been contacted to make a trip to Guatamala in 2005. He flew to Guatamala to meet with the mayor of the area. There are 6,000 to 7,000 people with no medical care. Dr. Nick crossed many miles by train, air and boat to reach the needy area. He is hoping a businessman from the Chicago area will go on the next trip to help build a school and clinic.

The people of Bolivia also would like to see the volunteers come back again. They greatly appreciated the supplies furnished and the work done to help them. The medicines were given to the state hospital.

Maranatha Chapel, 9731 Pulaski Rd., sponsors of the trip have three congregations. The Arabic members meet after the English members on Saturday and Sunday and then the Spanish people meet. All three groups meet and work together but they have their own services. On special occasions they worship together.

It takes special people like Dr. Nick and his crew of volunteers, who go into unknown areas, the members of Maranatha Chapel and the donors of supplies who reach out to others who are desperately in need of assistance. May God bless their compassionate efforts as they continue to give of themselves year after year.

Dr. Nick Andriacchi, a Chicago Ridge podiatrist, treats a little girl at the Bolivian Clinic.

Rich Knudsen of Oak Lawn, a long time volunteer, fills prescription orders.

Dr. Nick Andriacchi gets acquainted with a baby he will be treating.

People came to the clinic from the mountains in this horse drawn cart which served as an ambulance.

People came early and stood in line waiting for medical treatment which is so desperately needed in the area.

Traveling Replica Of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery and Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. in Oakbrook Terrace, will be the site of a 240-foot traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. The exhibit will open at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 28th and remain open continuously until 4 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31st.

"We are very honored to be hosting The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience," said David Klein, general manager of Chapel Hill Gardens West. "We have been working with many veterans and feel that with their help, suggestions and guidance, these four days will be a meaningful tribute and remembrance to the men and women of the war."

The official ceremonies will begin on Friday evening with a parade kick-off at the cemetery gates at 7 p.m. The Emerald Society will lead veterans and dignitaries to the wall where a candlelight KIA (killed in action) remembrance ceremony will be held. Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Thomas Mazaika will welcome everyone to the city and the wall. Guest speakers will be Edward Derwinski, former Secretary, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and Colonel Richard Todas, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient. The reading of the names of the veterans killed in action in the DuPage and surrounding counties will also be read. There were 2941 veterans killed in action from Illinois. Lima Lima will perform the missing man fly-over and the Spirit of the USO Troop will perform.

Saturday events will begin with several motorcycle groups gathering together at 6:30 p.m. to "Ride to the Wall." A candlelight POW/MIA table ceremony and field cross ceremony will begin at 7:30. General John J. Borling, a POW and a highly decorated officer, will be the guest speaker. The names of the POW/MIA from Illinois will be read. There are 84 from Illinois.

An ecumenical service will be held on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. A candlelight remembrance ceremony for women named on the wall and for women who have served will begin at 7:30. Jackie Tropp, an Army nurse who served in Vietnam, and Rochelle Crump, assistant director of Illinois Dept. of Veteran Affairs, will be the guest speakers. Special music will commemorate the women veterans. There are eight women whose names are on the wall.

A Memorial Day mass will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday. The closing ceremony and "Salute to the Wall" will take place at 3:30 and the wall will officially close at 4 p.m. A special grave will be designated in the cemetery for the memorabilia that will be gathered at the wall.

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Sertoma Centre Foundation's BIG Event May 15 at Tinley Park Convention Center has something planned for the entire family. From 12 noon to 5 p.m. the BIG Event takes place at the convention center, 183rd St. and Harlem Ave., with major sponsors POW-R Sertoma Club; *Daily Southtown* and *Star* newspapers; and The Lombard Company.

Model Caroline Kennedy (pictured) wears a beige embossed Toscana shearling bolero jacket while displaying the child's camel angora coat with fox trim that will be part of the BIG Event.

All proceeds from the BIG Event benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation. Started by the Alsip (now Action), Evergreen, and POW-R Sertoma Centre in 1971, Sertoma Centre, Inc. is a nationally-accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness. Communities served include 45 south and southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Two primary facilities are located in Alsip: Administrative Office & Insite Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. Sertoma Centre also operates several community group and foster care homes located in the south suburbs.

For more information, call (708) 371-9700 or click on www.sertomacentre.org.

Victim Notification

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced that sheriffs in all 102 counties are now participating as partners in the Illinois Automated Victim Notification System (AVN), which allows victims of crime to access up-to-date information on an offender's custody or case status.

Madigan made the announcement and outlined other initiatives her office has taken to protect and serve crime victims during a morning rally to commemorate the 24th annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The rally was held at the Attorney General's office, with Madigan joined by area sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, crime victims and victims' advocates.

"I am convinced that AVN is achieving its most important goal – empowering victims and their families by providing them with information about the people who have committed crimes against them. That knowledge is power," Madigan said. "AVN plays a critical role in helping victims feel safer. They know that AVN will keep them updated and allow them to participate fully in the criminal justice system."

The toll-free, bilingual AVN system relies on information supplied by county sheriffs, county clerks, the Illinois Dept. of Corrections (IDOC), the Dept. of Human Services and the Prisoner Review Board. The AVN system stores the information in a central communication center that is regularly updated and can be accessed by a victim at any time. The county sheriffs and the IDOC provide information about where an offender is in custody. Through a toll-free telephone call, the county clerks provide information about an offender's case status.

The system can be used by law enforcement as well as the victims of crime. AVN provides local law enforcement with a tool to check the status of inmates currently incarcerated anywhere in the state. Madigan's office continues to work to add all counties to the system; several counties are not yet operational as they await final changes at their facilities or the arrival of equipment. Cook County operates its own automated notification system.

Crime victims can access the AVN system toll-free at 1(866) 5-NOTIFY, 1(866) 566-8439. Individuals can register for automatic notification by providing AVN with up to two phone numbers where they can be reached and by choosing a Personal Identification Number (PIN). When registered persons receive a notification call, they provide their PIN number to complete the notification process. An offender will never know that a person is registered with AVN.

Tinley Park Mental Health Center Support

The Campaign to Save Tinley Park Mental Health Center picked up important new support recently from a wide range of public officials and citizen organizations. All 17 commissioners of the Cook County Board, a number of mental health advocacy organizations and the Tinley Park youth soccer association joined in opposing the proposed closure of the facility.

In Springfield a special hearing of the Illinois House of Representatives brought an outpouring of criticism from state lawmakers over the Dept. of Human Services closure plan. Sporting bright orange "Save Tinley Park MHC" T-shirts, south suburban lawmakers were joined by other colleagues with an expertise in mental health in questioning the department's proposal. A packed hearing room of Southland residents applauded the representatives as they expressed their support for the high quality of care provided at TPMHC.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a strong resolution to oppose the closure. The commissioners expressed particular concerns about the impact of the closure on county-operated facilities, as well as the loss of crucial mental health services in southern Cook County.

Additionally, a number of organizations that advocate for improved health care services joined the Campaign, including the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greater Chicago, the Mental Health Assn. of Illinois, National Assn. of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter – Calumet District, Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago, Howe Families and Friends Assn. and Thresholds South Suburbs, a community mental health provider.

Also backing the Campaign was the Tinley Park Bobcats, the association that utilizes the Center's grounds for youth activities. Over 2500 area children participate in soccer, football and cheerleading at Tinley Park and the association is concerned that no comparably-sized open space would be available if the state facility was shut down and the land redeveloped.

Statement of Purpose: "We believe that the State of Illinois has an obligation to assure that mental health services are provided to all state residents. The Tinley Park Mental Health Center is a vital component of providing those services to residents of southern Cook, Will, Kankakee and Grundy Counties. Closure of the Center at this time will reduce services in the area, impose hardship on patients and their families, and have an adverse impact on the neighboring communities. We oppose the proposed closure of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center."

County Art Collection

The needs of patients and their families have always been the primary focus of the John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County and its staff, and once again those needs are the driving force of an unparalleled undertaking, the Hospital's installation of a highly-acclaimed art collection.

Sunday, May 2nd, community members viewed selected works from the new John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County Art Collection with the artists and curator, as well as witnessed the unveiling of the collection's capstone piece, "The Oasis" by renowned Chicago artist Richard Hunt.

The collection comprises the work of 10 featured artists, many with national reputations and Chicago ties. Collection highlights include the specially-commissioned Hunt sculpture as well as two newly-restored WPA-era pieces, "Protection," a cast-iron sculpture once displayed in the 1932's hospital foyer, and a wood relief, "Mahogany Panel Triptych." The featured works, some historically and culturally significant, reflect, as a group, the diversity of Cook County's residents. They join more than 500 prints in the hospital's permanent collection.

Eckhoff Signed Intent Letter

Kate Eckhoff has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's volleyball team.

Eckhoff was a middle blocker for the Dragons at Grant Park High School. She will serve as a middle blocker/opposite for the Cougars this fall. Eckhoff plans to pursue a biology degree at SXU.

"Kate is a great athlete and has some great club volleyball experience," said SXU head women's volleyball coach Bob Heersema. "She should see some significant time on the court in the fall."

St. Rita High School Alumni Association presented loyal supporter Michael McArdle of the Beverly area with the "Man of the Year" Award on April 23rd at its annual Alumni Banquet at Rosewood West Banquets in Crestwood.

McArdle, a St. Rita graduate from the class of 1954, has been an avid supporter of St. Rita High School and has volunteered much time, talent, and financial support throughout the years. He is an attorney with McArdle, Frost and Klapacz.

One of the St. Rita Advisory Board's founding members, McArdle is currently a board member emeritus and is an affiliate of the Augustinian Order.

Pictured left to right: St. Rita High School President and Alumni Moderator Fr. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A. '83 presents the award to Michael McArdle.

Special Ed Workshop

Least Restrictive Environment: How to Make It Work for Your Child & Assistive Technology: How It Can Help Your Child will be held on Saturday, May 15th at Egan Urban Center, DePaul University, 243 S. Wabash Ave., 9th floor, in Chicago, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

These special education workshops will also provide information on how public schools can incorporate children with disabilities in regular classes, with support; and how Assistive Technology can help.

Featured presenters will be Carol Clifford, LRE Clearinghouse; Ruth Henring, Project CHOICES; Cilla Sluga, Illinois Assistive Technology Project.

Conference participants will receive free materials, along with a free lunch; and they will have the opportunity to network with other participants. Spanish translators will be available for Spanish speaking families.

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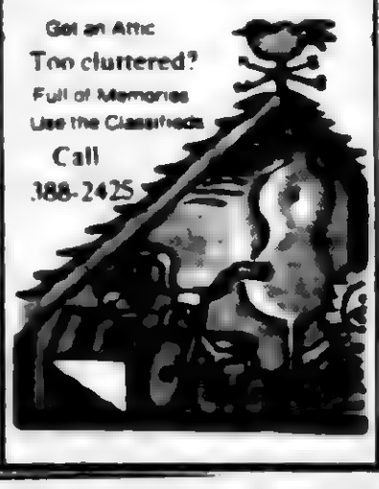

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dan A. Alfuitis, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-8040.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57807
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor, Southwest Corner, Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 5220 W. 137th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $101,799.36.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. James Burgeson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17978.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 15, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family, one story, wood frame residence with separate 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $171,331.93.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. CNI National Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela A. Rose a/k/a Pamela Rose a/k/a Pam Rose a/k/a Pamela Ann McKean a/k/a Pamela A. McKean a/k/a Pamela A. Kersten, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18486.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9306 S. 78th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $122,965.78.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A816.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192897C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Richard S. Consentino a/k/a Richard S. Consentino, Sr. a/k/a Richard Consentino, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17397.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8937 S. Utica, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $118,139.30.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A075.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194189C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Frank D. Billups Sr. a/k/a Frank D. Billups, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-11523.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4105 W. 135th Pl., Robbins, IL 60472.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story red brick and no garage.

The judgment amount was $34,701.08.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0305488.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194678C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee, for the Certificateholders of the Reperforming Loan Remic Trust Certificates, Series 2003-R3, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel R. Sims, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7967.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 58036

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 16, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9219 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of Brick constructed, two story, single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,068.17.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202918C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Plaintiff, vs. Patricia Robinson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18018.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 28, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2860 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $175,709.95.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194217C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Shirley Conner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14609.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4139 W. 79th St., #2-S, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $70,892.19.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7422.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194044C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA. f/k/a Bancokohoma Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar H. Zayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11516.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8891 W. 93rd St, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,788.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6774

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192667C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of Reperforming Remic Trust Series CWABS 99-3, Plaintiff, vs. George J. Musielak, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6585

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57333

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2004.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 26, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the lobby (Northeast corner) of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 10520 S. Kenneth Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $271,971.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

193936C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, F.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Delores Hurley a/k/a De Lores Hurley, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17563.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 13406 S. Kildare Ave., Robbins, IL 60466.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $27,311.53.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-09490.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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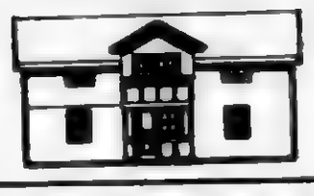

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Young, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17152.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4554 W. 129th St., Alsip, IL 60803.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $143,542.66.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

193472C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dale M. Prince, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7356.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57667

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 2, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3531 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvements on the property consist of single family, dwelling, brick construction.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $167,919.00.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202093C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-BC5, Plaintiff, vs. Wayne Hopkins, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-20169

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 27, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3721 W. 78th St., Chicago, IL 60643.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,304.08.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-A631.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois. County Department — Chancery Division. First Union National Bank, a National Banking Association, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1 for Long Beach Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Janina Pyzik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-15180

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8928 Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $115,940.20.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7779.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Home Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juan M. Corral, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18003.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9632 Massasoit Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $202,560.97.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0308494.

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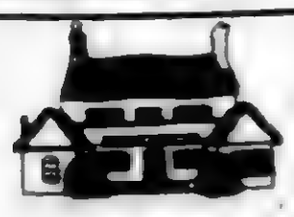

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Donato Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-4807

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 29, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4924 Elizabeth Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $204,616.02.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-1809.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191535C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Melnyk a/k/a Donald S. Melnyk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-20542.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55031

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 15, 2004, in the amount of $108,033.96., Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/K/A: 9612 S. Karlov, #102, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

194067C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Maranatha Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel A. Brown, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12250.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14155 S. Lamon Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $119,590.03.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-4790.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194608C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Mary Maniates, et al. Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-17425.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 2, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 11605 S. LaPorte Ave., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $127,524.07.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-8998.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

193329C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Craig P. Atkins, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-3904.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 27, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 24, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 14346 S. Karlov Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a single family one story brick residence with a detached one car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $181,047.04.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0301376.

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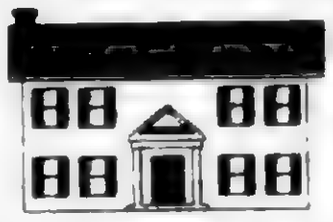

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas P. Nealon, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18789

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14941 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,368.24.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-17980.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192245C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs. John K. Shreder, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17180.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8009 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $157,575.60.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-08620.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

193045C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Mortgage Corp. S/B/M To Charter One Credit Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Thomas F. Bernas, Sr., Deceased, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10468.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 14318 Blaine Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $138,197.44.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

193475C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SGB Corporation d/b/a Westamerican Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Candy J. Khamis a/k/a Candy J. Guth, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-6776.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14533 Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $132,234.13.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-3942.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194712C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Glen M. Banister, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11550.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14349 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,712.51.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6739.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192266C

REAL ESTATE
Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. successor by Merger to Crossland Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas D. Wesner a/k/a Thomas Wesner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16779.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15409 S. Lavergne Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,106.94.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9819.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-A, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-A, Plaintiff, vs. Arturo Tapia, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16462.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 7701 S. Long Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $214,065.17.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9566.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194606C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homes Servicing Corporation d/b/a TMS Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Joseph Wheeler, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18306.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2645 W. 89th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $39,227.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A432.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192968C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Damon a/k/a Thomas Damon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17548.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 27, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8811 S. Kolmar Ave., Hometown, IL 60456.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $78,020.64.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A097.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194614C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth J. Weisman, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-1081.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 14, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14944 S. Richmond Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a purple alum. or vyl single family 1 story w/separate 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $93,458.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0400058.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192073C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Chapman, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16552.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 15, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3916 W. 75th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,250.90.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9504.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

194209C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Keith E. Harold a/k/a Keith E. Harold, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18710.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15322 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $110,036.84.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-12450.

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192281C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank, a Division of Alliq AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas a/k/a John M. Lucas, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16689.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $29,890.21.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-0737D.

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192387C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee c/o Residential Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. James A. Howard, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14530.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in thew office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 2708 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached one and a half car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $105,095.11.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0306784.

191791C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Nieves Sandoval, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18047.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 25, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3622 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,415.78.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

191853C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. [illegible] Bank, F/K/A [illegible] Home Loans, Inc., successor by Merger to [illegible] Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly A. Cordova, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19046.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale entered in the above cause on 2/20/2004, The Judicial Sales Corp. will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/22/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 14355 S. Keystone Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $143,106.99.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., & any prior mortgages of record & is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title & without recourse to plaintiff & in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection & Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-1373D.

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192278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Randall S. Iverson, Defendant. No. 03Ch-17252.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13940 S. Long Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $162,413.63.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Iris Y. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.

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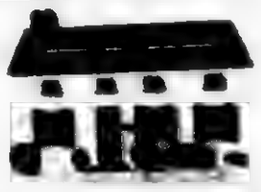

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Obituaries

Helen M. Barry

Mass was said Tuesday in Christ the King Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Helen M. Barry. She was a librarian at Christ the King school from 1970 to 1995.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin J.; her children, Kathleen M. (Tom) Smat and Timothy K. (Janette) Barry; and four grandchildren.

Emogene Burrows

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Hills Funeral Home Ltd., Palos Hills, with interment Wednesday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Emogene Burrows, wife of the late Norbert. She was a retired inspector at Walgreens Laboratory and a member of La Grange Bible Church.

She is survived by her children, Debra (Raymond) Zurek, Ramona (Mark) Craig and Connie (Darrell) Varney; and five grandchildren.

Bertha M. Colby

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, with interment at Beverly Cemetery for Bertha M. Colby of Crestwood, formerly of Palos Heights. She was the wife of the late Jim B. Colby.

She is survived by her children, Bradford (Frances) and Susan William) Walter; six children; her sisters, Cora (Clarence) Esche, Grace Busch, Margaret (Mark) Garritson, Loretta Schiera, Ann (Herm) Werkman; and her brother, James (Pat) Van Henkelum.

Raymond S. Holly

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Raymond S. Holly. He was a retired employee of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

He is survived by he wife, Rita; and his children, Jillian and Rosalind.

Judith Ann DeVries

Memorial visitation was Monday at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with entombment private at Evergreen Mausoleum for Judith Ann DeVries.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. DeVries; her children, Rob DeVries and Patsy (Matt) Cesare; her parents, Len and Shirley Pazucha; and her sister, Sandra (Jim) Lee.

Marie Therese "June" Foster

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Marie Therese "June" Foster.

She was a member of Ridge Country Club.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas, her children, Mary, Thomas Jr. (Janet), Gerald (Janet), William (Cindy) and Robert (Martha); eight grandchildren.

Emmet J. Feykes

Funeral services were Friday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with a private cremation for Emmet J. Feykes, a 28-year resident of Midlothian, husband of the late Katherine. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired truck driver and member of the United Steel Workers Union Local No. 6787.

He is survived by his children, Helen, Cheryl and William Feykes.

Stephen Kendricks

Funeral services were Monday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery for Stephen Kendrick, 95, husband of the late Ann. He was a World War II Navy SeaBees veteran. He was a longtime member of Local 130 plumbers union.

He is survived by his children, Jayne (Joe) Powers and Barbara (Richard) Stanley, six grandchildren; and great-grandfather of many.

Dr. Theodore T. Ing

Visitation will be held Friday, May 14th, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Dolezalek Funeral Home, 470 W. 26th St., Chicago, for Dr. Theodore T. Ing, 40, of Chicago. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 15th, at noon at the funeral home.

Ing had been a chiropractor in Palos Heights for over 15 years and a member of the American Chiropractic Association and Pinnacle Management Group.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his mother, Jane Ing; his children, Matthew and Christian; and brothers, Dr. Wallace (Maniza) Dr. Franklin (Terry), Dr. Gregory (Rebecca), Lawrence (Catherine) and Drs. Edmund (Susan).

Catherine A. Mauloff

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Catherine A. Mauloff, wife of the late John Albertine and the late George Mauloff.

She is survived by her sister, Lillian (Duffy) Dardar.

James F. McKenna

Funeral services were Monday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for James F. McKenna, husband of the late Theresa. He was an Army veteran and retired employee of Nabisco. He was a member of International Union of Operating Engineers. He was president and 30-year member of McDonald-Linn Social Club.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta "Laurie", his children, James (Linda), Mary Ellen (Glen) Papineau, Kathy McKenna and Lisa Mroch, LoriAnn (Richard) Jovner, Louis and Toby Mroch; 11 grandchildren; and his brothers, William and Shawn McKenna.

William Nambo

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery for William Nambo, 78. He was a veteran and retired from the City of Chicago, Street and Sanitation. He was a member of Local No. 726, Master of Mighty Mouse.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen J.; children Veronica Dawn Koller, Linda (Bruce) Norling, John and William M. (Deann); eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; his sisters, Peggy (Leonard) and Leona Flack; and brother, Paul (Adeline).

Robert A. Nowlan

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Robert A. Nowlan, husband of the late Marian.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Robert II (Dr. Wendy), Martha (Stephen) Johnson, Mary, Michael (Kitty), James (Christine) and Daniel (Lynne); 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Daniel R. Peers

Mass was said Tuesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Daniel R. Peers.

He is survived by Brenda K.; his son, Daniel J. Peers; and his mother, Bernice.

Bernadette Rose Rieser

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment private for Bernadette Rose Rieser.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; her children, Matt (Kim) and Jennifer (Doug).

Edward L. Sorensen

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Willow Hills for Edward L. Sorensen, husband of the late Dorothy. He was a member of Evergreen Park American Legion Post No. 854 and past chief of Vikings Harald Lodge No. 13.

He is survived by his children, Gayle (Michael) Williams, Roger (Candace), Wayne and James Sorenseon; his brother, Robert; and 10 grandchildren.

Patrick J. Whelehan

Mass was said Tuesday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Patrick J. "Joseph" Whelehan, a native of Co. Kildare, Ireland.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his children, Kevin (Kathy), Lawrence (Donna), Maureen (Robert) Letz, Marianne (James) McMahon, Christine, Roseann (Jack) Lund and Thomas; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Anne M. Wiegel

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with private interment for Anne M. Wiegel, 90, wife of the late George Sr.

She is survived by her children, George "Ted" (Carolyn) Wiegel and Anne Caryl Boyd; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her brother, Fredrick, (JoAnne).

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Job Fair Held

In an effort to attract the best and the brightest certified teachers from across the country, CPS Chief Executive Officer Arne Duncan joined Human Resources team members at a job fair to staff more than 1,000 positions. Many positions were filled on the spot, but there are still positions open. Those interested should call (773) 553-1000 and ask for H.R.

This year there is an urgent need to hire certified teachers by July 15. The goal is to streamline the start of school activities and attract the most talented teachers in all levels, including special education and science, where there are critical shortages.

Starting salary for new teachers with a bachelor's degree is roughly $39,972 and up to $62,812 both with pension benefits and total compensation annually in the 12th step of experience. Salary for teachers with a master's degree begins at $42,740 with pension and up to $65,581 with the 12th step of experience. Salary for teachers with a doctorate degree (Ph.D or Ed.D) begins at $48,278 with pension benefits and up to $71,118 with the 12th step of experience.

The Chicago Public Schools is the nation's third-largest school district, with approximately 600 schools, 27,000 teachers and more than 434,000 students.

Program Offered On Anger

Beginning Tuesday, June 1st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the YMCA Network, 3801 W. 127th St. in Alsip, will be holding a 6-week program entitled "Understanding and Managing Anger." Participants will develop an understanding of the causes and effects of anger in their lives along with gaining coping strategies to effectively manage their anger. Those 16 and older who are having difficulty managing their feelings in personal, social, school or work-based relationships are encouraged to attend.

The cost is $60 for all six sessions. Subsequent dates are June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and July 6th.

For more information or to register, call 385-6700.

Senator Testifies To House

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) testified before the House State Government Administration Committee May 6 on the State's bond indebtedness. Radogno has led the Senate Republican Caucus on the issue, speaking to editorial boards throughout the state about the recent switch in the way the State structures and repays debt.

Radogno and Senate Republican lawmakers are pushing for a return to the longstanding state policies that do leave the bulk of the debt for future generations to pay. The Senate Republican proposal calls for elimination of debt holidays, requires level principal payments, and limits repayment to 25 years.

Also testifying at the hearing were State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (pictured) and Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson (not pictured). Also pictured: Martin Noven, the Treasurer's deputy chief of staff for the law and policy.

Doctor Earns Title

Dr. Sandra Bury (pictured), an Oak Lawn optometrist, was recently notified that she has been recognized 2004 "Young Optometrist of the Year" by the American Optometric Association. After being voted by the Illinois Optometric Association as the "Young Optometrist of the Year" in 2003, Dr. Bury's credentials were submitted to the national organization, as were candidates from all other states. After a comprehensive review of all candidates, Dr. Bury, for her activities as a volunteer leader in many organizations, was determined the outstanding "Young Optometrist of the Year" for the entire United States. This award is open to any optometrist in the country within 10 years of graduation.

Dr. Bury's activities involve the Oak Lawn Rotary Club, the Illinois Optometric Association, Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH)-Illinois Chapter, and many board memberships. Dr. Bury was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award for her leadership and volunteer service in the Oak Lawn Rotary Club. The Rotary Club is dedicated to providing services in the community, state, nation and the world to those in need.

In her service to humanity through VOSH, Dr. Bury has been to six foreign countries as a volunteer optometrist, paying her own expenses to examine the eyes of the poor. Dr. Bury's trips include leading a mission to Nicaragua, and co-leading missions to Peru and Lithuania. The mission leader must make all physical arrangements in the host country, recruit all personnel: including other optometrists and support persons as well as supervise the collection and packing of eight to ten thousand pairs of used eye glasses. She has also been to Mexico, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. Each VOSH mission usually examines 1,500 to 2,000 persons. Dr. Bury and her associate in practice, Dr. Floyd Woods, traveled to Lithuania and were doing examinations on 9/11/01. She is currently President of the Illinois Chapter of VOSH. Dr. Bury participates on several domestic missions throughout Chicagoland and established a mission in her hometown to examine the eyes of the homeless through the PADS program.

Since graduating from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1995, Dr. Bury has accepted leadership responsibility in her professional organization, the Illinois Optometric Association. She is currently President of the South Suburban Optometric Society of the Illinois Optometric Association. During her presidency she has, with the assistance of the West Suburban Optometric Society helped to charter a new optometric society in the Joliet area. This is the first new optometric society to be organized in Illinois in many years.

Dr. Bury is a member of the Professional Advisory Council of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Prevent Blindness America recognized Dr. Bury with a "Woman of Vision Award" in 2002.

Dr. Bury has assembled a wonderful staff of highly trained, capable technicians, receptionists and opticians to assist her in her private practice of optometry. Without such skilled staff, Dr. Bury would not be able to accomplish the recognition she has earned. Dr. Bury will be recognized for her achievements at the Annual Meeting of the American Optometric Association in Orlando, Florida on June 24th at the opening delegate session of the three-day meeting. Because Dr. Bury loves her staff so much, she is taking them all to Orlando with her to celebrate.

Lung Disease Program Planned May 18th

A free seminar entitled COPD: The Other Lung Disease will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18th at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland, by the American Lung Assn. of Metropolitan Chicago.

Dr. Nicholas Gross, a staff physician and professor at Loyola University Medical Center, will address various aspects of COPD including signs and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. In addition, a patient panel will share their experiences. The Association will also be offering free lung health screenings between 3 and 7 p.m.

More than 400,000 people in Cook County live with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) – the nation's fourth leading cause of death – but half don't know it. This lack of knowledge has prompted the ALAMC to devote special attention to this disease and implement an array of new programs to raise awareness, services and resources to combat COPD.

COPD, which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis, is a common yet preventable lung disease that obstructs the airways, making breathing difficult. Although COPD is typically caused by smoking, it may also be triggered by exposure to fumes or dusty environments. COPD can be treated, but not cured. Early detection is critical.

The public is invited to attend this event; reservations are not required. Complimentary refreshments will be served. The event is provided through an educational grant from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

For more information, call Andrea Martin at the American Lung Assn., (312) 628-0227.

Gardeners

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, May 27th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:15 a.m. There will be a plant exchange. All plants should be labeled showing the name, sun and soil requirements. Numbers will be drawn for first pick and then all will have a chance at the rest. All plants must be cleared off at the end of the meeting.

Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests, but make sure they bring a plant for exchange.

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Blessed Roses will be distributed

Rita of Cascia, wife, mother, widow and Augustinian nun, is the patron saint of impossible cases. She was a peacemaker among her family and community and she continues to be a peacemaker for our world today. Come and pray, asking her powerful intercession for yourself, your family and especially our world during these difficult times.

Please include these intentions at the St. Rita Feast Day Mass.

Please mail to the attention of:
Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A., St. Rita High School - Dept. Four,
7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60620

Re-Enact Brown V. Board Of Ed

A commemorative celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education will take place at Chicago State University on Monday, May 17, in the Bradley Theater, 9501 S. King Drive. This state-sponsored event will begin at 9 a.m. with a reenactment of the oral arguments and decision rendered in 1954 by the U.S. Supreme Court. Chief Justice Earl Warren will be played by the Honorable Justice Charles E. Freeman of the Illinois Supreme Court. The Associate Justices of the Warren court will be represented by judges from various divisions of the Illinois court system. In addition, James Montgomery and Lawrence Jay Weiner, Attorneys-at-Law, will represent the attorneys for the plaintiff and for the defense.

Following the reenactment, several distinguished individuals will participate in a symposium entitled, "Fifty Years Later... Where Are We Now?" Some of the panelists include State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-3); Dr. Barbara Sizemore, DePaul University; Antonio Mora, CBS 2 News; and Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright Jr., Trinity United Church of Christ. Moderators for the day's events are Diann Burns, CBS 2 News; Allison Payne, WGN News; Harry Porterfield, ABC 7 News; and Warner Saunders, NBC 5 News.

The state's two million public school children will also be participating in the celebration. The reenactment will be available to schools live via satellite, webcast and broadcast on ten public television stations throughout the state. Utilizing these media formats will ensure accessibility to the greatest number of Illinois' schools. The Illinois State Board of Education will also archive the event for future educational use.

"The intent of the Brown v. Board decision is to provide all children with equal access to a quality education. So, in keeping with the spirit of this historic decision, it is critical that every school child learn and understand the significance of this case and how it has shaped the world in which they live," said Illinois Senate President Emil Jones Jr.

This commemorative event is the first in a series of Brown v. Board educational events that will take place over the next year as part of a statewide initiative outlined in Senate Joint Resolution 40. This legislation, sponsored by Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. and State Senator Mattie Hunter, calls for the creation of the Illinois Commission on the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. The Commission is charged with the task of developing various programs that promote the value of education and the democratic principles of equal access that are the foundation of the Supreme Court's landmark decision.

As part of the Senate Joint Resolution, Chicago State University was selected to facilitate and support the extensive outreach efforts of the Commission. "Chicago Sate is honored to be a part of this exciting and noteworthy project. As a community, the University has wholeheartedly embraced the Commission's objectives and is committed to seeing them realized," said President Elnora D. Daniel, Chicago State University.

President Terrence J. O'Brien (pictured), of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Thursday, May 20. The event will take place at the Ballroom, 12 E. Erie St. from 5 to 7 p.m.

President O'Brien was first elected to the District in 1988. His integrity, coupled with his innate ability as an effective leader, led his fellow commissioners to elect him President of the Board of Commissioners in 1997, 1999, 2001 and again in 2003.

O'Brien graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette and earned his bachelor of science degree at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Analyst's Statement

Sen. Jacqueline Collins (D-16) announced recently that the Senate has passed several pieces of legislation she sponsored dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, low-income housing, and protection of criminal witnesses.

House Bill 4238 raises the mandatory minimum domestic violence fine to $200 from $100 for certain crimes, such as domestic battery, where the defendant and the victim are family or household members. Additionally, the bill increases the mandatory minimum sexual assault fine to $200 from $100 for specified sexual assault-related offenses including criminal sexual assault. The money collected from these fines will be used to fund programs to help prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

House Bill 4424 authorizes the comparison of data in the State Police's DNA database with data in the FBI's National DNA database to expand the outreach of our DNA search capacity. The bill codifies practices by the State Police and authorizes that DNA information collected be used to identify and prosecute persons suspected of committing sexual assault-related crimes by linking the State with the FBI database.

House Bill 4461 restores a special valuation procedure for low-income housing developed under Section 515 of the Federal Housing Act. This special valuation for Section 515 properties, which was unintentionally deleted in the passage of a bill last year, would be restored as it existed prior to Jan. 1st, 2004. Not restoring this special valuation could result in the loss of rental housing for those in most need, Illinois' low-income families and the elderly.

House Bill 4538 expands current witness harassment provisions to include persons who were expected to serve as witnesses in a criminal prosecution case. It would help serve witnesses with potentially damaging information from retaliation by defendants. Persons convicted of the harassment of a potential witness or their family member would face a Class 2 felony (3-7 years, $25,000).

These bills will now be sent to the governor to be signed into law.

More Than The Blues

You just got a promotion with a higher salary, and overall life is good. But for some reason you're sad most of the time. When things are going well in your life, but you can't seem to shake the blues, you could be one of the 19 million Americans who suffer from depression.

A new, free package of publications from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Federal Citizen Information Center gives you the facts on depression, its symptoms, treatments and more.

Do you just not want to get out of bed each morning? Are you unable to sleep at night? Maybe you no longer enjoy activities that used to bring you lots of pleasure. Use this information to find out if you are experiencing some of the signs of depression. Talk to your doctor about how you are feeling. And learn more about the available treatment options, such as talking to a social worker or psychologist.

Although both men and women develop similar symptoms of depression, they often cope with depression very differently. Reading about how people like you who have successfully fought depression may help you face your own symptoms and encourage you to ask for help.

Bipolar Disorder is a different form of depression. Also known as manic-depressive illness, this disorder can cause you to experience severe mood changes. Feeling jubilant one minute and really down the next is a good reason to get more information.

If you suffer from depression, it may be hard for you to ask for help. Take the first step by sending for the **Depression: More Than the Blues** package. There are three easy ways to get your free publications:

- Call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the **Depression: More Than the Blues** package.
- Send your name and address to Depression: More Than the Blues, Pueblo, CO 81009.
- Visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free.

Tax Disputes Grants

Non-profit organizations interested in providing free or nominal-fee representation to people involved in tax disputes with the IRS can apply for grants worth up to $100,000.

Nina Olson, the National Taxpayer Advocate, whose office oversees the IRS's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) program, announced that the 2005 grant application process is now open. Grants are also available for programs that inform taxpayers for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities.

Olson said these clinics provide an important resource to taxpayers who may not be able to afford a tax professional. Under the LITC grant program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to $100,000 a year to organizations to develop, expand or continue taxpayer clinics that assist low income taxpayers when they have disputes with the IRS or are trying to comply with the tax laws. Olson sees the funding of these clinics and the provision of free or nominal-fee tax representation as "a significant step toward a more equitable tax system."

The IRS recently announced recipients for its 2004 grant cycle. The IRS awarded $7.5 million to 135 non-profit organizations and accredited academic institutions representing 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Five Chicago organizations received grants - Center for Economic Progress, City Wide Tax Assistance Program, Illinois Institute of Technology, Korean American Resource & Cultural Center, and Loyola University Chicago.

The application period for the 2005 LITC grant program is from May 1 to July 1, 2004. Applications for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic grants must be received at Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Mail Stop 211-D, LITC Program Office, 401 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta GA. 30308, no later than July 1. The application package (Publication 3319) is available at www.irs.gov/advocate or may be ordered from the IRS Forms Distribution Center by calling 1-800-829-3676. Applicants can also file electronically at www.grants.gov

Each application will be given due consideration and the LITC Program Office will notify each applicant by mail. Grant decisions will be made by Nov. 15, for the grant period beginning January, 2005.

Qualifying tax clinic may be run by either law, business or accounting schools whose students represent taxpayers in tax disputes with the IRS or Tax Court or by tax-exempt organizations. These organizations can represent taxpayers in tax-related matters, refer taxpayers to pro-bono qualified representatives and provide non-English-speaking taxpayers information about the tax rights and responsibilities.

Questions about the LITC Program or grant application process should be addressed to the LITC Program Office at (404) 338-7185 or by e-mil at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

Giant African Snails Health Risks

School superintendents and principals, pet store operators and the public are being warned of the potential health risks associated with exposure to giant African snails that have been discovered in Illinois and at least three other states, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, recently announced.

Dr. Whitaker said the snails, which are illegal in the United States, were given to students in a northern Illinois school as part of a science project and have since been confiscated by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Other reports of giant African snails are under investigation.

"Giant African snails can carry a parasite that can cause illness in humans," Dr. Whitaker said. "I strongly encourage anyone aware of the existence of these snails to call their local health department."

The snails located in Illinois are considered "second generation," or born in the United States, and most likely did not carry a parasite that can be acquired from rats. There have been no reports of illness in Illinois.

Snails imported illegally into the country may have rat lungworm, a parasite that can cause meningitis in humans, from exposure to rat feces. Larvae are expelled in rat feces and are ingested by snails and slugs. Rats become infected by eating infected snails or slugs.

The parasite can be transmitted to humans when snail mucous comes into contact with human mucous membranes, such as those of the eyes, nose and mouth when touched by an unwashed hand or by ingesting improperly cooked snail meat. The parasite is not spread person-to-person.

Those infected with the parasite may become ill one to three weeks after having contact with a snail. While most infections are asymptomatic, some persons will develop symptoms that may progress to meningitis. Symptoms may include low-grade fever, vomiting, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck and back, and in some cases, facial paralysis. Usually the infection resolves without treatment, but illness may last a few days to several months.

Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin also have reported the presence of giant African snails in their states. In many cases, it appears students brought the snails into school classrooms. As the end of the school year nears, there is a concern that students may be given these snails to take home for the summer.

Anyone possessing a giant African snail or with information on the presence of these snails is asked to contact their local health department. The local health department will then report the presence of these snails to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, which will contact the USDA to make arrangements to have them picked up.

Besides posing a risk to human health, these snails can do extensive damage to the environment if released outdoors. They are known to eat at least 500 different types of plants.

Possession of these snails is prohibited in the United States under the federal Plant Pest Act. Federal authorities suspect the snails have been smuggled into the United States and then sold in pet stores or traded by exotic animal dealers.

The Illinois Dept. of Agriculture is notifying pet store owners that the snails are illegal, pose a threat to human health and are capable of causing extensive damage to the environment. Store owners who possess these snails or know of any breeders are encouraged to contact their local health department.

Bills Pass Senate

Focus on the Family Senior Bioethics Analyst Carrie Gordon Earll issued the following statement in response to the Food and Drug Administration's decision to not allow over-the-counter sales of "Plan B," commonly known as the "morning-after pill."

"Despite intense lobbying by radical feminist groups and pro-abortion forces, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration placed the health and safety of American women and teenagers ahead of political ideology with its recent announcement.

"The FDA's decision to reject Barr Laboratories' request to sell 'Plan B' over-the-counter without medical supervision represents sound medical judgment and common sense. Focus on the Family is relieved that the FDA comprehended the potential risk to young women and fulfilled its appointed role to protect them – despite immense pressure to do otherwise.

"The proposal would have allowed teenage girls (or younger) to purchase the drug without parental involvement or knowledge. The effects of repeated use of the drug, especially on developing adolescent bodies, are unknown. 'Plan B' consists of two high doses of oral contraceptives – pills that are usually available only by prescription after a medical examination and with continued physician oversight. It simply does not make sense for higher doses to be exempt from the same supervision – regardless of the age of the female."

Thompson And Kuenster Lunch

On Thursday, April 22nd, friends of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home gathered for a beautiful luncheon at Palermo's Restaurant in Oak Lawn.

Raffles, excellent food and fellowship were shared by all present. Sondra Staley of Forethought Insurance and Linda Jody of MetLife discussed the benefits of a well planned retirement that includes a pre-arranged funeral. A great time was had by all.

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Left to right: Betty Zimmerman, Eileen Stalla, Francis Miller and Loretta Gurke.

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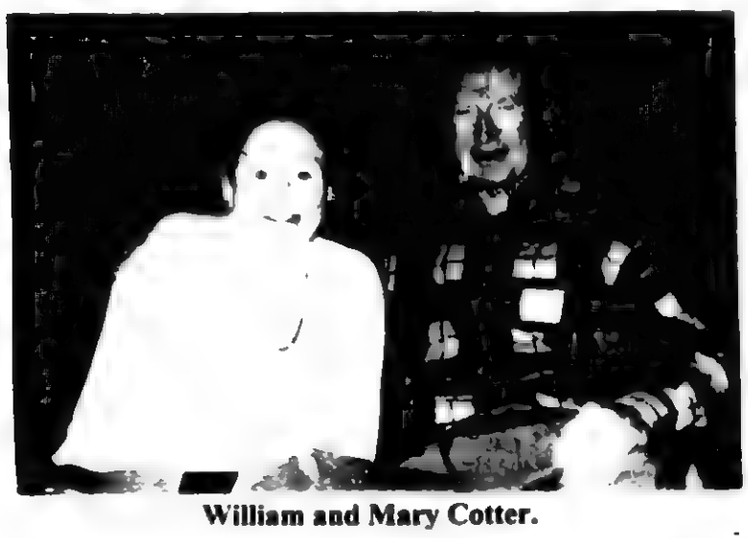

William and Mary Cotter.

Rosemary Reus won a clock and Esther Praescher won a Crossword Book.

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Howel Is Asset To SXU Team

Many student-athletes head into their senior season with dreams of ending their stint with a team at the high point of their playing careers. Sadly, most of those dreams never become a reality, but for St. Xavier University starting second baseman and leadoff hitter Ryan Howell (Hometown/Oak Lawn), the dream is alive and well.

The SXU baseball team has been rolling, thanks in large part to their talented senior co-captain. Starting in all 57 games, Howell has posted team-highs of 96 hits, 77 runs, 24 doubles, 151 total bases, and a slugging percentage of .716. He has also recorded five triples (second on the team), seven homers (second on team) and 50 RBI (third on the team).

So what is the secret to Howell's recent success with the bat? The 5-10 senior admits he feels more confident at the plate this year, but has also had a 'little help from his hitting coaches, John "Happy" Harasen and SXU Hall of Famer and former Major Leaguer Kevin Sefcik.

"There have been a few times this season where I just feel unstoppable at the plate," said Howell. "Recently, coach Harasen started passing out Smarties to all the hitters before they went up to bat and since then we have been on fire as a team. It started out as a joke, but now it's a habit. Plus, coach Sefcik personally worked with me on my swing earlier this season and since then I have been hitting incredibly well."

Since April 11th, Howell's numbers have been nothing short of phenomenal. He is batting .535 (46-for-86) with 11 doubles, four triples, six home runs, 30 RBI and 36 runs scored over the 24-game stretch in which SXU has posted a 17-7 record. The two-time 2004 CCAC Player of the Week recently missed hitting for the cycle in a non-conference, home game against No. 13 Bethel College (Ind.) on April 27th. Howell finished the game 4-for-5 with a double, triple and two home runs. The Cougars dropped the game in extra innings, 9-8.

"Ryan has always brought a passion to the field in every game he has played here at St. Xavier," said SXU head baseball coach Mike Dooley. "He is, without a doubt, one of the greatest players to ever play at SXU. It is truly unbelievable what he has accomplished in his four years as a Cougar, especially considering the fact that the NAIA has limited the number of games a team can play each season and many of our season and career records were set when teams could play an unlimited number of games."

"Unbelievable" may be the best word to describe it. With his career not yet over, Howell has already surpassed the SXU career hits (342), doubles (83) and runs scored (272) records and is currently No. 2 on the all-time career total bases with 533 (23 shy of the record) and No. 4 on the all-time career RBI list with 205. He is batting .455 this season, which has the potential to break the old single season batting average of .444 set by Jim Oros in 1980.

"I think we have a team that can go pretty far into the post-season this year," said Howell. "I want to give our younger guys and the other seniors on the team something to remember by leaving it all out on the field and having no regrets. I think our team is starting to realize its potential and we just need to work on not squandering our opportunities."

"The running joke this year has been that if I get on base in the first inning, we are going to win the game," continued Howell. "So far, it has been pretty accurate. Our offense just needs a spark and then we start smoking. It has been there for us when we need it over the last couple weeks."

Unsolicited Calls

It seems to be an accepted fact of life. You sit down to dinner with the family and the telephone rings. More often than not, it seems that the caller is a telemarketer. These unsolicited calls can be annoying and disruptive.

You should be aware that both Illinois and Federal laws prohibit telephone solicitations before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. Telemarketers are also required to identify themselves with their name, the company they represent and a phone number where their company can be reached. You have the right to ask any telemarketer to put your name on a "do not call" list if you do not want them to contact you again.

There are Federal and Illinois laws which also apply to debt collectors. If you fall behind in making credit card payments or paying on a loan, mortgage or other debts, you may be contacted by a debt collector.

Debt collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. unless you have given them permission to do so. Debt collectors may, however, contact you at work unless they are aware that your employer disapproves of such contact. Also, you have the right to contact the collection agency in writing to request that it stop contacting you. Once the agency receives your letter, it may not contact your again except to notify you that some specific action will be taken.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area of visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Receive High Honors

St. Laurence students Tom Meade (left) of Oak Lawn and Ed Hona (right) of Garfield Ridge have been named recipients of high honors in the Chicago Metro History Fair. In March, both had been named as finalists in the contest and then advanced with the next round judging taking place in April.

Hona's research paper on the topic of Stephen Douglas was judged the top research paper in the State of Illinois in the category of the Civil War Era. This award earns him a scholarship from Illinois College in Jacksonville. Hona received his award at a ceremony in Springfield on May 6.

Meade's paper was also recognized with an award which will be presented to him at the Chicago Historical Society on May 16. Thomas Resek, history teacher at St. Laurence, commented that "both of these young men put a great deal of work into their research and I'm glad that the judges recognized their excellence and academic thoroughness by awarding them these honors."

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Chicago's Gardens

North Michigan Avenue will be lush with summer plantings as The Greater North Michigan Avenue Assn. (GNMAA) presents "Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile" from June 23rd to Sept. 6th. This FREE outdoor horticulture exhibit will feature a self-guided walking tour of over 45 spectacular gardens and programming targeted at garden enthusiasts and families in search of summer fun.

Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile will showcase the successful beautification efforts that are funded by the business and property owners along North Michigan Avenue and will feature innovations in urban gardening. The self-guided walking tour leads visitors through the brilliant blossoms of The Magnificent Mile district, from Oak Street to the Chicago River, and explores the neighborhoods of Streeterville, River North and the Gold Coast. Flora from around the world is identified with horticultural signage in each of the gardens. Gardening enthusiasts will find fresh new ideas for their homes, discover new planting combinations, see unique gardening styles, learn ways to utilize small spaces and find plantings appropriate for gardens in shaded or partially shaded areas.

During Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, a host of summer activities and happenings will take place in The Magnificent Mile district, including gardening related programming. Gardening enthusiasts can learn planting and maintenance tips and tricks from the experts. Visitors can enjoy gardening themed activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.themagnificentmile.com or call (312) 409-5560.

Recognize Queen Of Peace Scholars

Three seniors from Queen of Peace High School were recognized as St. Catherine of Siena Scholars during the third annual Catherine Congress held at Peace April 30.

This year's Catherine Scholars are Nicole Surico of Oak Lawn (from left); Mary DeSimone of Chicago's Bridgeport area; and Cara Gorman of Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood.

The St. Catherine of Siena Scholars program, unique to Queen of Peace, engages selected students in an innovative and challenging academic opportunity to collaborate with a mentor and engage in rigorous research over and above their regular course of study.

Scholar candidates choose a cross-disciplinary research project that answers a significant question that challenges status quo thinking with social change and justice in mind. During their study, they are mentored by professionals such as educators, physicians, attorneys and therapists. Upon completion of their projects, students defend their research before their mentors, parents, teachers, and candidates in the program.

Nicole, who researched the "Psychological Reasons for the Persistence of Racism," studied with her mentor, Susan O'Halloran, diversity consultant, author and storyteller. Mary's project addressed the inequity in "Funding Allocation for Juvenile Diabetes"; she studied with mentor Janet Spector-Bishop, public relations professional for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Cara researched "Meeting the Needs for Students with Physical Disabilities" under the guidance of her mentor Janet Laux, special education teacher at Blair Early Childhood School in Chicago.

99th Street Theatre Festival

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will open its 26th season of community summer theatre in the McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th St., with auditions on June 3rd and 4th for "The Sound of Music" and "Children of Eden." This season's theme, "A Season of Hope," is fitting for this year when we live in a world that dreams of peace and prosperity. Both shows speak to this theme in a variety of ways. "The Sound of Music," based on the story of the Von Trapp family, is a family favorite featuring such famous songs as "Do Re Mi," "My Favorite Things" and "Climb Every Mountain." "Children of Eden" is written by Stephen Schwartz who is known for such hits as "Godspell" and the new Broadway smash hit "Wicked." "Children of Eden" tells the story of the first six books of Genesis in a modern telling with Broadway-style music and makes us realize that the story may not be new but the struggles continue in all of our lives.

Auditions are open to all performers high school age and older. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. in the McAuley Auditorium. No appointments are necessary. Auditionees should prepare 16-32 bars of a song from a musical and wear comfortable clothes for the dance/movement audition. Readings will be held based on the singing audition. Auditions for the children's roles will be held at 4 p.m. on June 3rd and limited to grade school students enrolled in the 99th Street Summer Theatre Kids Kamp program.

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will perform "The Sound of Music" on July 8th, 9th and 10th and "Children of Eden" on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th in the McAuley Auditorium. For information on auditions or any of the camp programs, call Patricia Haynes, Managing Director, at (773) 881-6512. The program is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 24 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 25 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

MAY 25 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

MAY 27 – Thursday – Garden Club Meeting, Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., 9:15 a.m.

MAY 27 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

MAY 27 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 27 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 29 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 1 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 2 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

Carpenters Open House

Whether you are looking to become a carpenter, looking for a carpenter, or are a carpenter, you should attend the annual Chicago and Northeast Illinois District Council of Carpenter's Open House. It will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at the Carpenter Training Center, 1256 Estes in Elk Grove Village, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The union's best-trained carpenters from across the state will compete against each other in 5 different categories: general construction, interior systems, millwright, mill cabinet, and flooring.

Health and welfare personnel will be available to discuss benefits and answer questions from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Two seminars explaining health care benefits will also be held on a first-come, first-served basis at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cholesterol screening and blood pressure testing will be available for all eligible carpenters throughout the day. For accurate test results, fasting of 10 hours is required before cholesterol screening.

Any person who is at least 17 years old, resides in the Chicago area (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry or Will counties) has successfully completed two years of required high school study, has an original Social Security card and is physically fit to work as a carpenter is eligible to take the Council's Aptitude and Qualifying tests. If they pass, they can enroll in the nine-week "pre-apprenticeship" program, in which they learn carpentry skills. After a four-year apprenticeship, which includes on-the-job experience as well as additional classes, they advance to the journeymen level.

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Social Security Verification Begins

Secretary of State Jesse White announced recently that his office would begin verifying Social Security numbers for all drivers licenses and ID cards in June. White said the process is another step to protect the public against theft and fraud.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States," said White. "We want to take every step possible to protect Illinois citizens and the integrity of our drivers licenses and ID cards.

"State issued drivers licenses and ID cards are the most widely used forms of identification in the country. That puts our office on the front lines of defense against identity theft and fraud. Verifying numbers with the Social Security Administration will help eliminate fraud at our facilities. This extra security measure is a benefit to law enforcement, consumers and businesses."

White said that 96 percent of all records in the state's drivers license and ID card databases have already been confirmed with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Four percent of records did not match correctly with the SSA. Letters and renewal notices for motorists and citizens whose records did not match are being sent advising them to bring documentation to verify their Social Security number, name and date of birth. All drivers licenses and ID cards for first-time applicants will be verified before they are issued as well.

White urged motorists receiving those notices to visit a facility as soon as possible. If records need to be corrected with the SSA, the process could take up to four weeks. Drivers licenses and ID cards will not be issued until the Social Security number can be verified.

The cost of the Social Security Online Verification program is covered by a $540,000 federal grant. Social Security Online Verification is one of many security efforts employed by the Secretary of State's office to prevent identity theft. The office uses facial recognition programs that compare digital photographs of motorists. White has also adopted more stringent identification document requirements and no longer prints the Social Security number on drivers licenses and ID cards.

According to a study conducted by the Federal Trade Commission, 15 percent of identity theft victims reported that their personal information was misused in non-financial ways. The most common such use reported was to present the victim's name and identifying information when someone was stopped by law enforcement officials or was charged with a crime.

White said more information about the Social Security verification program and about identity theft is available through his office or on his web site, www.cyberdriveillinois.com. White said people who are concerned that they may have been a victim of identity theft should:

1. Report the identity theft to the police. Ask for a copy of the report to show your creditors and financial institutions if necessary.
2. Contact each of the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and Trans Union) and report the theft to their fraud units. Ask each agency to put a "fraud alert" in our file and contact you before allowing new accounts to be opened or existing accounts to be changed. Request reports from each agency, and review them carefully. After a few months, request new reports to make sure they are correct. Equifax: 1(800) 525-6285; Experian, 1(888) 397-3742; Trans Union: 1(800) 680-7289.
3. Call your creditors and financial institutions. Close all accounts that have been opened or accessed by identity thieves. Ask for passwords to secure new accounts.
4. Contact the Social Security Fraud Line at 1(800) 269-0271.
5. File your complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for investigations. Filing a complaint also helps us learn more about identify theft and the problems victims are having so that we can better assist you.

Beverly Residents Host Kerry Party

Kerry for President National House Party Day, May 22, Fundraiser and Social is being hosted by Beverly residents, Dennis Vail and MaryBeth Ingberg. The party will be held at their home, 9532 S. Hamilton Ave., Saturday, May 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. A live conference call from Senator Kerry and a special guest will be received at 5 p.m. CDT. Donations to the Kerry Campaign will be accepted at the party (on-line or by check, no cash), although contributions are not necessary to attend. There will be food and beverages as well as time for conversation, networking, fun and prizes! Call in advance if you want to participate: (773) 445-6698.

Coughlin Signs Intent Letter

Brother Rice High School senior volleyball player Robbie Coughlin of Chicago Ridge signs his letter of intent to play for Quincy University in Quincy, IL. Coughlin, a 6 ft. 4 in., 170-lb. right side hitter, will receive a half-scholarship, which is standard for Division I volleyball. With Coughlin on signing day are, standing) from left, his father Rob, brother Phil, mother Marge and sister Randi. Seated with Coughlin is Brother Rice Head Volleyball coach Br. Paul Ickes.

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Vote For New Logo Design

Now through May 28th, Chicago Southland residents and businesspersons can vote for their favorite version of a new logo for the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, the region's destination marketing and management organization.

By directing your web browser to www.chicagosouthland.com and clicking on the "Vote for the new CSCVB Logo" link on the home page's upper right-hand corner, web site visitors can vote for their favorite logo design and color combination.

The online survey was initiated to gauge the responses of Southlanders to the new logo designs as the Lansing-based convention and visitors bureau undergoes a strategic planning and re-branding exercise.

Playing on the Southland's close proximity to Chicago, the new logo designs and themeline identify the region in the minds of leisure and business travelers. The bureau has narrowed down the design elements, and now wants to learn which design the Southland public prefers.

"We want to convey the vibrancy and convenience of the Chicago Southland to visitors, and familiarity is one way we can achieve that goal," said CSCVB President/CEO Jim Garrett, CDME. "The new logo design gives visitors a sense of place, and the typography conveys excitement. This online poll will ask Southland residents and businesspersons to make their choices on design and color, and we will ultimately choose the most well-received design."

Even if you're not yet 18, you can make your voice heard and your vote count by going to www.visitchicagosouthland.com and voting for the new logo! Remember, voting closes May 28th, so vote today!

For additional information, call (708) 895-8200 or e-mail info@cscvb.com.

Canoeing Workshop

"You Too Can Canoe!, an introduction to canoeing workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. Registration and a fee are required for this program, and participants must be at least 10 years of age.

Learn how to flat-water canoe on the 46-acre Monee Reservoir. Participants will learn how to select the proper equipment, have a safe outing, and perform common paddling strokes and maneuvers. They will practice their newly learned skills after the class is over for an hour of rent-free paddling. Youngsters aged 10-14 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

The program fee is $10 per person and includes the rental of all equipment. To register or to receive additional information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

Monee Reservoir is located at 27341 Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Road, 2.0 miles south of Monee.

An Ameritech TDD Phone Relay Service is available for the hearing impaired at 1-800-526-0844.

Sponsor Debs Luncheon

On Saturday, May 22nd, the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club is sponsoring the Debutantes Luncheon in the Willowbrook Room at the Willowbrook Banquets in Willow Springs. The luncheon program will feature nine young ladies displaying their diverse talents and hobbies as an introduction to their preliminary activities for the upcoming Amber Ball.

Luncheon reservations at $21 are available by contacting Nijole Kaveckas, at (708) 499-0867.

The Illinois State Crime Commission (ISCC) announced its selection of John Z. Toscas (pictured), Worth Township Assessor, to receive its Community Service Award at the Crime Commission's 8th annual dinner, "A Salute to Those Who Make A Difference," which will be held on Wednesday, June 23, at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace.

John Z. Toscas has provided 25 years of devoted public service in a wide variety of tasks such as:

- **Serves as a member of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**
- **Elected Assessor of Worth Township**
- **Serves as Chairman of the Worth Township Fair Housing Review Board**
- **Served as immediate past President of Cook County School District 130 Board of Education**
- **Former Trustee, Worth Township**
- **Serves as administrative hearing officer and conducts hearings on parking and building code violations**
- **Serves as an arbitrator with the Circuit Court of Cook County**
- **Former State Prosecutor for Secretary of State**
- **Former Director, Cook County Sheriff's Office**
- **Immediate past President of the Southwest Bar Association**
- **Past Chairman of the Pro-Bono Committee**
- **Former Police Officer**
- **Has established his own private law firm**
- **Member of Township Officials of Cook County**

Despite John's busy professional schedule, he finds family time with his wife Ann and their three children as:

- **Treasurer, sponsor and coach in the Crestwood Soccer Club**
- **Chairman of the John Z. Toscas Scholarship Fund, Crestwood Soccer Club**
- **Sponsor and past coach of Crestwood Little League**
- **Sponsor of the D.A.R.E. Program for Nathan Hale School**
- **Vice President of Shepard High School Football Booster Club**
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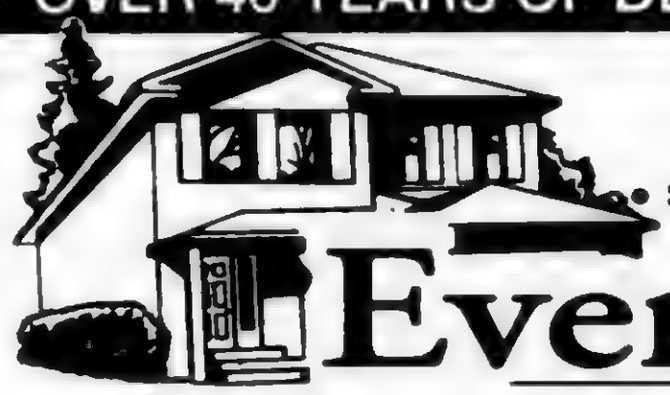

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Kennedy Criticizes Medicare Drug Benefit Package

There has been a lot of recent squealing over the costs of the Medicare drug benefit package President Bush signed into law late last year – now estimated to be $534 billion over 10 years – an increase of 33 percent from the $400 billion projected last fall. One of the loudest critics has been Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.). He is seeking to blame President Bush for the faulty cost estimates, implying the White House deliberately misled lawmakers. Sen. Kennedy asked, "What did the president know, and when did he know it?"

Ironically, what Sen. Kennedy doesn't want taxpayers to know is how much the Democratic plan for providing a drug benefit to seniors would cost – between $800 billion and $1 trillion. For his hypocrisy and duplicity on this issue, Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) names Sen. Ted Kennedy as its "Porker of the Month" for March 2004.

When the Medicare bill was first passed in the Senate, Sen. Kennedy said that it "only provided about $400 billion" toward prescription drug coverage and was a "down payment" toward a more comprehensive government-run package. At the end of last year, Sen. Kennedy introduced legislation to eliminate the cost-saving measures in the new law, such as repealing the premium support demonstration project and phasing in a complete removal of the coverage gap, better known as the "doughnut hole." These actions would drive costs up, not down.

Sen. Kennedy has long been opposed to any consumer-based system in Medicare that uses market forces to control costs. Instead, he has called for expanding Medicare, such as providing coverage to uninsured Americans between the ages of 55-64 that would further quicken its bankruptcy. But his expensive meddling doesn't stop with Medicare. In January of this year, he called for the "Health Security and Affordability Act" to be passed that would require all employers to provide health insurance to their workers – a real job killer estimated to cost $100 billion a year to implement. In April, he called for Congress to pass universal health care legislation by October 2005. To see Sen. Kennedy wring his hands and cry crocodile tears over the higher cost estimates for the new Medicare plan is laughable.

Despite Sen. Kennedy's efforts to blame the President for underestimating the cost, the form of the legislation for the new Medicare drug benefit was constantly changing throughout last year. The actual cost estimates changed as well, from $500 billion to $600 billion. Although the Congressional Budget Office continues to stick by its original estimates of $395 billion over 10 years, the Medicare Trustees have recently estimated that Medicare will be insolvent in 2019, seven years sooner than originally predicted, partially due to the new drug benefit.

While Congress needs to change the prescription drug plan to reduce its scope and cost, legislators also need to reject any budget-busting plans drawn up by Sen. Kennedy that attempt to transform the entire American health care system to a completely government-run system, where health decisions and costs are controlled by politicians and bureaucrats. For his fiscal unfitness on the Medicare program, and health care in general, CAGW names Sen. Ted Kennedy for March Porker of the Month.

Detention System Cost

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently announced that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is negotiating an agreement with the City of Chicago for $37.5 million to help offset the costs of moving the baggage explosives detection systems from airport lobbies to more efficient behind-the-scenes locations for various terminals at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Durbin made the announcement along with Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley following a meeting of the Illinois Congressional delegation in Washington.

Durbin said the money will allow the airport to upgrade critical baggage security systems and increase the number of these machines which can operate at one time, speeding passenger check-ins and hopefully helping to reduce long lines at screening checkpoints. TSA has authorized nearly $1 billion for these efforts over the next three years.

"Today's announcement will make flying safer and quicker for millions of travelers who use O'Hare. The funds from TSA will help reduce long waits in security lines and allow bags to be checked more effectively," said Durbin. "These security upgrades and improvements are essential if O'Hare is to meet the growing demand for flights, operate efficiently and maintain the highest security standards for the busiest airport in our nation's transportation system."

Rear Admiral David M. Stone, Acting Administrator for TSA, pledged to continue to work with Durbin and the Illinois Congressional delegation and the aviation community to deploy permanent baggage screening solutions at O'Hare and addressing screening delays at Midway.

Protect Renter

Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16) has passed legislation out of the Senate to protect renters and hold landlords accountable for utility bills covered by a lease.

House Bill 4856 specifies that whenever a landlord agrees to pay for any water, gas or electrical services, they must provide timely payments so as not to cause an interruption of services. In the event the landlord fails to pay in a timely manner, the tenant can terminate the lease or deduct the amount paid for utilities from their monthly rent.

"This bill will help protect tenants from facing interruptions in their covered utility service, by ensuring that their landlords are fulfilling their obligations," Collins explained. "This is especially important to Illinois' senior citizens and low-income tenants who are depending on the utility service to be paid for by their landlord on a timely basis."

The bill will now be returned to the House of Representatives for their approval, before being sent to the Governor.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Paving the way for what they contend is real educational reform this legislative session, Governor Rod Blagojevich, Senate President Emil Jones, and Senator Miguel del Valle have unveiled a new plan to the Illinois State Board of Education accountable to the Governor, legislators, school districts and school children.

The Governor, President Jones and Sen. del Valle announced they have reached an agreement to replace all members of the Illinois State Board of Education and require members to serve at the will of the governor, allowing them to be replaced if they do not achieve results.

"I am not satisfied with the state of education in the state of Illinois. We are not doing enough to help our local schools. We are not doing enough to protect the taxpayers' money and invest it in the classroom where it belongs," said Gov. Blagojevich.

The new legislation calls for the State Board of Education to remain the state's education agency, but the board will undergo a radical transformation. The bill replaces all nine current members of the board as of July 1, 2004 and members will serve at the Governor's pleasure. This allows the Governor to replace board members if he is dissatisfied with them. The plan also reduces the contract of the state superintendent from three years to a maximum of two years.

In addition, the legislation subjects the State Board to line-item budgeting for the first time. This change allows the Governor and the legislature more control over the board's financial management. Line-item budgeting would also allow for the restructuring of the agency by eliminating unnecessary divisions and creating new divisions to focus on areas such as early childhood education.

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Commenting on the above mentioned educational reform, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) says the Governor's new effort is a better attempt, but she still wants to hear feedback from local school districts before making up her mind.

"I want educational reform in Illinois, but only if it benefits our local schools," Radogno said. "I think everyone agrees that change is needed, but we cannot rush into a plan that could have a negative impact on education in Illinois. Local educators, administrators and parents know best what is good for local schools and I look forward to hearing their opinions on the issue."

Radogno said that on the surface, the new reform plan is improvement over the Governor's earlier attempt. "This is a much better effort, I want to more fully review the details and gather input from my local school districts, but I am encouraged by the progress reflected in this plan," she concluded.

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State Rep. Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) received the Penny Severns Memorial Award on the evening of May 11th from the Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois (CCDI) annual awards dinner in Springfield.

"The Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois is proud to honor Representative Brosnahan for his past and present support on issues affecting people with disabilities in Illinois," said Vickie Wilson, Executive Director of CCDI. "Representative Brosnahan has made it a practice to seek out the input and advice of people with disabilities regarding the affect that specific legislation might have on their lives and future."

The award is presented each year to a legislator who has done the most to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. Brosnahan has worked with the disabled community on projects such as affordable prescription drug prices and the Managed Care Reform Patients Bill of Rights Act. As Vice-Chairman of the Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness Committee and Chairman of the Consumer Protection Committee, Brosnahan has been able to utilize his position to the advantage people with disabilities throughout the state.

"It is truly an honor and privilege to receive this award," Brosnahan said. "I will continue to be an advocate for the disabled community during my time in the General Assembly."

The Penny Severns Award is named after the late lawmaker Penny Severns of Decatur, who was a champion for the disabled community throughout her public life until cancer took her life in 1998.

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Chicago Teachers Union President Deborah Lynch has announced that the CTU will join the Golden Apple Foundation in their fight to restore funding for the Golden Apple Scholarship Fund. The Golden Apple Scholarship Fund is an advanced teacher-preparation and internship program of the Golden Apple Foundation, which has 800 participants currently teaching or on their way to teaching in challenging schools throughout Illinois.

"Studies show as many as 30 to 50% of new teachers leave CPS within the first five years of teaching, often because they do not feel their efforts are fully supported," Lynch noted.

This is a program that legislators need to continue to find the revenues for funding.

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This Friday, May 21st, Crestwood's Windy City ThunderBolts open their regular season at 7 p.m. against the Rockford River Hawks. ThunderBolt General Manager Lydia Bergeron assures All Points that the "Best Kept Secret On the Southside" is ready to entertain the whole family. General admission tickets are only $5 each; upper level seats are $7 and lower level seas are $8 each. The ThunderBolts face the River Hawks Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. For more details call (708) 489-BALL (2255) or visit the web site at www.wcthunderbolts.com.

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In a related development generated by a story in another newspaper, Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek released a statement late last week regarding the family atmosphere which his village expects at the ThunderBolts games. Taking issue with the notion that the adult patio section nicknamed the "ThunderDome" would encourage excessive partying Mayor Stranczek stated that the Thunder at Hawkinson Ford Field will come "from the baseball teams playing there and not any beer garden or party barge." He added that the game itself must "remain the focal point of the American pastime." Hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn and beer are an integral part of baseball he said, but "children and the fans come first." He also went on to say that he will support promotions and advertisements so long as they "are an acceptable addition to our national pastime."

2004 National Latin Exam Awardees

Nineteen students from St. Rita High School were presented with awards from the 2004 National Latin Exam in April. These young men were joined by over 131,000 others from all 50 states and nine foreign countries including Australia, Canada, England, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Poland and Zimbabwe.

Latin I and II was reintroduced at St. Rita four years ago after a seven year absence, due mainly to a renaissance of interest in the language. This year Latin III was added to the curriculum. Research has shown the study of the Latin language can impart an understanding of word formation and improve the student's English vocabulary. Latin students typically score 140-160 points higher on SAT tests from their Latin-less peers. Currently there are 80 students enrolled in Latin courses taught by Michael Alocca and Thomas Rohn and more are on a waiting list.

The following St. Rita students received ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam Awards.

Senior: Andrew Olivi of Beverly, Certificate cum laude Latin III.

Juniors: Jeffrey Lein of Clearing, Certificate magna cum laude Latin III and Thomas Carberry of Oak Lawn, Certificate cum laude Latin III.

Sophomores: Donald Krystof of Oak Lawn, Gold medal summa cum laude Latin II; Eliot Bessette of Orland Park, Robert Conrath of Oak Lawn, Michael VanDeWerken of West Lawn and Jesse Garcia III of Matteson each received Silver medal maxima cum laude Latin II awards; Derek Sabath of Brighton Park, Certificate magna cum laude Latin II; Keith Marszalik of West Lawn, Certificate cum laude Latin II.

Freshmen: Matthew Carney of Scottsdale, Andrew Janik of Oak Lawn, and Sean Kita of Evergreen Park each received Certificate magna cum laude Latin I; Michael Cordero of Dolton, Eric Krull of Scottsdale, James Mlynarski of Palos Heights, James Newark, Mark Biszewski, Bernard Sullivan all of Evergreen Park, received Certificate cum laude Latin I.

Pictured (first row, front to rear) Andrew Olivi, Derek Sabath, Eliot Bessette; (second row) Thomas Carberry, Erik Krull, Robert Conrath; (third row) Andrew Janik, Jeffrey Lein, Donald Krystof; (fourth row) James Newark, Teacher Michael Alocca; James Mlynarski, Jesse Garcia; (fifth row) Teacher Michael Rohn, Keith Marszalik, Michael VanDeWerken; (sixth row) Matthew Carney, Michael Cordero, Bernard Sullivan and Sean Kita.

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Get ready to putt, drive and win at the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra's 5th annual golf outing on Monday, June 7th at Idlewild Country Club, 19201 Dixie Highway in Flossmoor. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

Golfers can enjoy 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, driving range, buffet dinner and open bar from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is $150 per person and proceeds benefit the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Buffet only is $50 per person.

The golf outing is sponsored by Silliker Labs. In addition, Arnie Bauer Cadillac GMC in Matteson has generously donated a 2004 Cadillac CTS as the "Hole-In-One" prize.

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra is now accepting applications for hole sponsors, which is $250 for businesses and individuals. In addition, golf outing prizes such as gift certificates from area restaurants, salons/spas, wine donations, and hotel packages are also needed.

For more information, to receive an invitation, or to donate prizes, call Margaret at (708) 481-7774.

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Funerals are one of the most expensive purchases consumers make. A traditional funeral, including a casket and vault, costs about $6,000 with "extras" like flowers, obituary notices and acknowledgement cards adding even more. Use **Funerals: A Consumer Guide** from the Federal Trade Commission to learn your rights and the key questions to ask when making arrangements. Find out about pre-need planning, choosing services and comparing costs. This publication costs $1. For your copy, call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 352L. Have your credit card handy. Or send your name, address and a check or money order for $1 to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 352L, Pueblo, CO 81009. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read, or print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

Support La Rabida

The Women in Support of La Rabida Children's Hospital (WIS) will hold a fundraiser for the children of La Rabida on Sunday, July 18th. Join WIS aboard the Mystic Blue at Navy Pier for an afternoon of unparalleled cruising fun on the lakefront. The cruise will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. with boarding occurring a 1 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person and include dining, dancing and breathtaking skyline views.

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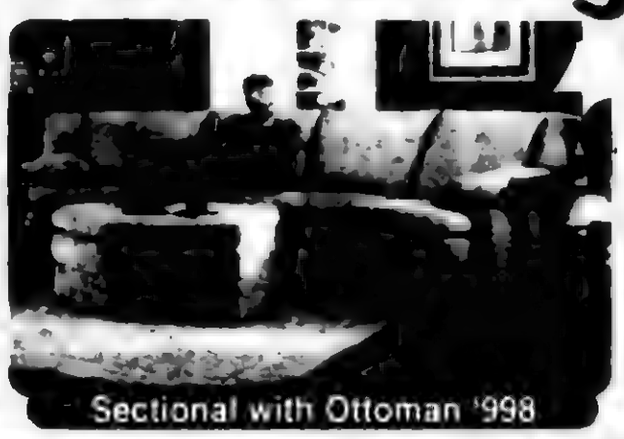

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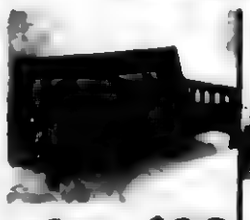
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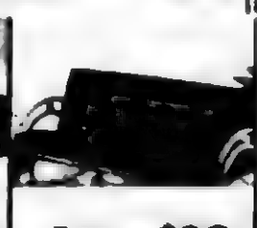
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Museum's Event For Members

For more than 50 years, The Field Museum's annual "Behind-the-Scenes Event" has been available to Museum members only. This year, the museum will open this special event to non-members as well.

The event is an opportunity to see areas of The Field Museum normally closed to the public where 99% of the museum's collections are housed and where exhibitions are designed and built. The event will be held June 2, 3 and 4 from 5 until 10 p.m.

Visitors can see animal specimens – including some of the world's most dangerous snakes – and talk to the scientists that study them. They can view rarely-seen sea creatures beyond the wildest imagination and witness an actual taxidermy in progress. Visitors can view drawers filled with some of the most beautiful and fascinating insects from all over the world, and talk to scientists who search rainforests for medicinal plants that could cure deadly diseases.

Special activities include Sharks: More than Just Jaws, an interactive exhibition on sharks and the myths that surround them; Indiana Jones, Scientist or Grave Robber gives visitors a realistic view on how archaeologists work to collect data used to construct the past; Exhibitions in the Making gives visitors a rare opportunity to see how major exhibitions are prepared as well as a sneak peak at upcoming exhibitions. In addition, children will enjoy arts and crafts, cultural music and dancing held in the Museum's Stanley Field Hall.

The Field Museum's 53rd annual Behind-the-Scenes Event is free for Museum members. Non-members should call 1-888-Field-03 to order tickets. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children. Tickets are available at the door. Become a member and receive free passes to this event and future events.

Convenient indoor parking is available in the new Soldier Field North Garage – just steps from the Museum's south entrance. The Field Museum is located at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. For general museum information, call (312) 922-9410 or visit its website at www.fieldmuseum.org.

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Theatre Auditions

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its summer production of *Anything Goes*. Auditions will be held on Monday, June 14th and Tuesday, June 15th from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for individuals ages 14 years and older. Call-backs, if necessary, will be held on Wednesday, June 16th. All auditions are held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W 110th St.

Producer/Director Paul Nirchi says he is looking to cast approximately 50 performers.

For more information on the audition or the production, call (708) 857-2200.

CLASS REUNIONS

Bogan High School class of 1974 reunion is planned for Nov 26th Call (847) 259-1130.

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Lindblom High School class of 1974, Sept. 3rd and 4th, Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale. Call (773) 434-7290

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Vocational-High School class of 1984 is looking for classmates for a reunion in July. Call (773) 620-7035

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Lindblom Technical High School class of 1979 is looking for classmates for a reunion. Call (773) 374-7592 or (847) 490-8697

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St. Ailbe's Grammar School class of 1964 – June 5th reunion, Rosewood West, Crestwood. Call Bob Higgins at (708) 535-7991

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St. Turibius Grammar School class of 1974 is looking for graduates. Call (708) 258-9096.

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Morrell School class of February 1945 seeks alumni. Contact Howard, 695 Ivylog Terrace, Matteson, IL 60443.

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Elihu Yale Elementary School (7100 Princeton) – looking for classmates from class of 1954 for 50th reunion in 2004. Call Carol at (708) 499-0178.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Irish Festival Offers Weekend For Families

Gaelic Park Irish Festival 2004 offers something special for the entire family – especially the kiddies. The four-day festival takes place over the Memorial Day weekend at Gaelic Park's 50-acre complex at 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest.

The Variety Stage is dedicated solely to children's entertainment including magic acts, jugglers, clowns, puppets, face painting, games, prizes and other antics. Local favorites such as Magic Secrets, Sham-Rock Magic, Red Hair & Freckle Face Contests, O'Doul Old Time Magic, Bonnie Baby Contest, Too-Ra-Loo-A-Looney Magic Show and a Leprechaun's Tale Magic Show are top crowd pleasers. Throw in free pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting and free carnival rides, and Irish Fest is definitely a hit with the children.

The Performing Arts Stage is dedicated solely to theatre entertainment. Local performers include Gaelic Park's own Gaelic Park Players and their rendition of "The Betrayal" and "The Great Irish Singsong." Additionally, top theatre performances will also be given by Prairie Dog Theatre, Beverly Theatre Guild, the Irish Repertory Theatre, Standby Productions, and Smock Alley Productions. The Irish Heritage Singers will also sing traditional Irish music.

The North, South, and Marquee Stages are dedicated to song, music, and traditional Irish dancing. The

renowned schools of Irish dance participating in this year's Festival includes The Mullane School of Irish Dancing, Lavin Cassidy Irish Dancers, Dennehy Irish Dancers and the World Academy of Irish Dancing. Instrumental performers include The Shannon Rovers Pipe Band and Pipes & Drums of the Emerald Society. The Marquee Stage will include set dancing with The Kathy Durkin Band and Matt Cunningham & His Band. Finally, the selection of traditional, popular, country, and rock music by acclaimed Irish musicians steal the show. This year, musical performances will be made by Tommy Makem, The Mulloy Brothers, Black 47, Knot Fibb'n, Millish, The Diggers (pictured), Donnybrook, Bernie Glim & Country Roads, Seven Nations, Bohola, Bluestack, Salthill Mines and The Tossers, and many other renowned musicians–over 40 acts altogether.

In addition to the live entertainment and carnival, Irish wares will be available for sale in the "Irish Mall" and a large assortment of culinary selections, from traditional Irish fare to pizza, ribs, and oriental food will be offered.

Admission to the Festival is $12 and children under three are free. Families can take advantage of the half-price admission on Friday from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Festival begins Friday, May 28, from 3 to 11 p.m. The hours on Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, are noon to 11:30 p.m. with a special Festival Mass on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. The Festival concludes on Monday, Memorial Day, May 31, from noon to 8 p.m.

For further information, call Gaelic Park at (708) 687-9323 or visit the website at www.cgp-chicago.org.

Rhythm Rockets To Perform June 5th

The Rhythm Rockets with "Professor John" on piano will perform from 7:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, June 5th at Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 Archer Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. Basic swing lessons will be provided from 7:30 to 8:30. Open dance follows from 8:30 to midnight.

Nestled between the big band sound of the early 1940s and the birth of rock and roll in the late 50s was a style of music that gave way to rhythm and blues called simply "Jump Blues." This high-energy dance music was created by black artists who were inspired by the pre-war swing era. The Rhythm Rockets have succeeded in recreating this musical style.

Performing more than 150 dates a year for the past six years, the Rhythm Rockets bring to the stage the energy and nostalgia of the late 1940s Jump, Swing, Rhythm and Blues bands. From the toe-tapping rhythms to the bar-walking saxophones, to the sultry vocals, the Rhythm Rockets stay true to the performance of the musical genre of "Jump Blues."

Tickets are $10. Participants are encouraged to attend in vintage attire; however, no jeans or gym shoes, please. Swingers of all ages are welcome to this event. For more information, call (708) 839-1000 or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

Dancers Seek Talent

To nurture creative talent within the company as well as develop new repertoire, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC), the internationally acclaimed contemporary dance company, presents "Inside/Out," its fourth annual choreographic workshop. The company will perform works-in-progress created by HSDC dancers on Saturday, June 5th at 8 p.m. at The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave. "Inside Out" is part of HSDC's new Program for Emerging and Developing Artists, which is underwritten by The Chicago Community Trust and The Boeing Company, with additional support from Regents Park by The Clinton Companies.

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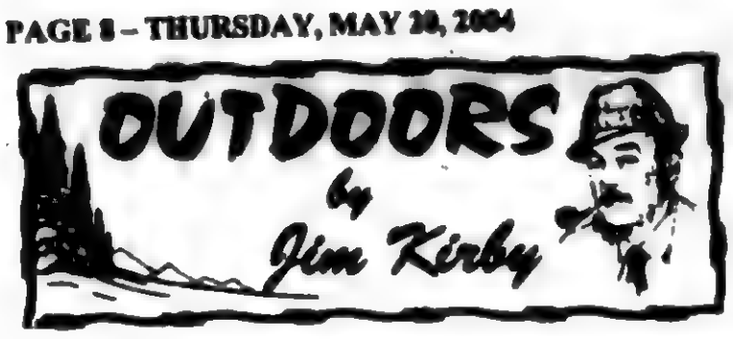

FISHING WITH THE GOVERNOR: The invitation read: "This letter serves as your invitation to attend the 39th annual Wisconsin Indian Head Country's Governor's Fishing Opener which will be held in Hayward from April 30th to May 2nd. This year's Governor's Fishing Opener participants will be fishing Nelson Lake and the Chippewa Flowage (2 of my favorite bodies of water). Nelson Lake is a 3,072 acre lake with 31 miles of shoreline, with plenty of Walleye, Northerns, Bass, Bluegill, Crappie and Perch. The Chippewa Flowage has over 17,000 acres of water with 140 islands and is the largest Wilderness Lake in Wisconsin. The Flowage hosts numerous species of fish including Walleye, Crappie, Bass, Panfish and Musky."

Accepting this invitation would be a no-brainer if it wasn't in conflict with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' annual conference at Rend Lake. This is a gathering of the media in Illinois, and chance to exchange new ideas and pick the brains of the IDNR personnel who control what goes on in the Illinois Great Outdoors.

It was decision time – travel 450 miles north to beautiful Wisconsin or 300 miles south to beautiful Rend Lake. Wife Mary has many friends in the Hayward area, so we accepted the invite to the Governor's Opener.

The Wisconsin Indian Head Country, Inc. in Chetec, Wisconsin did a fine job of putting this event together. Registration took part at The National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, a non-profit museum and education organization dedicated to the conservation and sport of fishing throughout the world, and to construct and maintain a hall of fame museum where the history of fishing and angling achievements can be portrayed.

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We had the opportunity to tour The Hall and stand in the mouth of the huge muskie structure, something that anyone visiting the Hayward area should do.

After registration, the group gathered at the LCO Indian Casino for a hospitality tour and banquet, informational program and an opportunity to meet our guides for the two days of fishing.

The guides were local folks who donated their time and boats to give the media an opportunity to test their angling skills on the two local world-class fishing lakes. My guide was a fine young man, **Bob Terry**, who met me at the appointed time with his brand new Tahoe inboard-outboard boat. This trip would turn out to be a 'shake-down' cruise for his new boat. We caught and released bass and panfish, had a great time, swapped a few lies and agreed to meet later in the year.

The weather was not conducive to the best fishing conditions – a passing cold front, morning temperatures of 27 degrees and windy. As it turned out, Wisconsin Gov. **Jim Doyle** didn't catch a fish. I felt sorry for those outdoor writers at Rend Lake sweltering in that 80 degree weather.

Other well planned-out activities included breakfasts, lunches, dinners, banquets and auction. The Hayward Lakes Area really put out the "Red Carpet" for this event, with over 60 individuals, organizations and business contributing in some way to get the word out as to the many things to see and do in the area.

At one banquet, **Bob Cammack** gave a presentation on *"Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc."* that was founded in Hayward, Wisconsin by a local fishing guide in 1986. Its goal was simply to open the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing, a sport most of us take for granted.

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The first FHNB event was held in 1988 on Lake Chippewa Flowage, over 80 disabled individuals from seven states participated in this initial event. In 1990 the organization went National. By 2004, FHNB has chapters in 17 locations, with new chapters starting up each year. FHNB "on the water" fishing events for disabled has been introduced to places as far away as Australia, England and Canada.

To make donations to this worthwhile organization, or get more information, write: FHNB, P.O. Box 175, Hayward, WI 54843. Phone (715) 634-3185, or visit the web site at www.fhnbinc.org.

For information on the Hayward area: Visitors and Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 1055, Hayward, WI 54843, phone (715) 634-4801.

Marist Camps

The Marist High School Athletic Dept. will host a variety of sports camps this summer for grammar school students. Camps include co-ed track & field, boys baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, boys football, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls softball, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls volleyball, boys volleyball and boys wrestling. There are also co-ed kiddie camps for basketball, volleyball and tennis. There are a variety of dates, times and sessions over the next three months. Sessions cost $60 and include a T-shirt.

In addition, Marist will offer Art Camp for 3rd-8th graders in June. There are a variety of sessions for different age groups.

Call (773) 881-6360 to obtain the Sports Camps brochure and Art Camp flyer, which provides the details for each camp. All information and registration forms are also available from www.marist.net.

Carls Signed

Eileen Carls, a senior at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's volleyball team.

Carls, who also resides in Tinley Park, was coached by Kerri Goncher at Andrew H.S., where she was a middle blocker for the Thunderbolts. She will serve as a middle blocker/outside hitter for the Cougars this fall. Carls plans to pursue a degree in education at SXU. She is the daughter of Larry and Maureen Carls.

Coach Of The Year

Myra Minuskin, head coach of the No. 18 nationally ranked Saint Xavier University softball team, was named the NAIA Region VII Coach of the Year shortly after her team won the 2004 NAIA Region VII Tournament in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, last weekend and earned an automatic berth to the national tournament in Decatur, Ala., from May 21-26.

In addition to Minuskin's honor, senior pitcher Stacie Eschmann, sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff (Hickory Hills/Stagg), junior second baseman Maura Ryan (Kankakee/Bishop McNamara), freshman catcher Lindsey Hall and junior outfielder Melissa Romano (Chicago Heights/Homewood-Flossmoor) all were named to the 2004 NAIA Region VII All-Tournament Team for their efforts in leading the Cougars to the title.

Saint Xavier University is currently 35-22 on the 2004 season. Brackets and seedings for the 24th annual NAIA Softball Championship at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex in Decatur, Ala., will be determined this week.

Local promoters of the Thunderdome, Jerry Elsner (left) and Ryan Lewandowski (right) bracket Jerry Misch, sales supervisor for Hayes Beer Distributing Company in Alsip.

ThunderBolts Announce New Project

The Windy City ThunderBolts recently announced the hiring of new General Manager Lydia Bergeron at a press conference held Thursday, May 6th. The ThunderBolts announced many other changes that will be taking place at Hawkinson Ford Field.

The ThunderBolts also announced the ThunderDome project. Local promoters Jerry Elsner and Ryan Lewandowski announced their plans on opening the most exciting spot in the Southland area. "The only rule of the ThunderDome is to have fun!," stated Elsner. The ThunderDome located at Hawkinson Ford Field will provide an entertainment venue at the ballpark for those fans 21 and over. This new area will be located down the right field line at Hawkinson Ford Field during ThunderBolts home games. "The ThunderDome will generate a high level of excitement for fans to come out and enjoy," says Matt Wilson, the ThunderBolts Assistant General Manager.

The ThunderBolts strive to offer an entertainment option for all to enjoy. The dome is for fans over 21 years of age. Construction will soon be done on the family picnic pavilion along with the Kids Zone play area, all located down the left field line. "Families will love spending time down the left field line in our new areas with more family oriented concessions," said Wilson. He believes, "We will have entertainment options for anyone to come out and enjoy."

The Windy City ThunderBolts have full season tickets, group packages, and 10-game mini plans available or purchase. Group packages include the executive suites, pre-game picnics, birthday parties, and the Field of Dreams Team. For tickets or more information, call (708) 489-BALL (2255), send an e-mail to info@wcthunderbolts.com, visit the team offices at Hawkinson Ford Field or visit the team on-line at www.wcthunderbolts.com.

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Disappointing ThunderBolts Game Losses

In their preseason exhibition doubleheader, the Windy City Thunderbolts posted a pair of disappointing losses to the Rockford Riverhawks 14-5, 7-2. Sloppy play dominated the doubleheader, with both teams combining for 8 throwing errors and 10 walks in the two games. The losing pitchers for the ThunderBolts were Brett Stephens (4 IP, 4 ER, 7H, 8K, 1 BB) and Zach Sonnier (3 IP, 5 ER, 5H, 1 K, 1 BB). The winning pitchers for the Riverhawks were Barbossa (2 IP, 0 ER, 0 H, 1 K, 0 BB) and Sobkowiak (4 IP, 5 R, 4 ER, 7 H, 5 K, 0 BB). The ThunderBolts scored a combined 7 runs and had 9 hits in the two games, and leading hitters ThunderBolts were 3B Darjean (3-7, double, 1 HR, SB, 3R, 3RBI), RF Justin McMahon (1-2, 1 HR, 1R, 1 RBI), C Todd Goodson (1-3, double, 1 RBI) and CF Alph Coleman (1-3, 1R, SB). The Riverhawks scored a combined 21 runs and had 21 hits, leading hitters for the Riverhawks were CF Schutt (2-4, 1R, 2 RBI, 2 SB), LF Santana (1-4, 2R, 2 RBI, SB), 1B McEachran (2-4, 3R, double), DH Austin (2-4, 1R, 2 RBI), 3B Fjelland (2-4, 2R, 2 RBI, HR) and C Ciarrachi (2-4, 1R, 2 RBI, HR). The announced attendance Hawkinson Ford Field was 410. The doubleheader was a warm-up for this weekend's three-game series beginning with the opening day festivities on Friday, May 21st at Ford Field.

Team Is Back To NAIA

Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff was sensational again with the bat going 2-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and three RBI to help send the No. 1 seeded and No. 18 nationally ranked St. Xavier University softball team back to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time since 2002 with a 7-0 victory over No. 4 seed William Penn College (Iowa) on Friday at the Mapleleaf Athletic Complex Field in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The win gave both the Cougars and senior righthander and co-captain Stacie Eschmann a perfect 3-0 record in the 2004 NAIA Region VII Tournament, which earned them the championship and an automatic berth to the national tournament in Decatur, Ala. from May 21st to 26th.

SXU is currently 35-22 on the 2004 season.

Offer Individual Lessons

Do you want to become a better baseball player, do you want to learn how to hit that slider at the knees, or pitch a perfect game? Parents, do you want your son to realize his full potential as a baseball player? Well, look no further because the Windy City ThunderBolts players and coaching staff are proud to announce that they will be offering individual lessons to children of all ages. Children will be able to choose between pitching and hitting lessons, and will also be able to choose which player or coach gives them the lesson. To schedule your own lesson, or for more information, call (708) 429-2255.

SXU Dropped Game 8-7

Sophomore shortstop Brendan Christy went 3-for-4 with a run scored and two RBI, but the No. 1 seed and No. 16 nationally ranked St. Xavier University baseball team fell just short of a dramatic come-back attempt on Sunday in the championship game of the 2004 NAIA Region VII Tournament. SXU dropped the game 8-7 to William Penn University (Iowa) but stared an 8-0 deficit in the face heading into the bottom of the fourth inning.

Following the game, senior lefthander Joseph Williams, senior second baseman Ryan Howell and Christy were all named to the 2004 NAIA All-Region VII Team and Howell was also named the 2004 Region VII Player of the Year. Christy was named to the All-Region VII Team as the fifth infielder.

SXU ends its 2004 season with an overall record of 42-25-1.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Monday, 5-10-04
Andrew 2, Stagg 1, 9 inn.
Argo 15, Rich East 0
Benet 7, Marist 4
Bremen 4, T.F. North 3
Holy Cross 9, St. Ignatius 7
Lockport 4, Joliet 3
Mount Carmel 10, Leo 0
Oak Forest 10, Eisenhower 0
Providence 8, Hales Franciscan 7
St. Laurence 6, De La Salle 2
Sandburg 9, Lincoln-Way Central 1
T.F. South 9, Tinley Park 1
Westmont 5, Evergreen Park 2
Public League Playoffs
Lane Tech 23, Kennedy 1
Peyton 8, Ag Science 2
Tuesday, 5-11-04
Argo 7, Bolingbrook 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Bloom 1
Illiana Christian 17, T.F. North 3
Lincoln-Way East 6, Providence 2
Reavis 11, Romeoville 5
Richards 10, Oak Lawn 2
St. Laurence 7, Hales Franciscan 6
Shepard 13, Thornridge 0
Westmont 9, Evergreen Park 5
Public League Playoffs
Morgan Park 13, CICS-Longwood 0
Wednesday, 5-12-04
Bremen 9, Hillcrest 8
Eisenhower 3, T.F. South 1
Morgan Park Academy 8, Latin 6
Tinley Park 11, T.F. North 3
Thursday, 5-13-04
St. Rita 5, St. Laurence 0
T.F. South 3, Illiana Christian 2
Public League Playoffs
Harper 10, Bogan 0
Saturday, 5-15-04
Argo 11, Romeoville 2
Lemont 8-2, Oswego 0-6
Marian Catholic 18-0, St. Patrick 10-1
Notre Dame 3-8, Marist 2-9
St. Laurence 13, St. Francis de Sales 2
St. Rita 9, Brother Rice 6
Stevenson 3, Lockport 2
Shepard 6, Thornridge 0
Vernon Hills 10, Oak Forest 9

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, 5-10-04
Andrew 5, Oak Forest 0
De La Salle 3, Bogan 2
Eisenhower 3, Crete-Monee 2
Homewood-Flossmoor 4, Sandburg 1
Illiana Christian 4, Rich South 1
Oak Lawn 4, Tinley Park 1
Tuesday, 5-11-04
Morgan Park Academy 5, Elgin Academy 0
U-High 3, Illiana Christian 0
Saturday, 5-15-04
East Suburban Catholic Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Benet 64 2. Carmel 48. 3. Joliet Catholic 41 ½. 4. Marist 32 ½. 5. Notre Dame 27 ½. 6. Marian Catholic 27. 7. St. Viator 25. 8. Nazareth 17. 9. St. Patrick 8. 10. St. Joseph 6.
P.S.L. Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Wheaton Academy 13. 2. Timothy Christian 9.5. 3. Walther Lutheran 7. 4. tie. Chicago Christian and Illiana Christian 4.
SICA Central Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. T.F. South 24. 2. Bremen 15. 3. tie. Eisenhower and Oak Forest 13. 5. Tinley Park 10.
SICA North Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Oak Lawn 26. 2. Argo 21. 3. Richards 17. 4. Romeoville 7. 5. Bolingbrook 4. 6. Reavis 0.
SICA West Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Sandburg 25. 2. Lincoln-Way East 15. 3. Andrew 14. 4. Lincoln-Way Central 8. 5. Lockport 7. 6. Joliet 6.

BOYS TRACK
Wednesday, 5-12-04
SICA Central
Teams: Hillcrest 199, Tinley Park 133, Bremen 82, T.F. South 49, Oak Forest 49, Eisenhower 31, T.F. North 19.
Thursday, 5-13-04
SICA East
Thornridge
Teams: Thornwood 178, Homewood-Flossmoor 77, Thornridge 65, Shepard 54, Thornton 47, Bloom 42.
Friday, 5-14-04
Private School League Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Illiana Christian 155. 2. Walther Lutheran 133. 3. Rockford Christian Life 63. 4. Timothy Christian 60. 5. Wheaton Academy 49. 6. Chicago Christian 47. 7. Luther North 45. 8. Luther South 2.
Saturday, 5-15-04
Catholic League Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Loyola 169. 2. Fenwick 79. 3. Leo 76. 4. St. Ignatius 74 ½. 5. Mt. Carmel 64 ½. 6. Fenwick 61. 7. De La Salle 54. 8. Brother Rice 52. 9. St. Rita 27. 10. tie. St. Laurence and Hales 22. 12. Gordon Tech 1.
East Suburban Catholic Meet
Final Team Standings: 1. Carmel 138 ½. 2. Benet 124. 3. St. Patrick 82. 4. Joliet Catholic 52. 5. Notre Dame 50. 6. Marian Catholic 27. 7. St. Joseph 22. 8. Marist 15. 9. St. Viator 10 ½. 10. Nazareth 6.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, 5-10-04
Br. Rice d. Illiana Chr. 15-25, 25-18, 25-22
Eisenhower d. T.F. North 25-23, 25-20
Joliet Catholic d. Minooka 25-23, 25-23
Mount Carmel d. Marist 21-25, 25-21, 25-19
Oak Lawn d. Shepard 25-20, 26-28, 25-12
Public League Playoffs
Kennedy d. DuSable 25-12, 25-16
Washington d. Ag Science 23-25, 25-10, 25-18
Tuesday, 5-11-04
Homewood-Flossmoor d. Andrew 27-25, 22-25, 25-15
Lincoln-Way C. d. Joliet 25-9, 25-19
Lincoln-Way E. d. Stagg 19-25, 25-23, 25-21
Marist d. Marian Catholic 25-22, 25-19
Sandburg d. Lockport 25-17, 25-21
Wednesday, 5-12-04
Marian Catholic d. St. Joseph 25-15, 25-19
Oak Lawn d. Reavis 23-25, 25-12, 25-21
Shepard d. Eisenhower 25-10, 25-22
Public League Playoffs
Kelly d. Kennedy 27-25, 25-20
Thursday, 5-13-04
Joliet Catholic d. Marist 19-25, 25-19, 25-21
Lincoln-Way E. d. Andrew 25-18, 25-18
Lockport d. Homewood-Flossmr 25-18, 25-22
Sandburg d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-17, 25-20
Stagg d. Joliet 25-12, 25-21
Saturday, 5-15-04
Chicago Public Schools Invitational
Schurz d. Fenger 25-4, 27-25
Schurz d. Collins 20-25, 25-13, 25-20 (title)
Deerfield Tournament
Addison Trail d. Providence 25-14, 25-20
Libertyville d. Providence 25-13, 25-12
Providence d. Joliet 25-21, 25-24
Providence d. Deerfield 25-22, 25-22
Maine East d. Providence 25-17, 25-23
Libertyville d. Providence 26-24, 25-19
Addison Trail d. Providence 25-14, 25-20
Maine East d. Joliet 25-22, 18-25, 25-21
Maine East d. Providence 25-14, 25-20
Deerfield d. Joliet 25-22, 25-23
Providence d. Joliet 25-22, 25-23
Libertyville wins tournament
Richards Invite
Gold Division
Wheaton South d. Mt. Carmel 25-17, 25-22
St. Rita d. New Trier 25-23, 25-17
Lake Forest d. St. Rita 25-23, 26-24
Lyons Township d. Mt. Carmel 25-18, 28-26
Downers N. d. Mt. Carmel 25-19, 25-19 (7th)
New Trier d. Lyons 25-20, 25-18 (5th)
St. Rita d. Downers S. 23-25, 25-16, 25-23 (3rd)
Wheaton-Warrenville d. Lake Forest 22-25, 25-16, 25-20 (title)
Silver Division
Marian Catholic d. Marist 27-25, 25-16
Morton d. Richards 25-12, 25-15
Marist d. Richards 25-20, 25-15 (11th place)
Morton d. Marian Catholic 25-20, 25-19 (9th)

BOYS WATER POLO
Saturday, 5-15-04
IHSA State Finals
At Stevenson
Semi-Finals
Fenwick 12, New Trier 8
Stevenson 8, Latin 7
Third Place
Latin 13, New Trier 7
State Championship
Fenwick 11, Stevenson 9

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, 5-10-04
Bronzeville 1, Ag. Science 0
Maria 2, St. Scholastica 0
Marian Catholic 3, Bishop McNamara 1
Mt. Assisi 2, De La Salle 1
GCAC
Loyola 1, St. Ignatius 0
Mother Guerin 3, St. Benedict 1
Mother McAuley 6, Regina Dominican 1
Tuesday, 5-11-04
Argo 6, Romeoville 2
Bolingbrook 10, Richards 0
Homewood-Flossmoor 12, Eisenhower 0
Oak Forest 4, Bloom 6
Oak Lawn 2, Reavis 1
Wednesday, 5-12-04
Fenwick 3, Joliet Catholic 0
Marist 4, Bishop McNamara 0
Rich South 4, Tinley Park 3
St. Viator 2, Marian Catholic 0
GCAC Red
Queen of Peace 2, Resurrection 1
GCAC White
Mount Assisi 1, Maria 0, title
De La Salle 3, St. Scholastica 0 3rd
Friday, 5-14-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 5, Marian Catholic 0
Saturday, 5-15-04
Downers Grove South 7, Lockport 0
Romeoville 11, Richards 0
St. Charles East 2, Lincoln-Way Central 1

GIRLS WATER POLO
Saturday, 5-15-04
IHSA State Finals
At Stevenson
Semi-Finals
Fenwick 11, Naperville North 3
Mother McAuley 13, Evanston 9
Third Place
Evanston 10, Naperville North 8
State Championship
Fenwick 10, Mother McAuley 9

BADMINTON
Friday, 5-14-04
IHSA Tournament
Current Team Standings: 1. Downers Grove North 11.5. 2. Hinsdale Central 10.5. 2. Andrew 9.5. 4. tie. Hinsdale South, Evanston, Prospect and Naperville Central 7. 8. New Trier 6.5. 9. Fremd 6. 10. tie. East Aurora, Sandburg and Willowbrook 5. **Local teams:** 13. tie. Lincoln-Way Central 4.5. 17. tie. Lincoln-Way East and Lockport, 3.5. 28. tie. Oak Lawn and Shepard 2.
Saturday, 5-15-04
IHSA Tournament
Final Team Standings: Downers Grove North 16. 2. Hinsdale Central 13.5. 3. Andrew 12. 4. New Trier 10.5. 5. tie. Hinsdale South and Fremd 9. 7. Evanston 8. 8. Prospect 7.5. 9. tie. Naperville Central and Maine East 7. **Local Teams:** 11. tie. Reavis 6. 15. tie. Sandburg 5. 18. tie. Lincoln-Way Central 4.5. 21. tie. Lincoln-Way East and Lockport 3.5. 28. tie. Oak Lawn and Shepard 2.

All Conference
Private School League
Chicago Christian: Elizabeth Ribbens, Emily Ottenhoff, Erica Boonstra; **Rockford Christian-Life:** Jessi Tonneson; **Illiana Christian:** Emily Beans, Meredith Piersma. **Timothy Christian:** Alexis Enewema; **Westminster Christian:** Karianna Streich; **Wheaton Academy:** Maria Dellatorre, Ariel Fortune, Taryne Lee

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, 5-10-04
Bolingbrook 3, Oak Lawn 0
Eisenhower 7, T.F. North 2
Homewood-Flossmoor 1, Shepard 0, 10 inn
Joliet 2, Lincoln-Way Central 2, 14 inn, ppd
Joliet Catholic 5, Bishop McNamara 0
Latin 9, Morgan Park Academy 5
Lockport 11, Lincoln-Way East 0
Marian Catholic 3, Marist 0, 11 inn
Mother Guerin 21, Seton 15
Mother McAuley 4, T.F. South 0
Oak Forest 19, Hillcrest 0
Peotone 4, Chicago Christian 2
Reavis 4, Stagg 1
Sandburg 2, Andrew 0
Public League Playoffs
Ag Science 6, Bogan 3
Tuesday, 5-11-04
Evergreen Park 2, Fenton 1
Lemont 3, Plainfield South 2
Oak Lawn 4, Argo 0
Richards 2, Reavis 1
GCAC Red
Loyola 3, St. Francis de Sales 0
Mother McAuley 5, Mt. Assisi 2
St. Ignatius 4, Resurrection 0
GCAC White
Seton 19, De La Salle 9
Wednesday, 5-12-04
Eisenhower 14, Hillcrest 2
Oak Forest 6, Tinley Park 0
Walther Lutheran 4, Chicago Christian 1
Thursday, 5-13-04
Shepard 15, Thornton 0
Saturday, 5-15-04
Beecher 12-3, Providence 1-0
Joliet Catholic 1-8, Benet 0-2
Lemont 5-5, Yorkville 1-0
Lockport 4, Andrew 0
Marian Catholic 11-3, Fenwick 0-0
Oak Lawn 4, Romeoville 2
Richards 12, Argo 0
GCAC Finals
At Loyola – Red Division
Queen of Peace 1, Mother McAuley 0, 9 inn
Resurrection 1, St. Francis de Sales 0, 11 inn

GIRLS TRACK
Friday, 5-14-04
Class A Sectionals at Herscher
Final Team Standings: 1. Bishop McNamara 67. 2. Chicago Christian 64. 3. Herscher 63. 4. Seneca 58. 5. Momence 56.
Saturday, 5-15-04
Class AA Sectionals at Argo
Final Team Standings: 1. Lockport 142. 2. Sandburg 117½. 3. Romeoville 86. 4. Joliet 58½. 5. Lemont 33. 6. Stagg 29. 7. Oak Lawn 28. 8. Lincoln-Way Central 24. 9. Richards 22. 10. Argo 19. 11. Joliet Catholic 18. 12. Queen of Peace 4. 13. tie. Reavis and Evergreen Park 3. 15. Providence 2.
At Thornwood
Final Team Standings: 1. Thornwood 156. 2. Morgan Park 116. 3. Mother McAuley 77. 4. St. Ignatius 53. 5. T.F. South 48. 6. Maria 29. 7. Thornridge 28. 8. Kenwood 23.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

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How To Be A Smart Cookie

Feel like giving up on your latest diet? Just because you are trying to change your ways, you don't necessarily have to give up the foods you like. There is another approach you can take. If you keep tabs on how much you eat and how often, whether it's good foods or "bad," you can stay on the right diet track, without worrying about counting carbs or fat grams. It's all a matter of watching your portions. Here are ten "smart cookie" tips (smart cookie meaning YOU!) for keeping tabs on how much you eat and how often.

1. **Put it in writing.** For a few days, write down everything you eat and drink and how much. This helps you identify potential trouble spots such as eating large portions of favorite foods or treats, or eating them too often.
2. **Get the facts.** Read the Nutrition Facts label on the package to learn serving sizes and how many calories foods contain.
3. **Pare portions.** Whether you are someone who is conscious about carbs or calories, the key is to cut down, not out! Try one less piece of pizza, a skinnier slice of cake, or two cookies instead of three.
4. **Measure now, eyeball later.** Measure or weigh a serving of food such as ice cream, chips or nuts a few times so you can eyeball a sensible portion later.
5. **Dish it out.** Put a serving of your treat on a plate or in a bowl. That way, you can know exactly how much you are eating.
6. **Swap it sometimes.** If your daily agenda includes a chocolate bar from the office vending machine, swap it for a lower calorie alternative, like a piece of fruit, several times a week.
7. **Trim a little to add a little.** Switch to calorie-trimmed products such as low fat cheese, fat free salad dressing and light yogurt to help make room for other foods which you want.
8. **Concentrate on your treat.** If you eat in front of the TV or computer while working, you won't fully enjoy your splurge and you might end up overeating. Try to savor every bite, away from distractions. This will keep you satisfied with a smaller amount.
9. **Try tasty alternatives.** Reduced fat, fat free or sugar free versions of your favorite treats can offer tasty alternatives to regular versions. Remember that lighter treat versions do contain calories as well. Reasonable portion size is still important.
10. **Keep moving!** Regular physical activity burns calories, which makes it easier to fit treats into your eating plan. It also improves your mood, helps you manage stress and decreases your risk for health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. Thirty minutes of moderate activity added in to most days, such as walking, gardening or housework, can lead to 8-12 pounds of weight loss per year.

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Investigate Imported Prescription Drugs

As the pharmaceutical industry pushes forward with efforts to shut off Americans' access to less expensive prescription drugs from Canada, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced on April 20th that Illinois will look beyond Canada and investigate the possibility of importing prescription drugs from Europe. The state will launch a study comparing the safety and cost of prescription drugs in Europe with those available in Illinois.

"By some estimates, every year Americans buy close to $1 billion worth of prescription drugs from Canada. Now, if you were the head of a pharmaceutical company, you might look at this situation and think 'Americans are our best customers. They buy more prescription drugs than any other nation in the world – and they pay the highest prices for those drugs. Maybe we ought to try and treat them better.'" said Blagojevich. "But evidently that's not how the CEOs of the big pharmaceutical companies see it. Instead, at least five of those companies have decided to limit the supply of drugs they sell to Canadian pharmacies, to deprive Americans of access to lower-priced medications."

"What that tells me is we cannot limit our search for lower-priced prescription drugs only to Canada. As the old saying goes, there's a big world out there. A world in which the people of every industrialized country pay far less for prescription drugs than we do here in the United States. And that's why today I am instructing our special drug advocates to study how people in Illinois can import prescription drugs not only from Canada, but also from Europe. Because in Europe prices are even lower than they are in Canada."

Hospital Resource System

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced the launch of a $450,000 Web-based system that provides the state with up-to-the-minute information from more than 200 hospitals in Illinois on the availability of beds and other critical health care services necessary to guide the response to an act of terrorism or other public health emergency.

"We now have the ability to monitor the status of hospital facilities statewide to ensure adequate resources are quickly made available for emergency patient care in the event of a crisis," the Governor said. "This is another step the state has taken to respond to the threat of terrorism, but it also improves our ability to deal with other emergency situations that may arise."

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) activated its Medical Disaster Plan and initiated a census of all the hospital beds in the state due to the possibility of an attack in Illinois. While the information was gathered from hospitals within a few hours through a fax reporting setup, the new system allows for the data to be obtained in a matter of minutes through a secure Web site.

"IDPH will be able to access the number of hospital beds and emergency medical resources available statewide through data supplied electronically by the hospitals," said Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director. "The information will be essential in managing an appropriate and effective response to a natural or bio-terrorism event that causes mass causalities."

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If you didn't, you may be one of the 25 million Americans who suffer from osteoporosis each year. Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to become fragile and break easily, because your "bank account" of bone tissue has dropped to a low level. Learn more about this disease and what you can do at different ages to build healthy bones with a new, free package of publications from the Federal Citizen Information Center.

Osteoporosis is most common in older individuals, particularly women. Several factors, including genetics, age, gender and diet, influence your likelihood of developing it. Get tips on how you can lower your risk with **Boning Up on Osteoporosis** from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Find out how making lifestyle changes, such as taking more calcium and vitamin D while increasing your physical activity, can help you build and maintain bone mass.

Learn how your kids can build their "bone banks" now with **Kids and Their Bones: A Guide for Parents.** This informative publication from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases features useful tips on how kids can develop healthy habits that will help prevent or minimize the risk of osteoporosis later in life. Use the handy charts to learn if your kids are getting enough calcium, and what foods and beverages can help them meet their intake.

Learn more with the free **Building Healthy Bones** package. There are three easy ways to get your publications:

- Call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the **Building Healthy Bones** package.

Fibrillation Is Major Stroke Risk

Results from a new national survey conducted by the not-for-profit Alliance for Aging Research to mark National Stroke Awareness Month show that about 80 percent of a thousand people polled were not aware that atrial fibrillation (AF), a type of irregular heartbeat, is a major risk factor for stroke. Also, about six out of 10 people didn't know that appropriate treatment can help prevent strokes related to AF.

"These results are very significant," says Mark Alberts, M.D., director of the stroke program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "We know that atrial fibrillation is a disease of the aging. Because our population is getting older each day, many more people will likely get AF in the future. Unless they are aware of this disorder and take steps to get it properly treated, some of these people are potentially at an increased risk for having a stroke."

To address this gap in knowledge about AF, AstraZeneca is announcing "Take AIM at Preventing Stroke" (Atrial Fibrillation Management), a public awareness campaign designed to educate patients about preventing strokes related to AF. The campaign will include educational outreach and resources. Patients and caregivers can visit www.AFAdvisor.org or call 1(888) 541-7008 for information on AF. Patients may call (312) 926-8400 if they would like to schedule an appointment with a Northwestern Memorial physician.

In AF, the two upper chambers of the heart (called the atria) quiver instead of contracting effectively. When this happens, blood in these chambers can pool and clot. If a piece of the blood clot breaks off, travels to an artery in the brain, and becomes lodged, it may cause a stroke. AF affects more than 2.2 million Americans, and this number is expected to more than double by 2050. People with AF are five times more likely to suffer a stroke than those without AF. AF-related strokes account for about 15-20 percent of all strokes nationally.

Advancing age, high blood pressure, and diabetes further increase the risk of stroke in patients with AF. Patients with AF also tend to have more disabling first strokes compared to those without AF. In fact, people with AF are 70 percent more likely to die from their stroke than people without AF. Therefore, the number of Americans who suffer from stroke related to AF may be reduced by increasing awareness and treatment with anticoagulants.

The relative risk of stroke in patients with AF can be reduced by 62 percent using oral anticoagulant therapy such as warfarin (compared to no treatment). However, many eligible patients are not receiving oral anticoagulant therapy. The benefits of preventing the devastating and debilitating effects of stroke are greater than the risks associated with current available anticoagulant medications in appropriate patients.

In general, strokes are the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in adults. In 2004, the estimated direct and indirect cost for the U.S. economy of stroke is $53.6 billion.

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Show Artisans Exhibit

The Illinois Artisans Shop will exhibit the work of Illinois Artisans Program members working in photography in the atrium of the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., from June 14th to 25th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. This group show of over 50 pieces by Illinois artisans will feature both contemporary and traditional photographic methods. Artwork using traditional techniques such as black and white, and color photography will be shown along with more experimental work using Polaroid transfer and digital manipulation.

The exhibit will focus on a wide range of themes, from landscape and cityscape studies to interiors, still lives and abstract pieces. Specific themes explored in this selection of work will include Barbara Freeman's photographs of 1950s and 60s era signage; Leslie Frederick's studies of historic Illinois buildings; and Char Marie Flood's still lives of brooms and furniture.

The work will be available for purchase through the Illinois Artisans Shop on the 2nd floor of the James R. Thompson Center. The exhibit in the atrium is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Illinois Artisans Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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- 1 stick margarine (melted of softened)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Mix all together in bowl and place in ready made graham cracker pie crust. Bake for 25-30 minutes at 350°

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- 2 sticks margarine
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} melt in pan

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Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Free Frog Stomp

"Frog Stomp," a free, all-age family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Friday, May 28, 7 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum, in Romeoville.

"Frog Stomp" will feature a hike around the wetlands of Isle a la Cache in search of native amphibians. Several species of frogs and toads inhabit the marshes, and each has a different spring mating call. Come listen to the croaks, ribbits, trills, peeps, chirps, and squeaks of these songsters of the night.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located on East 135th Street (Romeo Road), 0.5 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville.

For additional information, call (815) 727-8700, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

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Hundreds Participated In Girl Scout Day At Capitol

Hundreds of Girl Scouts from across the State of Illinois participated in a "Girl Scout Day at the Capitol" on Wednesday, May 5 in Springfield.

The event kicked off at 10 a.m. with a Girl Scout parade beginning at Seventh and Capitol streets. Girls then marched to the State Capitol and met with legislative leaders to discuss their Girl Scout accomplishments. A Gold Award Ceremony hosted by Attorney General Lisa Madigan recognized Girl Scouting's highest achievers, those who have earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

All Girl Scouts who attended the event had the opportunity to network with their local legislators and other Girl Scouts, learn about the process of Illinois government as well as tour the State Capitol and Lincoln sites. According to Brooke Wiseman, CEO of Girl Scouts of Chicago, "Girl Scout Day at the Capitol is an exciting day for Illinois Girl Scouts. Not only does it increase public awareness of girls' commitment to community service through the attainment of the Gold Award, but it also helps build relationships with our legislative leaders. It is important to educate them about the strength of the Girl Scout organization and the long-term benefits it provides for girls and Illinois-based communities."

Known as the world's leading expert on girls ages 4-17, Girl Scouts provides a unique setting for leadership development and girl decision-making opportunities. Girl Scout councils representing Illinois serve more than 174,000 registered girls and 47,000 adult volunteers throughout the state. For more information about Girl Scouts of Chicago, call (312) 416-2500, ext. 219.

Offer Family Camping Weekend

For those with little or no camping experience, the Forest Preserve District of Will County is offering the Family Camping Weekend at the Environmental Learning Center, in Mokena. The workshop will be expanded an extra day from past years, with arrival on Friday, June 4 at 5 p.m. and departure on Sunday, June 6, at 11 a.m.

Among the camping activities planned are outdoor cooking, fire building, first aid, nature crafts, canoeing skills, and more. Each family will leave with an informational survival packet full of recipes, planning tips, contacts, and resources.

Tents, cots, lanterns, and firewood are provided. Participants are responsible for their food and personal items. Smaller family groups may be assigned a tent with another family.

Registration and a fee of $20 per adult and $15 per child (under age 16) are required. Registrants will be sent a package/shopping list, map to the Environmental Learning Center, and planning packet to help prepare for the workshop.

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Special Artists

More than 150 art enthusiasts attended the Oak Lawn Park District's Budding Artist Spring Art Show on Thursday, May 6, at Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. This inaugural art competition for ages eight to 18 and art exposition for adults featured more than 70 artists displaying approximately 150 pieces of artwork, says Laurie Sauer, Oak Lawn Park District art instructor and event coordinator.

The Best in Show Award went to Catherine Martin for her oil painting, *Horse (The Kindness in His Eye)*. The Most Promising Artist Award went to Lucy Welsh for her charcoal portrait, *Dales' Daughter*, Best Use of a Medium Award went to Bob Bandermeir for his *Ceramic Dinosaur Mug*.

In the six to eight age group, Taylor Adelman won first place for her pastel, *Tuscany Landscape*, and second place for her charcoal drawing, *Owl*. Catherine Costin received third place for her watercolor and crayon painting, *Four Family Hearts*.

In the nine to 11 age group, Meg Rizzo won first place for her watercolor, pen-and-ink drawing, *Brown Jug*. Alexis Miles won second place for her pastel, *The Girl with Kitten*, and her sister, Jackie Miles, took third place with her pastel, *Sparky the Dog*.

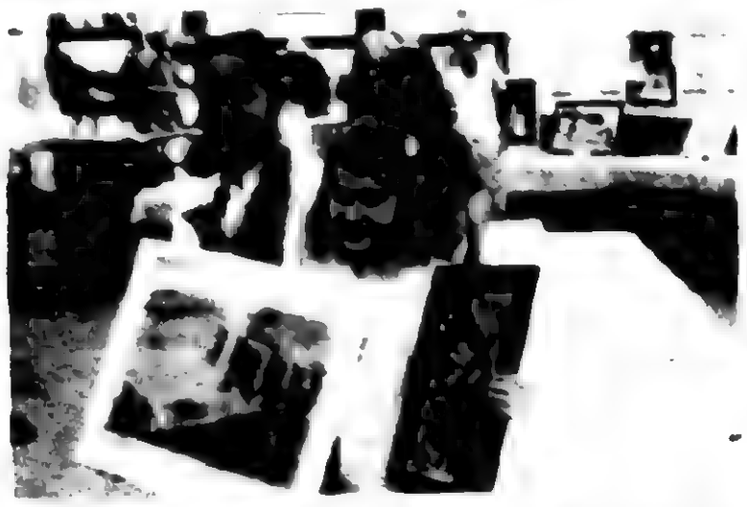
In the 12 to 18 age group, Catherine Martin – Best in Show winner – received first place with her oil painting, *Horse (The Kindness in His Eye)*. Second place went to Brigit Goudie for her pen-and-ink drawing, *Bear*, and third place went to Elle Opitz for her colored-pencil drawing, *Chocolate Chunk*.

Honorable mentions were presented to: Emily Goddard, Amanda Konkol, Amanda Lehocky, Kati Loman, Michelle Martinez, Bridget Mitchel, Hanna Rizzo, Autumn Van Dam, and Kevin Wagner.

The artwork was judged by local artists Chuck Battersby, Heather Schmaedeke and Pat Stasik. Event sponsors were: ACFD of Oak Lawn; Beggar's Pizza of Oak lawn; Cheap Joe's Art Stuff of Boone, N.C.; Dick Blick Art Materials of Galesburg, IL; Hilton Oak Lawn; Spectrum Art Supplies of Chicago; and the Windy City Thunderbolts of Crestwood.

For more information on the show awards or summer art classes at the Oak Lawn Park District, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Lucy Welch, posing with her younger sister, Isabelle, was named Most Promising Artist at the Oak Lawn Park District's Budding Artist Spring Art Show on Thursday, May 6, for her charcoal portrait, *Dale's Daughter*.



Taylor Adelman poses with her first-place pastel, *Tuscany Landscape*, and her second place charcoal, *Owl*, with Laurie Sauer; event coordinator, at the Oak Lawn Park District's Budding Arts Spring Art Show on May 6.

Catherine Martin received Best in Show at the Oak Lawn Park Distric'ts Budding Artist Spring Art Show on Thursday, May 6, for her oil painting *Horse (The Kindness in his Eye)*.

Bob Bandemier received the Best Use of a Medium Award at the Oak Lawn Park District's Budding Artist Spring Art Show on May 6 for his *Ceramic Dinosaur Mug*.

Relay Raising Funds

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. The ACS and the committee members from Oak Lawn High School would like to inform you of the 2nd annual Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth that will take place on June 4th and 5th at Oak Lawn High School

Last year, Relay for Life of Oak Lawn – All Youth exceeded all expectations and raised $65,000 net as a first year event and is aiming to raise $70,000 in 2004. With over 160 Relay for Life events in Illinois, Relay for Life raised almost $17 million in 2003. Oak Lawn High School is one of only two all-youth events in our region

The event starts with an opening ceremony to welcome participants and guests. There is a survivor ceremony to honor the heroes that won or are winning the battle against cancer, a Luminaria ceremony to reflect and remember those that have battled the disease, and a closing ceremony to end the event

All proceeds raised from this event will be used for cancer research, education, service and advocacy. Cancer affects patients, as well as those that surround them, and it leaves each one of these people with the battle of a lifetime. Nearly 80 percent of cancer patients diagnosed today survive. This survival rate is increased every day through research, education, service and advocacy.

The committee is looking for cancer survivors to honor at a Survivor Dinner on Thursday, May 27th at 6 p.m. and to walk in the Victory Lap on Friday, June 4th at 6.45 p.m., both at Oak Lawn High School. If you are a cancer survivor or know a survivor in the community, contact your ACS

The students are also selling Luminarias. If you would like to purchase a Luminaria for $5 in honor or memory of a cancer patient, call Jenni Goodwin at your ACS at (708) 633-7770

Vasquez Completes Basic Training

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Michael B. Vasquez, son of Rosa L. and Jose A., Gamboa of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Vasquez is a 2002 graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

Preschool Openings Available

Elim Preschool, 10835 S. Pulaski Rd., still has openings available for the school year beginning 2004. Director: Mrs. Leanne Converse. 4-year-olds, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, $105 a month (8 monthly payments), morning session 8:45 to 11:15 a.m., afternoon session 12:30 to 3 p.m. 3-year-olds, Tuesday & Thursday, $80 a month (8 monthly payments), 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Elim Preschool is now open to 3 and 4-year-olds. The child must be 4 years old for the 4-year-old program, or 3 years old for the 3-year-old program by Sept. 1st, 2004.

The registration fee is $45 (non-refundable) plus a birth certificate. Call for further details at (773) 239-2396 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hospital Seeking Volunteers

Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Serving the communities of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Hometown, drivers visit 10 seniors once a week. Drivers not only bring needed nourishment but also a friendly face and warm greetings to seniors. Distribution of meals takes less than three hours. If you have a car and are available between 10 a.m. and noon any weekday, call Carol O'Brien, senior advocate department, at (708) 346-4130 or (708) [illegible]

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Oak Lawn Memorial Day Celebration

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, the Oak Lawn Park District will feature its free summer kick-off celebration, Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too, at Memorial Park, 102nd St. and Major Ave., plus a nearby grand opening of its newly redesigned Stony Creek Miniature Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St.

The new 18-hole course – complete with waterfalls, boulders and spraying fountains – can be played for $1 per person that day, beginning at 11 a.m. The first 100 mini golfers will receive a free prize.

Down the street at Memorial Park, kids can enjoy a Parks Foundation-sponsored fishing derby at 8 a.m., adults can purchase flowers at an annual-flower sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and everyone can participate in a salute to veterans featuring area Marines and a color guard at 3 p.m.

Area gardeners are encouraged to take part in the Great Perennial Divide from 11 a.m. to noon, by bringing perennial plants from their yard to exchange for plants from others' gardens. Music lovers are invited to a performance by the Chicago Outskirts (pictured), a female jazz orchestra, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The complete schedule for Memorial Day in Oak Lawn is as follows:

- **Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Youth Hooked-on-Fishing International Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Stony Creek Miniature Golf, 11 a.m. $1 per person.**
- **Kids Treasure Hunt, 11 a.m.**
- **5th Annual Memorial Day Flower Sale, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**
- **Great Perennial Divide, 11 a.m. to Noon.**
- **Ladybug Give-Away & Nature Table, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Children's Games & Bingo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Open Swim at Memorial Children's Pool, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weather permitting for $1 per person.**
- **Magician Ray Scheff, Noon**
- **Face Painting & Tattoos, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **Sand-Castle Building Contest, 1 p.m.**
- **Chicago Outskirts, jazz orchestra, 1 to 3 p.m. Free outdoor concert.**
- **Moment of Silence & Salute to Veterans, 3 p.m.**

This year's festival is sponsored in part by the park district's corporate sponsors: American Cruises and Tours, Buschbach Insurance Agency, Chicago Office Products Co., D&D Printing, Petty & Bielik Orthodontics and Yellow Book USA.

For more information about Memorial Day or to request your free summer-events calendar, contact the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2225 or info@olparks.com.

Praying Psalms Series

A six week series on "Praying the Psalms" will begin on June 1 at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., led by Rev. Peggy McClanahan. The time of reflection and prayer, focusing on a different psalm each week, will meet on Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The first session will reflect on Psalm 42.

Call the church at (708) 422-4200 for more information. Pilgrim Faith is handicapped accessible.

AARP Will Hold Meeting

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, June 14th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. The program will be the Gilhooly's. Pat and Kathleen will take you back to the swinging 40s with their singing, dancing and comedy revue.

For more information, call Stan Urban at (708) 422-5635.

From left, Cathy Morris (teacher/Reflections chairperson), Christine Crawhorn (Reflections winner), Revan Crawhorn (Christine's mother) and Nanette Smith (PTSA President).

Reflections Winners

The Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA 2003-2004 Reflections winners were Christine Crawhorn and Rocio Urbano. Both won with their entries in the field of photography and were honored at a banquet on April 7, 2004 at the Lexington House. These entries advanced from local PTA, to the District 34 PTA level, and then on to State competition. Christine's entry then continued on to the National level of competition. These projects will be on tour throughout the state of Illinois during the next year as part of an exhibit at museums, libraries, cultural centers, etc.

From left, Cathy Morris (teacher/Reflections chairperson), Lucilda and Gerardo Urbano (Rocio's parents) and Nanette Smith (PTSA President). Rocio Urbano is in the center.

Southland Chamber Luncheon

Republican Sen. Frank C. Watson will be the featured speaker at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, June 14th at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

Sen. Watson represents the 51st District and is currently the Republican Leader. Watson's legislative service includes serving in the House of Representatives from 1979-1983, beginning his term as Senator in 1983. His Legislative assignments include serving on several committees including Executive.

The cost of the luncheon program is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. The program begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon. The program will commence at 12:30 with adjournment at 1 p.m.

The luncheon is open to the business community. For registration or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950, ext. 124.

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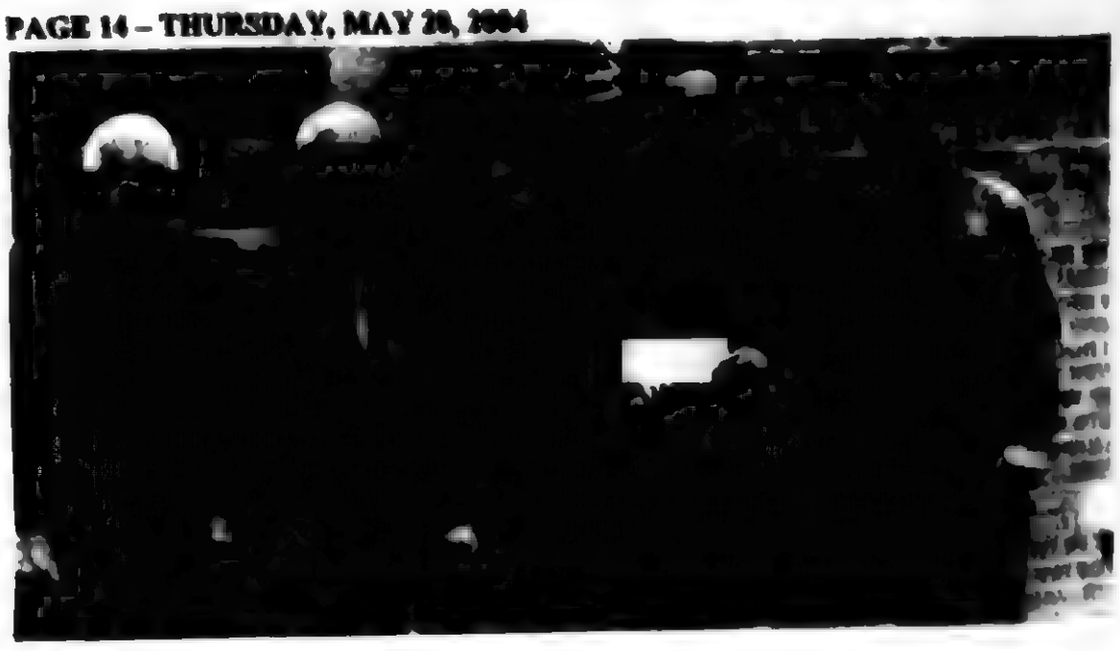

Gold Key Grand Prize Winner

Gold Key Raffle Grand Prize winner Jim Chresaidos of Oak Lawn is presented a check for $25,000 by Brother Rice High School President Br. Karl Walczak. Chresaidos won the raffle, which was announced at the school's Gold Key Hop Dance March 20. He had a choice of taking the cash, a 2004 Jaguar X-Type or 2004 Mercedes-Benz C-Class, 2-door from Napleton Auto Werks, Loves Park/Bourbonnais, IL/Schererville, IN. Other prizes awarded in the raffle included a second prize of $1,000, third and fourth prizes of $500 and a fifth through 10 prizes of $100. All proceeds from the raffle went to the Brother Rice Annual Fund.

Pictured from left are Br. E. O. Carty, Br. Tom Collins, Br. Walczak, Chresaidos and Brother Rice Principal James Antos.

23rd Greek Orthodox Junior Olympics

This message is to remind one and all that the 23rd annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Junior Olympics is just a short time away. The annual Memorial Day weekend event will be held on from May 28th to 30th and hosted again by the community of SS. Constantine & Helen Church, 11025 S. Roberts Rd. in Palos Hills. This year more than 2,200 young people from over 30 different parishes of the Six State Metropolis of Chicago are expected to participate in a conglomeration of individual and team athletic events.

Opening ceremonies on Saturday morning begin at 8 a.m. on May 29th, which will include a truly Greek theme paying tribute to this year's Olympic Games in Athens. The Junior Olympics this year will include swimming, track & field, soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, 10K run, tennis, chess, checkers, bowling, and table tennis. Moreover, several different collegiate scholarships (totaling $2,000) will be presented on behalf of the Junior Olympics to athletes showing a strong spiritual life, academic record, community involvement and writing skills.

Once again the facilities being used in the Jr. Olympics include SS. Constantine & Helen Church Complex, A.A. Stagg High School, and Moraine Valley Community College.

With each passing year, this event has become all the more larger and stronger. It is through the stewardship contributions of the participating parish, various individuals, organizations and businesses, as well as the hard work of each and every volunteer, that this event has been a success for 21 years. The Junior Olympics are open to all young people, ages 7-18, of the Greek Orthodox Faith (with the 10K run open to all ages). Registration must take place through your own parish.

DeVry Program

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, DeVry University provides an opportunity for Illinois high school and community college faculty to continue their education tuition-free while learning new skills that can enhance their teaching tools and methods.

With DeVry's Educator Fellowship Program, qualified educators may enroll in up to nine graduate-level semester credit hours through Keller Graduate School of Management and up to 12 undergraduate semester credit hours at DeVry University. The fellowship covers the cost of tuition and the application fee.

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In addition, educators taking graduate level courses can earn up to nine credits toward a master's degree program at DeVry's Keller Graduate School of Management. Credits may also be transferable to other higher education institutions.

Participating educators may also be able to apply credits earned through completed coursework toward continuing education requirements mandated by the state or local school district. Educators are encouraged to check with their local school districts.

The educator fellowship program is available to educators enrolling in DeVry campuses in Tinley Park, Addison, and Chicago. For more information on how to apply for an educator fellowship, contact Kerne Flynn at (708) 342-3582 or visit www.devry.edu.

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Charge Contractor

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently filed charges against a Cook County home repair and remodeling contractor who allegedly accepted $4,000 from a consumer and then failed to complete the project to the customer's satisfaction and refused to return the down payment.

Madigan's suit alleges that Odell Reed, owner of Southeast Tech Construction, contracted with a Chicago resident to renovate the consumer's basement and home exterior but failed to perform the work in a satisfactory manner. According to the complaint, not only did Reed fail to complete the work and refuse to return the deposit, he further damaged the owner's home when he began repairs.

Madigan's complaint charges Reed with multiple violations of both the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act and the Illinois Home Repair and Remodeling Act.

"For many Illinoisans, their homes are their greatest financial investments," Madigan said. "My office is committed to ensuring that home repair and remodeling projects improve a home, not tear it up."

In addition to the problems in performing the contracted work, Madigan alleges that Reed, who conducts business as Southeast Tech Construction, violated Illinois consumer protection laws by failing to obtain a license to use an assumed corporate or business name.

Madigan's complaint also alleges Reed violated the law by failing to include the required "Notice of Cancellation" in his contract and failing to inform the consumer in person or by telephone of the right to cancel. Additionally, Madigan's suit charges Reed with failing to refund the down payment and to provide the consumer with a copy of the legally-required "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights" pamphlet.

Madigan's suit seeks to permanently enjoin the defendant from conducting business in violation of state consumer protection laws, as well as the payment of restitution for the homeowner and a $50,000 civil penalty for each violation of the law.

For more information on how consumers can protect themselves from home repair and remodeling fraud, visit www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov.

CCAGW Oppose Bill

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) recently expressed its opposition to S. 1637, the Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act, due to the plethora of special interest tax breaks added since its introduction. The bill was originally intended to repeal a $5 billion per year export subsidy that was declared illegal by the World Trade Organization, and replace it with other incentives to help U.S. exporters. Congress used this opportunity to include $170 billion in targeted tax breaks.

"Member of Congress have gone hog wild with this legislation, adding special interest, corporate welfare provisions to an otherwise unrelated bill," CCAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Unfortunately for taxpayers, this type of behavior represents the status quo in Washington, especially in an election year."

Here is a list of some questionable tax breaks in the bill:

$519 million by Sens. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) for small aircraft producers, including Learjet and Cessna.

$482 million for insurance companies.

$310 million by Sens. John Breaux (D-La.) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) for shipbuilders such as Northrop Grumman.

$189 million by Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) for Oldsmobile dealers.

$94 million by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) and Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) for the Warrior Hotel in Sioux City, Iowa.

$92 million by Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), a devoted racing fan, for NASCAR.

$64 million for tax breaks on horse sales.

$15 million by Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Bob Graham (D-Fla.) for the cruise ship industry.

$8 million for U.S. bow and arrow makers on arrow components and "youth bows."

Food Service Course Set

Safe Food Handlers Corporation is offering the Illinois State Food Service Sanitation Courses for certification and recertification. Illinois requires a 15 hour (two day) certification course and a five hour (one day) recertification course.

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SXU Receives Gift

Saint Xavier University announced that it has received the largest gift in its history, valued at $3.12 million.

This gift of 10.11 acres of land in Orland Park was the latest in a series of gifts from Mary Rita and Robert Stump. The Stump family, who reside in Orland Park, previously gave the university the land on which Saint Xavier built its new Orland Park campus. This new facility, dedicated in October 2003, brings the university's exceptional educational programs to students in the southwest suburbs of Chicago.

"I am deeply grateful to Bob and Mary Rita for their generosity," said President Judith A. Dwyer. "This gift is only the latest example of their commitment and generosity to Saint Xavier University."

In March 2002, the university honored the Stumps with the Shield of Saint Xavier, the university's highest honor. The Stumps' daughter, Mary Judith O'Malley, is an alumna of the university and their son-in-law, former State Senator Patrick O'Malley, serves on Saint Xavier's Board of Trustees.

The Stump family's leadership has been transformative, according to Jim Vondracek, vice president for university advancement. "Saint Xavier's new campus in Orland Park is an exciting initiative, for both the university and the communities it serves, and this extraordinary new educational resource was made possible by the vision of Mary Rita and Bob Stump."

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Apprehend Four Sex Offenders

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (center) announced the apprehension of four individuals featured on the Cook County Most Wanted Sex Offender List. Last month the Sheriff's Office unveiled an Internet posting of the top five "Most Wanted" sex offenders as part of a continuing effort to crack down on sexual predators who ignore their obligation to register with the police.

Pictured with Sheriff Sheahan, from left, are: Deputy Chief Tom Folliard, Deputy Chief Tom Kinsella and Commander John Palcu, all from the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

The Cook County Most Wanted Sex Offender List can be viewed at http://www.cookcountysheriff.org.

Thanks to dozens of tips from the public, four of the Sheriff's "Most Wanted" unregistered sex offenders have been tracked down by police living in locations right here in Cook County and as far away as Las Vegas and California, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced recently.

Last month the Sheriff's Office unveiled an Internet posting of the top five "Most Wanted" sex offenders as part of a continuing effort to crack down on sexual predators who ignore their obligation to register with police. The Sheriff also asked for public assistance to help police identify and locate the unregistered offenders. As of today, four of the five have been captured.

"Based on the responses we received, it is clear that the citizens of Cook County are more than willing to do their part when it comes to tracking down sex offenders and holding them accountable," Sheahan said. "This is a first-class example of the police and the public working together to help ensure the safety of our communities."

Sheahan announced that four new "Most Wanted" offenders have been posted on the Sheriff's website (www.cookcountysheriff.org) to replace the four that have been captured. Sheahan encouraged anyone with information on the whereabouts of the offenders to call the Sheriff's Sex Offender Enforcement Unit at (708)-FOR-KIDS or submit information via e-mail on the website.

Illinois law requires convicted sex offenders to register annually with their local police departments for a minimum of 10 years after release from prison. The state publishes a listing of all registered sex offenders for public viewing and the Cook County Sheriff's Office posts those names on the Internet so that parents can determine if a sex offender resides in their area.

The four "Most Wanted" offenders that have been captured are:

Steven Carlin, 48, who was captured in Hermosa Beach, California, where he was working as a stage hand for a Los Angeles stage company. Sheriff's investigators received tips on Carlin's last place of employment in the Chicago area and then managed to track Carlin to his current place of employment in California. He was convicted in 1996 of the sexual exploitation of a child and transmitting child pornography over the Internet and had failed to register as a sex offender.

Kevin Hyland, 25, who was captured in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he appears to have been working odd jobs. Sheriff's investigators received tips that Hyland had moved to Las Vegas and then tracked him down through driver's license records. Hyland was twice convicted of sexually abusing children under the age of 13 and had failed to register.

Gregory Brooks, 50, was captured after police received tips he was living in Blue Island. He was convicted of child sexual assault in separate cases in 1982 and 1989 against two victims under the age of 12, and had failed to register.

Dale Hankerson, 46, was captured after Harvey Police developed information that he was living in a transient hotel in that south suburban community. Hankerson was convicted of taking indecent liberties with a child in North Carolina in 1996 and had failed to register.

The fifth "Most Wanted" offender is Thomas Dahm, who remains at large. Dahm, whose picture remains on the Sheriff's website, was convicted in 1984 of rape, deviate sexual assault, taking indecent liberties with a child and kidnapping. He was released from prison in 1997 and has not registered as a sex offender since 2000. Sheriff's Police have developed leads about Dahm's possible whereabouts in western Colorado and are currently working with local authorities there.

The new four "Most Wanted" sex offenders are:

Billy S. Brown, 42, who was twice convicted of sexually abusing children under the age of 16 in Macomb County, Michigan. Brown was released from a Michigan prison in 2002 and established residency in south suburban Cook County. He has not registered as a sex offender since November of 2002. Last known to reside in Park Forest.

Adrian Coriano, 37, who was convicted of criminal sexual assault and unlawful restraint after participating in the 1986 gang rape of a Chicago woman. At the time of the offense, Coriano was on supervision for contributing to the sexual delinquency of a child. He was released from state prison in 1997 and has not registered as a sex offender since September of 2001. Last known to reside in Cicero.

Leigh Dampier, 35, who was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, home invasion and armed robbery after he broke into the home of a 78-year-old woman in 1992 and sexually assaulted her. He was released from state prison in 2001 and has not registered as a sex offender since 2002. Last known to reside in Harvey.

Steven Montgomery, 56, who was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual assault, robbery and unlawful restraint after he broke into the home of a 77-year-old woman and sexually assaulted her. He was released from state prison in 1997 and has not registered as a sex offender since 1999. Last known to reside in Chicago Heights.

Free Course Catalogs

Trees for Tomorrow, the natural resources specialty school located in Eagle River, WI has free course catalogs available now for all summer and fall courses, for those who call 800-838-9472.

Courses included in the catalog are summer teacher workshops for university credit, adult short courses, Elderhostel programs for those at least 55 years of age, and student workshops.

Workshops for teachers dominate the summer schedule and this year 12 offerings are available for University of Wisconsin credit. According to Gail Pierce, Trees For Tomorrow director, "Teachers can choose shorter two and a half day sessions or longer five day sessions for one or two UW credits. Room and board scholarships are available for every teacher who registers, so participants pay only a $50 registration deposit and for the number of UW credits they need," Pierce added.

Also included in the catalog are complete descriptions of the schools Elderhostel offerings. Three active, outdoor programs for those 55 or better are planned for this summer; including birding, canoeing and biking.

Trees For Tomorrow encourages the public to call 800-838-9472 or 479-6456 locally to request a free course catalog with complete course descriptions and registration information. Catalog requests may also be made by contacting learning@treesfortomorrow.com or visiting www.treesfortomorrow.com.

10th Edens Art Fair

A special invitation is extended to qualified area artists to be among the exhibitors in the 10th annual Edens Art Fair to be presented by American Society of Artists, a national membership organization, at Edens Plaza in Wilmette, on Saturday and Sunday, July 17th and 18th.

Potential exhibitors in this popular juried event are invited to submit four slides or photographs of work representative of that which they wish to exhibit, one slide or photograph of their display set-up, a self-addressed, stamped, business-size (no. 10) envelope – resume/show listing helpful.

Art in Action will be included in the show with some of the exhibitors working and demonstrating at various times during the show. Programs will be available free of charge at the show listing exhibitors, their media and showing their location in the show.

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Teacher Of The Year

Dr. Michael Kisicki, PhD (Oak Lawn) an English teacher at St. Rita High School, was honored with the Teacher of the Year Award April 22nd during Pride Week celebrations. This was the 17th time Dr. Kisicki has been honored with this award, which is voted on by the student body. Dr. 'K,' as he is referred to by his students, is a St. Rita graduate from the class of 1969 and has taught at St. Rita High School for 29 years.

Pictured from left: Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA presents Dr. Kisicki with St. Rita High School's Teacher of the Year award.

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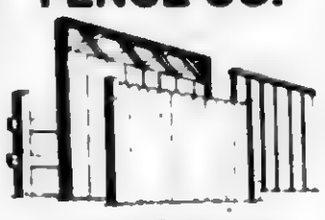

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. James Burgeson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17978

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 15, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The improvement on the property consists of a single family, one story, wood frame residence with separate 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $171,331.93

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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191796C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. CNI National Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Pamela A. Rose a/k/a Pamela Rose a/k/a Pam Rose a/k/a Pamela Ann McKean a/k/a Pamela A. McKean a/k/a Pamela A. Karsten, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18486.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 15, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9306 S. 78th Ave., Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $122,965.78.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A816.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192897C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. William P. Muldoon a/k/a William Patrick Muldoon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-7860.

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Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 30, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner, Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

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195496C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Perlkiewicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-5983.

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192126C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeq Servicing Corporation f/k/a TMS Mortgage, Inc d/b/a The Money Store, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Joseph Wheeler, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18306.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was $39,227.06.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and SUBJECT TO A PRIOR RECORDED 1st Mortgage and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A432.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192966C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Daniel S. Steffen, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16371.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15419 Tudor Rd., Oak Forest, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,497.80.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/372-2020. Please refer to file no. 03-3333-0067.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192059C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Shirley Conner, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-14609.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4139 W. 79th St., #2-S, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $70,892.19.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7422.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192965C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of Oklahoma, NA, f/k/a Bancoklahoma Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Omar H. Zayed, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11516.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 20, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on May 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8891 W. 93rd St, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $106,788.26.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6774.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192667C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of Reperforming Remic Trust Series CWABS 99-3, Plaintiff, vs. George J. Musielak, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6585.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57333
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2004.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 26, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the lobby (Northeast corner) of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 10520 S. Kenneth Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $271,971.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

193836C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16085.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3601 W. 81st Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story brown/tan brick with white trim and det 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $154,997.42.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http \\service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0304307.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191309C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee, for the Certificateholders of the Reperforming Loan Remic Trust Certificates, Series 2003-R3, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel R. Sims, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7967.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 58036
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 16, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9219 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of Brick constructed, two story, single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,068.17.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202916C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Nieves Sandoval, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18047.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 25, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3622 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,415.78.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/17/04, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/30/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $133,576.31.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The Sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-1110D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191283C

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Union National Bank, a National Banking Association, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1 for Long Beach Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Janina Pyzik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-15180.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 8928 Central Ave., Oal Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $115,940 20.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 Please refer to file number 14-02-7779

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191537C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. SF JV-2002-1, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. Frank Cechota, et al., Defendants. No 03Ch-7520.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55505

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 24, 2004 in the amount of $123,821 71, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on June 30, 2004 outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash

C/K/A: 5700 W 87th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

193155C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M Donato Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-4807

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 29, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 4924 Elizabeth Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $204,616 02

Sale Terms 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext 1320 Please refer to file number 14-02-1809

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191535C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Melnyk a/k/a Donald S Melnyk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-20542

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55031

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 15, 2004, in the amount of $108,033 96, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc as Selling Official will at 11 30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash

C/K/A: 9612 S. Karlov, #102, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling The property will NOT be open for inspection

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

194067C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by Merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by Merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Roche, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-19041.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m on June 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 6755 W 91st Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $155,336 80

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours NO REFUNDS

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 00 p.m and 3 00 p m only

Please refer to file number 03-13680

NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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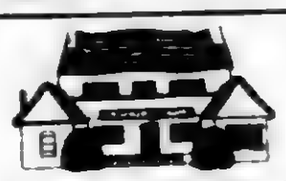

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Melvin Ballentine, et al., Defendants No. 97Ch-7200.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 24 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 13819 S. Spaulding, Robbins, IL 60472

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds No refunds.

The judgment amount was $33,744 52

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA9703239.

191048C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee c/o Residential Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. James A. Howard, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14530.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 2708 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached one and a half car garage.

Sale terms 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $105,095 11

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale

For information Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m and 5 p.m only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel No. (312) 372-2060

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0306784.

191791C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas P. Nealon, Defendant. Case No 03Ch-18789.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14941 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,368 24.

Sale Terms. This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m and 3.00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-12860.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192245C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by Merger to Fleet Mortgage Corp., Plaintiff, vs John K. Shrader, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17180

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10 30 a.m. on June 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as. 8009 S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $157,575 60.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney. The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only

Please refer to file number 03-0862D.

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

193045C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. National City Home Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juan M. Corral, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18003

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 4, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m in their office at 120 W Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property

Commonly known as: 9632 Massassoit Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence

Sale terms. 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds No refunds.

The judgment amount was $202,560 97

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m and 5 p.m. only Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0308494.

192358C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company-West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs Maurice Smith, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-742

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

Commonly known as 2735 W 85th St Chicago IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,828 78

Sale Terms 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court

Upon payment in full of the amount bid the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext 1320 Please refer to file number 14-01-293

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190889C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Glen M. Banister, et al., Defendant Case No. 03Ch-11550

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14349 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence

The judgment amount was $126,712.51

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6739.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192266C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank, a Division of ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas a/k/a John M. Lucas, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16689.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 17, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $29,890.21

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-0737D

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192387C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth J. Weidman, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-1081.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 14, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 14944 S. Richmond Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a purple aluj. or vyl single family 1 story w/separate 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $93,458.57.

Sale terms. 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060 Please refer to file number PA0400058.

NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192073C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank fsb assignee of Bancgroup Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Stuart A. Flom, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-18187.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 14, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4141 W. 90th Place, Hometown, IL 60514.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $120,276.98.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28566.

191323C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. WA Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a WA Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by Merger in interest to Fleet Mtge Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly A. Cordova, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19046.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale entered in the above cause on 2/20/2004, The Judicial Sales Corp. will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/22/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 14355 S. Keystone Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $143,106.99.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., & any prior mortgages of record & is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title & without recourse to plaintiff & in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection & Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-1373D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192278C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Keith E. Hanold a/k/a Keith E., Hanold, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18710.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15322 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $110,036.84.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-1245D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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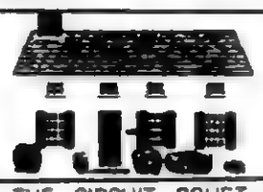

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Randall S. Iverson, Defendant No. 03Ch-17252

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13940 S. Long Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $162,413.63

The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.

191861C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dan A. Alfultis, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-8040.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57807

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 22, 2004 at the hour of 11.00 a.m. at first floor, Southwest Corner, Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises.

C/K/A: 5220 W. 137th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $101,799.36.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to let them know which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination on account of sex.

Annual Arts Adventure

The date for the 5th annual An Arts Adventure, an art show to be held on the sidewalks beginning at Superior and State, will be Sunday, July 25th.

A special invitation is extended to qualified area artists and craftsartists to be among the exhibitors in this fine juried event. Potential exhibitors are encouraged to submit four slides or photographs of their work representative of that which they wish to exhibit, one slide or photograph of their display set-up, a self-addressed, stamped business-size (No. 10) envelope – resume/show listing helpful.

Arts in Action will be included in the show with some of the exhibitors working/demonstrating at various times during the show. Programs will be available free of charge at the show listing the exhibitors, their media and showing their location in the show.

Additional information may be obtained from American Society of Artists by calling (312) 751-2500 or by visiting them at www.americansocietyofartists.org

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Southwest Area Obituaries

Donald P. Zawisza

Services were held at the John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Donald P. Zawisza. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Val; his children, Tony (Maren), Donna (Jim) Zawisza-Dineen and Sheila (Mike) Nelson; eight grandchildren; his sister, Dee (Gerry) Michuda; and his brother, Jerome Zawisza.

Donald F. Ruhl

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Donald F. Ruhl. He was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores "Pudge"; his children, James (Bev) and Connie (John) Diorio; four grandchildren; his sisters, Tate (Jack) Matz and Dolly (Joseph) Ferencak; and his brothers, Irv (Jan) Ruhl and John (Fran) Ruhl.

Adeline S. Bernard

Services were held Monday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Adeline S. Bernard, wife of the late William E. Bernard; her son, Carl William (Joyce) Bernard; two grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and her sisters, Juliana (Alfred) Schmal and Helen Pakalka.

Dale R. Muthart

Services were held Tuesday at the Thornridge Funeral Home, Orland Park, with a private interment for Dale R. Muthart. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Janice; his children, Dale (Barbara), Rebecca (David) Hanson, Elizabeth and Danine Schladitz; and eight grandchildren.

Margaret Falsey

Arrangements are being handled by Kenny Brothers Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, for Margaret Falsey, 79, of Chicago's South Side. She was a homemaker.

Jeffrey L. Burbridge

Services were held Tuesday At Damer Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Fairmount-Willow Hills Cemetery for Jeffrey L. Burbridge, 48, of Justice. He was a member and former past master of Argo Summit Masonic Lodge No. 1133, member of Medinah Shrine and member of Operating Engineers Local No. 150.

He is survived by his children, Jonathon (Erica) and Jennifer; his parents, Floyd and Ola; one grandchild; his brother, Robert (Dee); and his sister, Michele (Gary) Lyczak.

Vinka Brichta

A chapel prayers will be said at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22nd at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem Ave. Worth, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 8243 W. 111th St., Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Vinka Brichta, 74, of Dunedin, Fla., formerly of Palos Hills. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 21st at the funeral home.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Brichta; her sons, Walter Sinisi (Ann) and Vince Sinisi (Joy); her sister, Frankica Kalebic (Grga); her brother, Marinko Zic (Ivanka); six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Michael S. Hogan

Visitation was Tuesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, for Michael S. Hogan, 38.

He is survived by his parents, Audrey and Paul; one brother, Steve; and one sister, Kerry.

Sally I. Schwartz

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Sally I. Schwartz, 88, wife of the late Bernard.

She is survived by her children, Bill (Marianne) and Sandra Schwartz (Ted Stein); four grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her sister, Catherine Rund.

Harriet E. Gusick

Services were held Monday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Harriet E. Gusick, wife of the late Matthew Gusick; her stepchildren, Marilyn Anicich and Matthew (Barbara) Gusick; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Dorothy E. Reidy

Mass was held Tuesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Dorothy E. Reidy.

She is survived by her children, William (Loretta), John "Jack" (Cindy) and Paul Reidy; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Edward J. Burt Sr.

Funeral services and entombment were private for Edward J. Burt Sr., husband of the late Patricia Burt. Arrangements were handled by Robert Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home. He was a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his children, Robert Carey (Patricia) Burt, Edward J. Jr. (Linda) Burt, Suellen (Donald) Sues and Diane (William III) Johnston; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his brother, John Burt; and his sister, Teresa E. Pearson.

Vincent Austin Burke

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mount Greenwood, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Vincent Austin Burke, 85, husband of the late Delphine Burke and the late Lucy (Ryan) Burke. He was a veteran and retired Chicago Police commander. He was a former president and executive director the International and Illinois Juvenile Officers Association, lifetime member of the Illinois Police Association and Fraternal Order of Police. He was a past grand knight of the Martin County Florida Knights of Columbus. He was a current member of St. Michael Police Council.

He is survived by his children, Carol Karas and Sheila (Robert) Enright; stepchildren, Dennis (Susan) Ryan, Richard (Vivian) Ryan, Edward (Maryanne) Ryan and Joseph (Maureen) Ryan; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Michael Hansen

A Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Michael J. Hanson, 39.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M.; his children, Josh and Thomas; his mother, Christel; his brother, Steven (Marcie) Hansen; and his sister, Patty (Tim) Foley.

Therese Laschober

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Therese W. Laschober, wife of the late Albert Laschober.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Therese (Daniel) Stolinski; two grandchildren; her sisters, Mary Berkery and Margaret Dunn.

David W. Fenton

Mass was said Saturday at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, with a private interment for David W. Fenton. He was a World War II veteran and a coach of Roseland Little League, member of Tulanes S.A.C. and longtime player of Mount Greenwood 16-inch Softball "Mopes, Toxic Shocks." He was a 46-year employee of R.R. Donnelly. He belonged to Friend of R.R.D. Retiree.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his children, Dennis (Teresa) Fenton, Maureen (Scott) Curry, Thomas (Karen) Fenton, Colleen (Russell) Trapp and Christine (Phillip) Leonard, and 12 grandchildren.

Louise Hevrdejs

Mass was said Monday at St. Walter Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Louise Hevrdejs.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her children, Mark (Sheila) Hevrdejis and Susan (Edward) Coghlan; and six grandchildren; and her sister, Irene (Bruno) Trawinski.

Nancy L. Richardson

Services will be held Friday, May 21, in Mountain Home, Ark., for Nancy Lee Richardson, 66, of Mountain Home, Ark., formerly of Hickory Hills. She was a material control supervisor for Electro-Motive Division of General Motors.

She is survived by her son, James (Sandy) Jordan, two grandchildren; her brother, Jack (Oleva) Richardson; and her mother, Alta Richardson.

Elizabeth A. Fanning

A Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, with interment at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery for Elizabeth A. Fanning, 84, wife of the late Harry J. Fanning.

She is survived by her children, Sharon (Raymond) Cramsie and Margaret (Frank Micklin) Fanning; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Dave M. Stanis

Services were held Sunday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with a private interment for Dave M. Stanis.

He is survived by his parents, Wally and Dorothy Stanis; his sister, Karen Goings; and his brother, Ken (Debbie) Stanis.

Carl Calzaretto

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 13150 S. 88th Ave., Orland Park, for Carl Calzaretto. He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran. He was a retired carpenter for McCormack Place.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam Calzaretto; his children, William Kerkering and Patricia Walters; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one on the way; his sister, Violet Johnson; and his brother, Vincent.

Marlene Cipolla

Services were held Wednesday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with a private interment at Beverly Cemetery for Marlene Cipolla, 69.

She is survived by her huband, Joseph Cipolla; her children, Donald (Christine), Howard (Susan) and Jeffrey (Terri) Cipolla; her sisters, Betty (Larry) Zamtuk and Patricia (Leo) Nape; and seven grandchildren.

Anne V Danglemeyer

Mass was said in Arizona, with interment Tuesday in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Anne V. Danglemeyer.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Wimberg.

Robert Johandes Sr.

Services were held Tuesday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Fairmont Willow Hills Cemetery for Robert D. Johandes Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Johandes; his children, Sandra (John) Anhock and Robert J. (Kathy) Johandes; five grandchildren; his brother, Emil "Junior" (Carol) Johandes; and his sisters, Nellie (Charlie) Everett, Anne (Frank) Rozell and Linda Johandes.

Richard K. Lee

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22nd at Chapel Hill Garden South Funeral Home, 11333 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn, for Richard K. "Dick" Lee, 91, of Marco Island, Fla., formerly of Orland Park, husband of the late Elinor. Family will greet friends at 10 a.m. He was a World War II Navy veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He was past president and chief executive officer of Affiliated Steam Equipment Co. He was a member of Ridge Country Club and later Crystal Tree Country Club in Orland Park.

He is survived by his children, Cherie (Greg) Davis, Rick (Dawn) Lee and Laurie Rogers; 10 grandchildren; and his brother, Jim Lee.

Mary Rose Astransky

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery for Mary Rose Astransky, 83, of Mount Greenwood. She was a packer for a box company.

She is survived by her parents, Anton and Petronila Astrausky, and her sister, Helen Pavesic.

Nora Mae Casey

Mass was said Saturday at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Nora Mae Casey, 95, wife of the late Peter S. Casey.

She is survived by her children, John (Marilyn), Gus (Mary Anne), Margaret Cronin and Michael (Mary); 25 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Betty McCarthy and Jenny (Walter) Howse.

Victoria M. Drungle

Mass was said Monday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery for Victoria M. Drungle. She was retired from International Harvester, West Pullman Works, where she worked for 30 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne (Albert) Krawczyk; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Steven A. Pekala

Services were held Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Steven A. Pekala.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Susan; his sister, Ashley; and his grandparents, John and Barbara Malroit.

Albert J. Scheu

Private graveside services were held at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oakbrook Terrace, for Albert J. Scheu, 64, of Burbank. He was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his sister, Darlene (John) Wadlington.

Richard Roy Giniat

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Richard Roy Giniat, 60. He was a veteran and member of I.B.E.W. Local No. 134.

He is survived by his wife, Loreen; his children, Christine (Timothy) Lehman and Steven Giniat; two grandchildren; his brother, Edward (Leona) Giniat; and his sister, Louise (William) Niehaus.

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Lifeline & Link-Up Programs Benefits

Two Illinois programs that help low-income individuals obtain and pay for local phone service have brought nearly $26 million in federal funds to the state in the past five years, according to Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation (UTAC) President Allen Cherry.

Cherry said that the Lifeline and Link-Up programs benefit nearly 90,000 households in Illinois, providing discounted or free installation of telephones and discounts on the monthly local phone service.

"These universal service programs for low-income Illinois consumers play an important role in keeping all residents in our communities connected to each other," Cherry said. "As president of the UTAC board, I am proud that our efforts allow for the capture of millions of federal funding to supplement the assistance we're able to provide through voluntary contributions."

The federal government provides half the cost of installing a telephone, up to $30 per household, under the Link-Up program. A sister program, Lifeline, provides between $6.25 and $10.20 per month off the cost of local telephone service.

Voluntary contributions from Illinois phone users provide additional subsidies of phone costs for low income citizens. Cherry said that the number of households participating in the Lifeline and Link-Up programs has nearly tripled over the past five years, but the donations by Illinois citizens to support that program have not increased.

Individual telephone subscribers can contribute from 50 cents to $5 per month towards the program by contacting their local telephone company. Contributions are automatically added to their monthly phone bill. Businesses can contribute between $1 and $25 per month to the programs. One-time donations are also accepted. These contributions can be sent to UTAC, P.O. Box 1176, Springfield, IL 62705. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Link-Up and Lifeline benefits are available to individuals who participate in food stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) or federal public housing. Eligible individuals can sign up for these programs through their local telephone carriers.

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Ho-Chunk Casino Project Study

Recent results from the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce member survey show 53% of the members responding support the development of the Ho-Chunk Family Entertainment and Casino Project in Lynwood. According to Jim Bush of American Eagle Steel and Chairman of the Southland Chamber of Commerce most see this an ideal opportunity to begin the rebuilding of our commercial base in the Southland. "The development of the entertainment venue in Lynwood provides us with an important tourism destination. Something that is currently non-existent in the Southland."

Responses regarding the development of an airport in the Southland were not as clear. According to President and CEO of the Chamber, Kevin McNulty respondents strongly supported the development of the airport, but were either divided or unclear on which development plan to support.

Of those responding 30% indicated that they support the plan proposed by Congressman Jesse Jackson and 22% support the plan being initiated by Will County officials. The remaining 48% were still undecided on which plan to support. McNulty was quick to point out that the results of this make one thing clear, "All of this bantering back and forth between the two groups is causing confusion within the business community on which plan is the best one to support."

Chairman Bush further stated, "One thing that should not be confused is the Chamber's stand on the development of the Southland airport. The Chamber fully supports the development of the airport. We have no preference on who builds it, just that it gets built."

This survey is part of a program initiated by the Chamber to better measure business attitudes and opinions on issues of importance to the Southland area and to the Chamber's members. The Chamber surveys members each month using new Internet technology able to assess and compile responses instantly with the click of a mouse.

Sports Attackers

State Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced two bills to the governor's desk that would permit law enforcement officials to charge individuals who attack sports officials or coaches with aggravated assault and would require a mandatory minimum fine be assessed to the attacker.

The first of the bills, House Bill 4023, would make the offense an act of aggravated assault if the attacker knows that the victim is a coach or sporting official. Additionally, the attack must occur near or within a sports facility and the victim must be participating in an event at the sports facility. This legislation includes referees and umpires refereeing a game at any level of play, from professional sports to T-ball and youth soccer. Individuals convicted of the crime could be eligible for a term of imprisonment up to one year and a maximum fine of $2500.

The second, House Bill 4120, will require a mandatory minimum fine be given to anyone convicted of battery of a sports official. This bill is complimentary legislation to House Bill 4023. All of the fines and penalties addressed to HB 4023 will remain the same.

"These bills are a necessary measure to protect both sports officials and coaches from violent fans," said Maloney. "As a former official, I can tell you that referees are an integral part of the game. In the past, the law didn't protect sports officials and coaches regardless of the extent of their injuries. These new laws, when signed by the governor, will make important clarifications to existing law strengthening our ability to send a clearer message that these types of attacks will not be tolerated."

Modaff Elected As JULIE Board Pres.

Representative of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) announced recently that Jan Modaff, manager of locating services at Nicor Gas, was unanimously elected as Board President of the not-for-profit organization. With over 1,750 members, JULIE, Inc. stresses the importance of calling the one-call system before starting any digging projects and promotes safe digging practices in Illinois.

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The Illinois One-Call System is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The organization has 100 employees during peak periods and is located in a state-of-the-art facility in Joliet. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com.

Proposal To Build Mosque

A proposal to build a mosque in Orland Park was reportedly approved 6 to 1 May 11th in front of a standing-room-only crowd at a meeting of the village's plan commission.

More than 200 people heard comments of supporters and opponents of the proposed 22,000-square-foot mosque at 16530 104th Ave.

The proposal will go to the village's planning committee Monday, May 24th. If the committee approves the proposal, it is expected to be considered for final approval by the village board next month.

While mosque backers asked for religious tolerance, complaints reportedly focused more on traffic and property values then on religion. However, some residents worried about the mosque attracting extremists.

It is estimated by mosque supporters that about 150 people will pray at the mosque daily, with up to 500 workshops during Ramadan and hajj, it was reported.

A Cook County traffic engineer reportedly said that about 150 cars won't have a noticeable effect on traffic.

Backers of the mosque reportedly promised not to accept contributions from outside the United States to build the place of worship. They said about 90 percent of the funding will come from worshippers.

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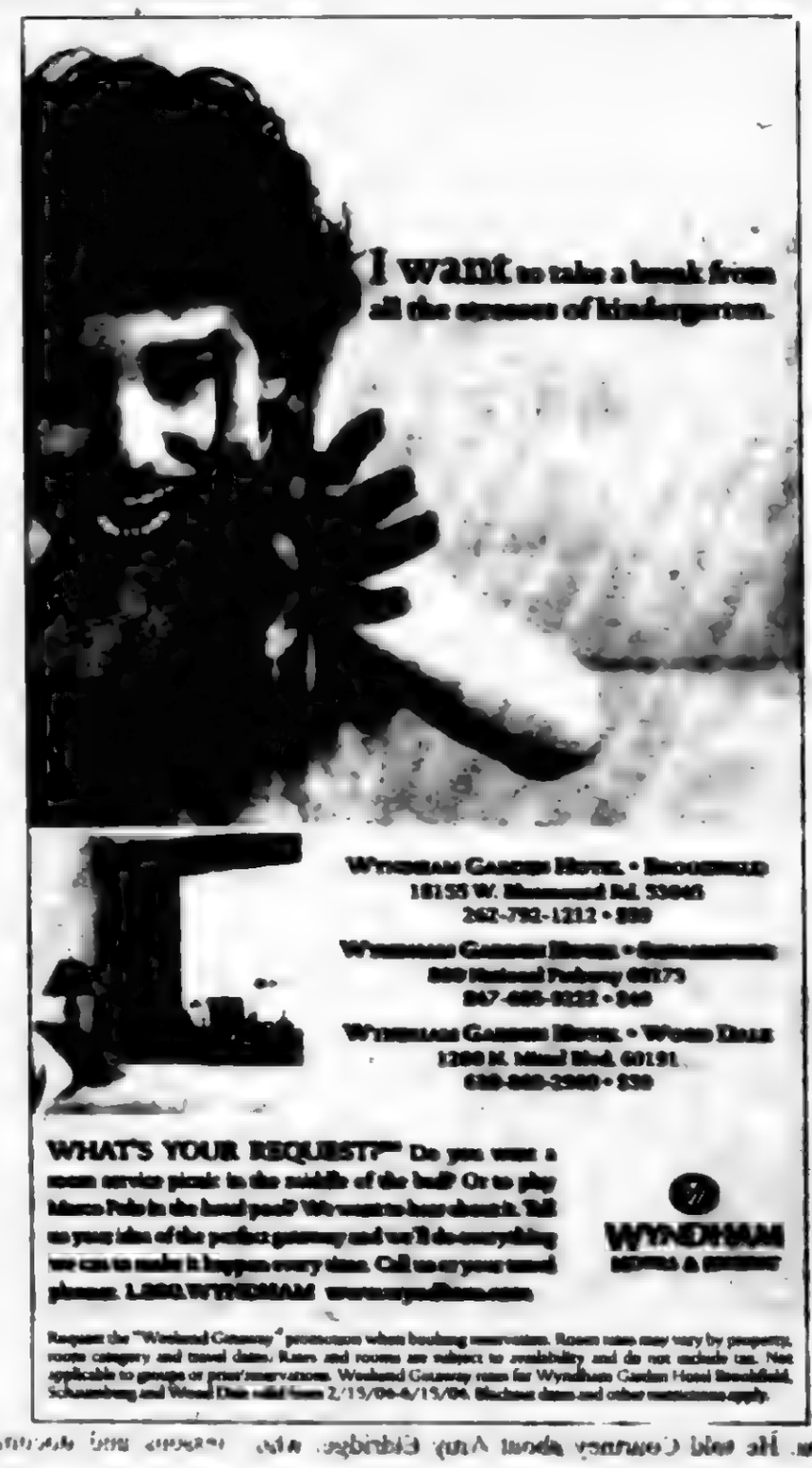


West Nile Virus Activity Seen

A dead crow and two pools of mosquitoes collected in DuPage County have been identified with West Nile virus, the first positive test results in Illinois this year for the mosquito-borne disease, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, announced.

Dr. Whitaker said the Illinois Department of Public Health was notified by DuPage County of the findings as part of the county's routine surveillance for West Nile virus. The dead crow was found May 10 in Downers Grove and the mosquito pools were collected May 6 in Wayne and May 10 in Darien.

"Illinois has seen West Nile virus activity the past three years and it is not a surprise to see a positive test result reported in the spring," Dr. Whitaker said. "These reports simply underscore the fact that the state and local health departments have in place a very aggressive surveillance effort for West Nile and other mosquito-borne diseases."

In 2003, the first positive bird for West Nile virus was reported May 21 in Henderson County. In all, last year 75 of the state's 102 counties were found to have a West Nile positive bird, mosquito, horse or human case. A total of 54 human cases of West Nile disease, including one fatality, were reported last year in Illinois.

In 2002, the state led the nation with 884 human cases, including 66 deaths, and West Nile activity was reported in 100 of 102 counties.

Surveillance for West Nile virus began May 1 and includes collecting dead crows and blue jays. Citizens who observe a sick or dying crow or blue jay should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird is to be picked up for testing.

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced that the state has awarded grants to local health departments totaling $2.3 million for the detection and control of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

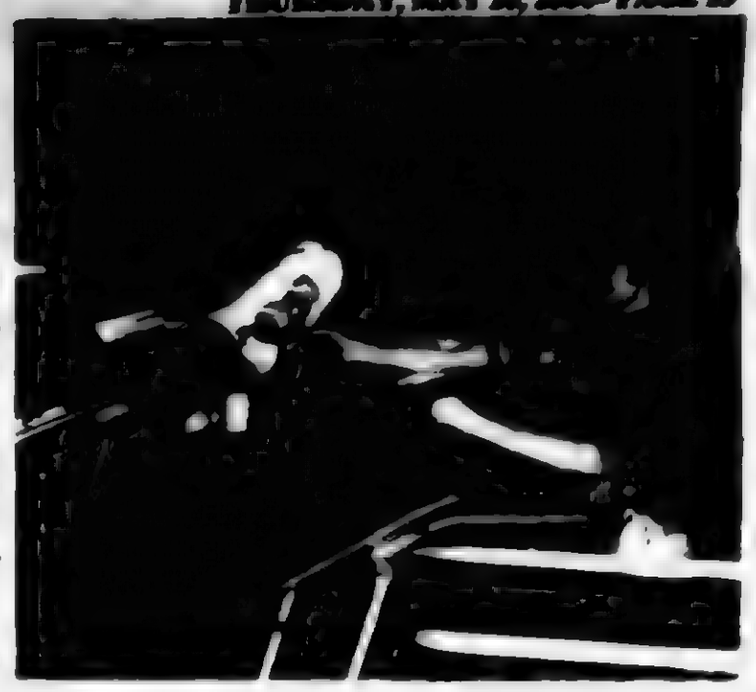
WNV is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Dr. Whitaker said West Nile infections can be mile and include fever, neck stiffness, stupor, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis and, rarely, death. Serious West Nile virus illness is most often present in individuals 50 years of age or older.

Dr. Whitaker said individuals can reduce their risk of West Nile disease and other mosquito-borne diseases by taking these precautions:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET according to label instructions.
- Consult a physician before using repellents on young children. Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site: www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.



Hold Blood Drive

Brother Rice High School students and faculty held a blood drive at the school in April. Approximately 81 units of blood were given to the LifeSource company and distributed to hospitals throughout the area. Each student who gave blood received a shirt and refreshments. Brother Rice Student Activities Director Gus Sundermeier said the blood drive was a tremendous success.

Find Nutrition In Vending Machines

Students in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) will find much more nutritious offerings in their school vending machines when they come back to school in the fall. The CPS is in the fall. The CPS is in the process of revamping its vending-machine programs for snacks and beverages in order to combat one of the causes of childhood obesity

"The statistics on the rise of childhood obesity are alarming," CPS Chief Executive Officer Arne Duncan said. "Students spend a large portion of their time at school, and we need to do more to promote healthy eating habits. This is an important step toward getting the junk food out of our schools."

The current vending-machine contract with Coca-Cola, which gives exclusive rights to place beverage machines in the city's public schools, does not place restrictions on the nutritional value of the beverages that are offered. The CPS is sending out a new Request for Proposals that only allows school vending machines to sell the following types of beverages:

- In elementary schools, juices containing 100% fruit juice, and in high schools, juices containing no less than 50% fruit juice.
- Waters.
- Non-carbonated sports drinks.

In addition, the CPS will team with the vending-machine firm that is awarded the contract on a "Healthy Drink Panel," which will work on recommending and promoting the distribution of new healthy beverages as they hit the market.

The CPS has also developed a new policy on snack vending machines. There is no current system-wide contract or policy on snack vending machines.

Under the terms of the proposed policy, snack vending machines would be prohibited from being placed in any CPS lunchrooms, and they would be off-limits to elementary and middle school students during the normal school day

There would also be the following restrictions on the types of snack products offered in the vending machines:

- Snacks may have no more than 30 percent calories from fat.
- Snacks may have no more than 40 percent sugar by weight.
- No candy or chewing gum.

The CPS Bureau of Food Services and Warehousing would also maintain an approved list of snack products and information on their nutritional value. Schools would select products from this list for placement in their vending machines.

The snack-machine policy is expected to go before the Chicago Board of Education at its May meeting.

"This is an important area that impacts the health of our students," Chicago Board of Education President Michael W. Scott said. "We need to set a criteria for the nutritional value of the snacks that are available in our schools."

The beverage-machine RFP and the snack-machine policy are aligned with the National School Lunch and Breakfast Regulations.

To further combat the causes of childhood obesity, the CPS Bureau of Food Services has established a task force that will work to set up educational programs designed to educate parents on the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise for the children. The task force scheduled its first meeting on May 11th.

Astronaut Candidate

NASA announced on Thursday, May 6th that Robert I. Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., an orthopaedic surgeon at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and researcher at Northwestern University, is part of the next generation of space explorers as he joins the newest class of astronaut candidates. The announcement was made as part of the Space Day celebration at the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.

Speakers at the NASA event included NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe and former Sen. John Glenn, and other current and former astronauts. The new class of 11 people chosen from a fiend of about 2,000 applicants includes pilots, engineers, researchers and educators who will focus their careers on fulfilling the Vision for Space Exploration. Dr. Satcher is one of two physicians in the class. During their NASA careers, members of the 2004 astronaut class may help develop the Crew Exploration Vehicle, study the effects of microgravity on the human body, and possibly help plan the first lunar missions. The class begins training this summer at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Once the astronaut candidate class completes a year of training, Dr. Satcher and the other astronauts are eligible to be assigned to a mission.

Dr. Satcher, who is 38, came to Northwestern Memorial about 2½ years ago and specializes in musculoskeletal oncology. He is an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, a researcher at The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and Northwestern's Institute for Bioengineering and Nanoscience in Advanced Medicine. Dr. Satcher is a specialist in child and adult bone cancer and is also an attending physician at Children's Memorial Hospital. He is leading research on why tumors metastasize to the bone, working to develop bone substitutes for use in cancer patients, and investigating new drugs for the treatment of bone cancer.

"There's some scientist in me. There's some explorer in me," says Dr. Satcher. "There's a humanitarian in me also. Space is the one venue that has the highest potential for benefiting people if we continue to be serious about exploring it. I have always had an interest in service and in science. I am interested in exploration too. Becoming an astronaut lets me do all three."

Dr. Satcher, who is a nephew of the former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., lives in Oak Park with his wife and new baby girl. "When I was a kid, I spent a lot of time learning about space," he says. "I saw Ron McNair, who was also an MIT graduate, speak and I was inspired by him. Then I watched the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986 and it really made me think about what being an astronaut means. I thought I can do this...I should do this."

Courtney Montgomery Travels To China

After four year of classes, studying and final exams, most high school seniors look forward to graduation more than anything else. But one Catholic high school senior will miss her big day to do something that's very personal to her. Mother McAuley senior Courtney Montgomery, 18, will miss her high school graduation ceremony to travel to China to take care of orphans who will undergo cleft palate surgery.

Courtney herself underwent palate surgery when she was 10 years old. During a routine visit to the dentist, a lump was found at the back of her throat and Courtney was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called mucoepodermoid carcinoma. She underwent palate surgery to remove the cancerous growth and today she remains cancer-free.

"This trip is very important to me," said Courtney, who will major in pre-medicine this fall at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. "I want to be a pediatrician and I think I can help these children because I understand what they're going through."

As part of the non-profit organization Love Without Boundaries, Courtney will travel from May 22nd to June 1st with a team of 20 medical professionals and volunteers to assist with cleft palate surgery for approximately 50 Chinese orphans ranging in age from 2 to 9 years old. Courtney must pay her own expenses for the trip, but says the cost is worth it to help these children.

The surgery will be performed at a hospital in the city of Shanton and orphans will come from approximately eight surrounding cities. Courtney, the youngest of the volunteers, will help make the children comfortable once they undergo surgery.

A resident of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, Courtney got involved in the Love Without Boundaries project through her neighbor, who adopted two children from China. She told Courtney about Amy Eldridge, who heads the program, and Amy asked if she'd be interested in helping.

"This medical mission and the surgery that the doctors perform is so important because it gives the children back their smiles and their happy faces," said Eldridge. "The surgeons, nurses and volunteers will work several hours each day, but the joy and hope they will bring to these children is priceless."

Although Courtney was not present at Mother McAuley's graduation ceremony, she received her high school diploma during an all-school Mass on Wednesday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m.

Offer "Self-Assessment" Seminar

The Dominican University School of Education is now accepting registrations for a graduate seminar for teachers holding an initial certification in the State of Illinois and are working toward obtaining standard certification before the end of their fourth year of teaching. The course, "Self-Assessment Seminar," will be offered at the River Forest campus, 7900 W. Division St., in the fall semester that begins Aug. 30th.

Those who satisfactorily complete the new course will earn four graduate semester hours of credit and fulfill the self-assessment coursework requirement for achieving standard certification set by the Illinois State Board of Education. Participants in this course will survey the literature of self-assessment, engage in activities to acquire skills for being a self-reflective educator, and apply the theory that they study in lessons they implement in their own classrooms. A university instructor will observe these lessons and document with the seminar participant the teaching and learning that occurs.

In addition to using the credits to fulfill State of Illinois requirements for certification, candidates also may apply them towards the master of arts in education degree for certified teachers offered at Dominican.

"This seminar is just one of several initiatives that the School of Education is developing through the Center for Professional Development to assist teachers throughout Illinois in meeting ongoing requirements for professional development and certification upgrades and renewals," said Sr. Colleen McNicholas, OP, dean of the Dominican University School of Education.

For more information on this course or to request registration materials, contact Sr. Cathy Campbell, SP, coordinator of the School of Education Center for Professional Development at (708) 524-6933 or email [illegible]

March was Women's History Month and Queen of Peace High School celebrated the strength and courage of women in a variety of ways.

The celebration kicked off with Spring Spirit Week featuring a day to dress up as a famous woman. Pictured walking in the shoes of famous women were (front row from left) Elizabeth Boyle of Beverly as Grace O'Malley, Pirate Queen and Kelley Sheehan of Oak lawn as Wonder Woman; (middle row) Lidia Mikula as the first woman surgeon in the Civil War, Shelby Stercle of West Beverly as Elizabeth I, Megan Baker of Beverly as Rosie the Riveter, teacher Ann David as Sandra Day O'Connor; (back row) Daryl Brady as Josephine Baker, Amanda Diaz of Chicago as a U.N. interpreter, Jackie Duffy of Chicago as the Statute of Liberty and Joanna Plaszewski of Chicago as Jackie Onassis.

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Blood Pressures

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Modesitt Receives Award

Elise Modesitt, a Harold L. Richards High School senior and a 2000 Prairie Junior High School graduate will be awarded the third annual Marilyn Clemens Teacher Education Scholarship. Elise will receive her $750 award at the Wednesday, June 2nd graduation at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmerson Thoms Activity Center at Prairie Junior High School, 11910 S. Kostner Ave. Elise plans to major in the field of education. The major criteria for the award is pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Marilyn Clemens, who retired as a teacher in June 2002, served in the Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn Elementary School District 126 for 35 years. She comes from a family of teachers including her husband, two daughters, and sister-in-law.

To enhance her science classes, Mrs. Clemens attended the Space Academy for Teachers in Huntsville, Alabama. She piloted the new and successful Accelerated Math program at Hazelgreen School. She supervised numerous student teachers and has been a mentor to several beginning teachers. Because of her love for the teaching profession, concern about the current teacher shortage in Illinois, and to encourage young people from the District 126 area to experience the rewards of teaching, Mrs. Clemens has generously endowed a scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving District 126 graduate who shows promise as a future teacher.

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Pictured from left: Oak Lawn Police Capt. Bill Villanova, Mike Deno, Chuck Brinkman, Dick Devine, Donna Norton, Oak Lawn Police Chief Bob Smith, and Oak Lawn Police Commander Mike Kaufman.

Three Honored For Their Work On The Harris Case

When Pete Trey called a mandatory 8:30 a.m. meeting for the entire Bridgeview office, Donna Norton, Chuck Brinkman and Mike Deno didn't think much about it, until they noticed Pete was just rambling on and on, about nothing important. Donna thought, he called us in for this?

Pete admitted he was just stalling because Devine was going to show up. The reason, the three ASAs learned, was because they were being honored by Devine and the Oak Lawn Police Dept. for their work on the Ricardo Harris case. A total surprise, which is why Chuck and Mike aren't wearing their jackets in the pictures.

Ricardo Harris walked into an Oak Lawn liquor store, murdered two employees and wounded two customers. The victims, Dipak Patel and Ambalal Patel, were both fathers of young children. Dipak's wife, who also worked at the store, showed up shortly after the murders to find police swarming the area. She was with their 11-year-old son.

After a jury trial that lasted two weeks, Harris was sentence to death. It was the first death penalty sentence in Cook County since the blanket clemencies given to everyone on death row more than a year ago.

The three ASA's were given plaques by Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert V. Smith, Jr., which read 'I was present for segments of the trial including opening statements, rebuttal and closing. I cannot say enough about your skills, presentation and composion throughout the trial as well as during the preparation with members of the Oak Lawn Police Department, witnesses and evidence. Your dedication, perseverance and ability to conquer obstacles in this case was something to behold."

Chuck was characteristically humble, "We were all just doing our jobs. We weren't expecting any special accolades for doing something anyone else would've done in our position. We were surprised and pleased."

Donna said she was quite surprised, but wanted to share credit with their partners, who covered their caseloads for them while they were wrapped up in this one. "We couldn't have done this without Mary Malin. She contacted all the out-of-state witnesses, some going back 20 years, and somehow got them to drop everything and come testify." At one point during the sentencing, when the defendant refused to come out of the lockup, some of the out-of-state witnesses had to be flown home on Friday and back on a Sunday. Donna also gave credit to Victim Witness specialists Isabel Martinez and Roberta Lewis.

For Mike Deno, the case was finally over when Dipak Patel's son took the stand to read a victim impact statement, "It was then that I really felt that some sense of justice was achieved for him and his family, and all the victims in this case."

Chamber Golfing

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is now seeking hole sponsorships, raffle prize donations and volunteers for its July 14th annual golf outing fund-raiser at Stony Creek Golf Course.

For more information, call (708) 424-8300.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 29 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th & Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

MAY 31 – Monday – Memorial Day Celebration, Memorial Park, 102nd & Major, Begins 8 a.m.

JUNE 1 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JUNE 2 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 3 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JUNE 3 – Thursday – Friends of Oak Lawn Library Annual Dinner Meeting, Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 Cicero Ave., Doors open at 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 3 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JUNE 3 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 3 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

Police Sgt. Michael Murray And Officer Robert Hon

Take Oath Of Office

Police Sgt. Michael Murray, who was promoted to Lieutenant, and Officer Robert Hon, who was promoted to Sergeant, received their oath of office from Village Clerk Jayne Powers at the board meeting on May 25th. Family members of both men were introduced and both men stated they were proud to be part of the Oak Lawn Police Department.

The board approved a motion by Trustee Steven Rosenberg requesting that the board meet only on the first Tuesday of July and August, traditional vacation months, as had been done in previous years.

An ordinance approving the disposal of excess village vehicles and equipment at the Southwest Conference of Mayors 2004 Joint Municipal Auction was approved. The auction will be held on June 5th at the Orland Park Public Works facility. The Equipment Maintenance Division of the Public Works Dept. will dispose of five pickup trucks, two mini dump trucks, a full-size dump truck, a backhoe/breaker, a front end loader, a one-ton roller, a trench excavator, and a tree stump grinder.

A request for a Summer Sidewalk Sale on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, for the next five weekends, from the Dollar Store at 8718 S. Cicero was approved, providing the landlord submits a letter agreeing to the sidewalk sale. Also approved was a request to install a tent for a summer sale at Sportmart, 9633 S. Cicero, beginning May 27th through June 4th. A member of the audience stated that the tent has already been installed and asked if a penalty could be assessed because the tent had been installed previous to approval, just as the building of a home prior to receipt of a permit was assessed a fine. No one responded to this question.

Acting Mayor Stancik reported that the village has begun a crackdown on violators of the village sign ordinances. All businesses will be in compliance with the signage ordinance and fines will be assessed.

The board approved the URS-TPAP proposal submitted by the finance committee for the preparation of incremental property tax revenue estimates. The proposal will prepare estimates of the revenue that may be generated in the Train Station TIF, the Commuter Parking Lot/Station TIF and the Amended Triangle TIF. The estimates will be used to prepare bond issues which are needed for the town center/train station developments. The cost of the work will be between $8,000 and $9,500.

The next meeting will be held on June 8th.

Friends Of Library Membership

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting new members and renewals for their 2004-05 membership year. The fee is $5 for an individual and $8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. The benefits of membership are news updates from the Friends and discounts on most trip tickets. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Desk and via the Friends web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Each year, between 500 to 800 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Their membership year runs June 1st through May 31st.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, (708) 422-4990.

Memorial Day Observance Services
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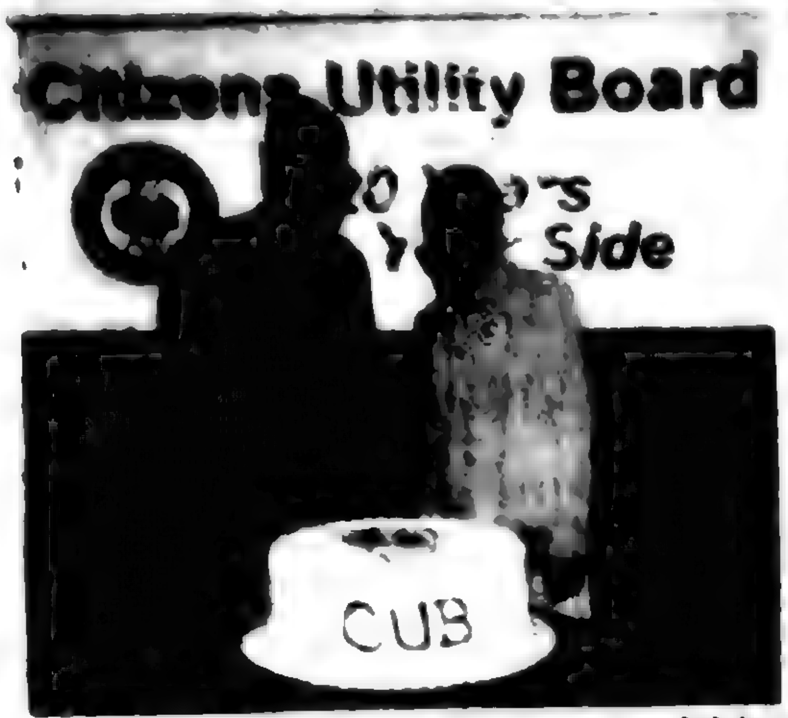
CUB 20th Anniversary



The Citizens Utility Board (CUB), fresh from helping defeat attempts to raise electricity rates last fall and gearing up to face two high-profile utility cases next month, celebrated its 20-year anniversary with Illinois legislators, elected officials, ratepayers and well-wishers at the State Capitol.

One of just a handful of non-profit organizations in the country dedicated solely to protecting residential and small business utility customers, CUB is celebrating its 20-year milestone with events across the state.

"It's amazing when you think about how much has changed in the lives of consumers over the last 20 years," CUB Executive Director Martin Cohen said. "When the Citizens Utility Board was founded, there was only one telephone company and no such thing as a cell phone, fax machine or the Internet. About the only thing that hasn't changed in the last 20 years is the need for CUB."

CUB kicked off a month-long anniversary celebration last month at a breakfast and awards ceremony held in Chicago. Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, State Sen. Frank Watson and other elected officials joined 200 consumers for the festivities, held at a senior center on the city's northwest side.

At the ceremony held in the Capitol, CUB thanked members of the Illinois General Assembly and others for their support of CUB's work on behalf of consumers over the last 20 years. CUB was created by the state legislature in 1983 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers across Illinois. CUB intervenes in rate proceedings before state and federal utility regulators, operates a toll-free consumer hotline and consumer outreach service, and serves as a voice for consumers in the General Assembly.

Over the years, CUB has saved Illinois utility consumers more than $10 billion. The organization's recent accomplishments include blocking ComEd and Illinois Power's special rate hike [illegible] in the fall veto session, exposing [illegible] dealings between Peoples Energy and Enron, a record $224 million credit for SBC customers and a $38 million rate cut for Verizon. And, in 1997, CUB won a historic 20 percent electric rate reduction as part of an industry restructuring bill.

CUB's 20th anniversary comes as the organization gears up to fight two controversial cases against gas suppliers Nicor and Peoples Gas. Both companies are accused of improper business deals that enriched stockholders at the expense of consumers. And, both companies misled state regulators about those dealings. CUB is asking for a $190 million refund from Nicor and at least $110 million refund for Peoples Gas customers.

"CUB's job is more crucial now than ever before," CUB Board President William Fritz said. "The utilities always want to dig deeper into consumers' pockets. And with the enormous changes taking place in the industry today – like new, unregulated companies entering the market – they have a lot of new ways to do it. With the support of Illinois consumers, CUB looks forward to keeping up the fight for decades to come."

CUB is a non-profit statewide utility watchdog funded primarily by its members and by a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. For information on CUB and its efforts to protect consumers over the last 20 years, call 1(800) 669-5556 or visit CUB's web site at www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) Executive Director Martin Cohen joins Sen. Jacqueline Collins in the Capitol to celebrate 20 years of CUB and $10 billion in Illinois consumer savings.

Cicadas Are Coming

Billions of periodic cicadas, the loudest of all insects, are about to descend on parts of the United States, including Illinois, after spending 17 years underground. They are expected to arrive in mid-May.

Following are seven facts about cicadas.

- The group that is emerging this year, Brood X, is thought to be the largest of all the 17-year cicada broods.
- Periodical cicadas are found only in the United States east of the Great Plains. Brood X will affect Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- This years's brood will arrive in early May and be around through mid-June.
- Periodic cicadas look noticeably different from the dog day cicada that most people are familiar with. They have red eyes and are mostly black with orange-veined wings.
- The 17-year life cycle of the periodic cicada is the longest of any insect.
- The noise one hears is the male singing to attract females. He makes the sound by vibrating membranes on the side of his body, underneath his wings.
- Cicadas emerage when the soil temperature exceeds 64 degrees.

After spending 17 years underground, periodic cicada numphs construct exit tunnels through the soil and crawl up on a tree or weed stem.

Soon after, the cicada's skin splits down the back, and they shed their shells. The brown casings left behind are called exuviae.

Male cicadas begin producing calling songs and form choruses to attract females.

After mating, the female cicada makes a series of slits on the underside of a twig and lays her eggs.

After they hatch, the young nymphs drop to the ground where they burrow into the soil and feed on the sap of tree roots for the next 17 years.

Following are five more facts about cicadas.

- The male cicada makes the loudest sound in the insect world. If one stands right next to him, it would sound as loud as a power lawn mower.
- Once they emerge, males live above ground for about two week, females for up to six.
- Periodic cicadas are able to achieve population densities of up to 1.5 million per acre because of their ability to avoid predators during their lengthy stay underground. This is known as predator satiation.
- Female cicadas lay 400 to 600 eggs in as many as 40 to 50 nests before they die.
- The transparent wings of cicadas are said to block out ultraviolet rays.

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Editor:

The future of horse racing in Illinois is bleak if current trends continue. Horse racing in Illinois, both thoroughbred and harness racing, is in jeopardy of becoming extinct.

That is why the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation (ITBOF) and all the other horse industry associations are supporting passage of the Gaming Act, which would allow slot machines at racetracks.

As background, over the past 10 years horse farms and the breeding business have been sorely affected by the increased cost of doing business, while at the same time demand for quality horses has diminished.

One factor is related to diminished production of race horses. Mates bred in Illinois have declined by 10 percent. Consequently, foals produced have declined by 20 percent, since not all bred mates produce foals.

In 1991, there were 1,473 foals registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Registration is a legal requirement for making a horse eligible to race. In 2000, there were 953 foals registered, a decline of more than 35 percent.

There has also been a steady decline in the number of horses raised or sold.

There were 108 two-year-olds consigned for sale in 2000; in 2003, only 58 were consigned to the Two Year Old in Training Sale conducted by the ITBOF. In 2001, 60 yearling horses were consigned to the ITBOF Yearling Sale, but only 37 in 2003.

And the decline is directly related to a lack of demand. Prospective buyers are questioning the likelihood a horse will earn an amount even approaching the cost of maintenance, due to low purses and no hope of purse increases in the foreseeable future.

In addition, numerous breeding farms have either gone out of business or relocated to states that have the ability to provide higher purses. These include Indiana, West Virginia, Louisiana and all of Canada. Their purse structures are more favorable because they are derived in part from casino revenues.

Kentucky, too, has attracted some of our Illinois horse farms because of its more favorable legislative climate, as well as the prospect of the passage of a Gaming Act allowing slot machines at Bluegrass State racetracks.

In turn, the loss of our farms in Illinois and the consequent decline in the number of horses has created innumerable problems with respect to producing an attractive product for racing fans that generate the pari-mutuel handle. The average field size in 2003 was seven or eight horses. Smaller fields mean less fan support and a smaller handle.

Yet the economic impact of the horse industry in Illinois remains tremendous. It produces goods and services valued at $1.3 billion. More than 210,000 residents are involved in the industry, and it provides nearly 16,000 full-time jobs. Horses in Illinois consume 500,000 tons of hay and grain annually, worth $100 million.

All of these figures will be negatively impacted if we allow further decline in the Illinois horse industry by failing to give owners, breeders, trainers, employees and racetracks a fair chance to compete with the state lottery and casino gambling.

Existing casino boats should not have a monopoly on casino games. Racetracks should be allowed to compete and improve the entire system. Racetracks have allowed their product – horse races – to be broadcast to casino venues. It is only fair that casinos should allow racetracks to host slot machines.

On the tax side, state government receives in excess of $40 million each year from pari-mutuel wagering. With the state in dire financial condition, our legislative and executive leadership can ill afford the loss of any of this revenue – but if the present course continues, the state's income will surely decline.

At the same time purses at harness and thoroughbred tracks have been stagnant, the costs of owning, training and the care and maintenance of horses has steadily increased. This has come even as the General Assembly has authorized increases in the size of the state lottery and casino gambling.

A leveling of the playing field is long overdue. The legislature should pass the Gaming Act without delay, and give the oldest licensed gambling activity in Illinois – thoroughbred racing – a chance to survive.

If not, the agribusiness of the state will be severely affected and horse racing will deteriorate and die.

Sincerely,
John D. Bauman
ITBOF President

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YOUR Favorite Recipe and/or Helpful Hints

BANANA BARS

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup soft butter
- 1 cup (2 small) thinly sliced bananas
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- egg

Combine the flour, sugars and butter with mixer until crumbly. Press 1 1/2 cup for topping. To the remaining crumb mixture, add the remaining ingredients; beat 1 minute at medium speed. Pour into pan. Over crust, sprinkle with the reserved crumbs. Bake 30 to 40 minutes until brown. Cut into bars.

Pat Mueller

RANCH FIESTA DIP

- package Ranch Fiesta Dip
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- small can of diced black olives
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SXU Tutorial Classes Registration

Beginning June 1st, Saint Xavier University's Merwick Academy will hold registration for elementary and high school tutorial classes, to be offered in two three-week sessions this summer in the Warde Academic Center, on Saint Xavier's Chicago Campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street.

Classes are for elementary and high school students who need extra help in one of nine subject areas. Space is available for up to six students in each class. Working and retired area teachers and Saint Xdavier education students will lead the tutorials, to be held on the fourth floor of the Warde Academic Center.

Elementary school classes will be held in the morning, in one-hour sessions, Monday through Thursday. Class times are 9, 10 and 11 a.m. High school classes will be held in the afternoon, in one-hour sessions, Monday through Thursday, class times are 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

Session I classes meet Monday, June 21st through Friday, July 9th. Classes will be held Friday, July 9th to make up for the observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 5th. Session II classes meet Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 29th.

Registration for Session I will be held June 1st to the 18th. Registration for Session II also begins June 1st and runs through July 9th. Registration is open 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost for each subject is $175, with a $50 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration.

For more information on the Merwick Academy, please call Kathryn Koloze at (773) 298-3182.

The Merwick Academy of Saint Xavier University, formerly named the Cultural Arts program, provides educational tutorial programs for elementary and secondary students of public, parochial and private schools from the southwest side of Chicago and its suburbs. The program allows students of different cultures, ethnicities, abilities and genders to interact in the learning process.

Pat Martyn Receives Medallion

Patricia Martyn (center) state president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Illinois, received a medallion from National President Evelyn McCann (on the left) and Doreen Mangold, National Membership Chairman (on the right) at the Mid-year Conference of the National Ladies Auxiliary. The conference was held at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

The medallion was presented to all state presidents whose state reached 85% in membership by Dec. 31st, 2003. The presidents who achieved this goal were treated to a "Night on the Town." They walked from the Opryland Hotel to the Grand Old Opry. They were taken on a tour and then served dinner on stage.

Pat, who is a resident of Orland Park and a member of Auxiliary 9773 in Hometown, will end her year as president at the Illinois State Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, June 24th through 27th.

Lewis Students Travel To Help In Bolivia

Eight members of the Lewis University community will travel to Sucre, Bolivia to help the poorest of the poor as part of the Diocese of Joliet University Mission Trip scheduled for June 2-16.

Lewis students Mike Busse of McHenry; Lonnie Chitwood of Morris; Cynthia Lopez of Cicero; Phil Lozano of Lockport; Christina Payton of West Chicago and Alina Rivas of Lyons, along with recent Lewis graduate Samantha Mosher of Crest Hill and University Ministry staff member Kevin Ludden of Orland Park, will accompany a faith-based mission team consisting of 30 students from Lewis, the University of St. Francis and Benedictine University.

Those participating in the diocesan-sponsored trip will volunteer their time working at various service sites including orphanages, a daycare center and a 32-bed hospital built by the Diocese of Joliet to assist those who are in need of medical care but cannot pay for this help. In many cases, the student volunteers will act as a "second pair of hands" for the current workers at these service sites. For instance, at the orphanages, volunteers will take on duties such as diapering, feeding and giving one-on-one attention to the infants, while helping the older children with their homework and playing games with them. In the evenings, the volunteers will meet with youth groups to discuss prevalent issues facing them as young people.

For ten years, the Diocese of Joliet has been sending medical teams, along with university student groups to Sucre. High school students also have participated in past trips. The Diocese has organized a corps of construction workers too that travels to Bolivia twice each year with the medical teams to help with improvement projects for the citizens of Sucre. This year's student trip will mark the third time in as many years that Catholic universities of the Diocese have combined their efforts to participate in the outreach program.

A special Commissioning Mass is planned for Sunday, May 30th, for all students taking part in the Diocesan mission trip. Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, the Mass will be held in Sancta Alberta Chapel on the Lewis University main campus, located on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Singles

On Track Singles group of St. Mary, Star of the Sea parish will hold a general meeting on Monday, June 7th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Duggan Hall, 6435 S. Kilbourn. All interested singles at welcome to attend. For more information about the group, or to receive a copy of the newsletter, call John (773) 585-8242 or Lucy at (773) 778-8239, after 7:00 p.m.

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Prepare For River Flooding

Several Cook County Departments are assisting in Maine and Wheeling Townships as residents and businesses along the Des Plaines River prepare for flooding.

- The Cook County Highway Dept. brought in more than 250 tons of sand recently for use along the affected area. A 1,500-2,000 foot long sand barrier is being constructed along Gregory and Gray Lynn Drive (immediately north of Maryville Academy) to protect homeowners in unincorporated Cook County. The highway department will also set up lights so that crews can work through the night. More sand will be brought in as needed.
- The Highway Dept. has also provided equipment for pumping water out of affected areas and are working with sign and traffic signal contractors in the event that road closures are necessary over the next several days.
- The Cook County Dept. of Public Health will be providing tetanus shots to first responders and volunteer flood workers who have not had a tetanus shot in the past 10 years from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Prairie Lake Shelter, 515 Thacker in Des Plaines.
- The Cook County Building and Zoning Dept. has been on site in the area inspecting structures in unincorporated Cook County damaged by flood waters to ensure they are safe for habitation and use.
- The Forest Preserve District of Cook County continues to monitor its holdings and may close down areas that could cause safety hazards to residents or users. These include areas such as picnic groves and trails.

Cook County has been meeting regularly over the past several days with local and state officials in the affected communities and townships to provide additional resources to protect residents and minimize property damage.

Tax Refunds Web Site

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced a new service that will help thousands of additional property owners find if they may be due property-tax refunds for exemptions they might have missed.

"Taxpayers now may go to www.cookcountytreasurer.com and click on 'Exemption History' to see if their properties were credited for important tax breaks," Pappas said. "This is important, because taxpayers can still go back and receive credits from the Assessor's Office and then receive related refunds from the Treasurer for taxes they already paid. We conservatively estimate more than $45 million in reductions are available."

More than 200,000 properties show the potential for qualifying. That is based on records of property owners receiving the homeowner, senior or senior-assessment freeze exemptions one year, but not the next. In some cases, owners qualified but did not apply. For example 65,913 properties received the homeowner exemption for 1999 taxes but not 2000; 25,633 received it for 2000, not 2001; and 151,906 received it in 2001, not 2002. The properties are geographically split almost evenly between Chicago and the suburbs.

The new three-year history on the Web expands a successful effort by the Treasurer's Office to send letters and use the Internet to tell taxpayers who missed exemptions on the bills paid last fall. "Tens of thousands of homeowners have filed with the Assessor's Office since then and most are now going to receive refunds of $300 to $650 each," Pappas said.

Picket And Protest Cuts

On Wednesday morning (5/26) Chicago Teachers Union and SEIU members were picketing and protesting the Chicago Public Schools proposed cuts at the Chicago Board of Education offices.

Calling the proposed CPS budget cuts "an unconscionable attack on the city's most vulnerable students" and accusing the Board of Education of a "commitment gap," CTU President Deborah Lynch was joined by dozens of CTU and SEIU members as they launched their fight against the loss of front line jobs announced by the Chicago Public Schools.

"Weeks ago we presented Arne Duncan with an Early Retirement plan that would have saved the Board nearly $100 million each year while costing taxpayers nothing. Instead of working with us to pass that Early Retirement legislation, Duncan has chosen to meet his supposed budget gap, not by cutting the nearly $200 million he has spent in the last year on 25 new "administrative area offices, but by cutting staff that serve Chicago's neediest students – special ed and preschools. This is an unconscionable move that we will fight with every means at our disposal."

Anita Alvarez Is Honored

Anita Alvarez, Chief Deputy to Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine, was honored by the Hispanic Lawyers Assn. of Illinois recently. The third largest-ranking prosecutor in the State's Attorney's Office, Alvarez was presented with the Aguila Award which honors the HLAI member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and legal service to the Hispanic community.

The presentation took place during the HLAI's annual scholarship awards dinner at the Weston River North.

Alvarez lives in the western suburbs with her husband and their four children. She is perhaps best known as one of the attorneys who prosecuted Patrick Sykes, convicted in the 1997 attack of Girl X, who was left vision-impaired and unable to speak or use her hands.

Alvarez attended Loyola University for her undergraduate studies and received her law degree from Chicago Kent. She has been with the State's Attorney's Office for 18 years.

Paint Five I-57 Bridges

The painting of five bridges along I-57 began on May 24th. Crews will first paint the bridge on I-57 over Dixie Highway. The work then will move to other structures at Sibley Blvd. (IL 83 or 147th St.), 143rd, 149th and Vermont Sts.

There will be weekend and nighttime temporary lane closures to minimize traffic impact in the Dixmoor, Posen, Blue Island and Calumet Park area. Crews will be working seven days a week, weather permitting.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

While most Americans go through the rituals of remembrance of those who perished for our country, the Memorial Day weekend (Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 31) has become a holiday for many folks. Ceremonies dedicated to the courageous efforts of our military personnel…those who made the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who continue to provide safety and security for our way of life…will be held throughout our great state. We urge our readers and their families to attend one or more of these testimonials.

The City of Chicago's Commemoration of Memorial Day takes place Saturday, May 29. The day begins at 11 a.m. with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Eternal Flame in the Daley Civic Center (Dearborn at Washington Sts.) Heralded as the largest Memorial Day parade in the nation, the event steps off at 12 noon on historic State Street and proceeds south from Wacker Drive to Van Buren St. Local and national dignitaries, veterans, floats, bands and JROTC units, of which Chicago has the largest enrollment in the nation, will participate.

The Grand Marshal for the Chicago Memorial Day Parade is Colonel James B. Hickey, commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), the U.S. Army unit that captured Saddam Hussein. Colonel Hickey's special guests include Colonel Joseph Anderson, commander, 2nd Brigade (502nd PIR), 101st Infantry Division (Air Assault), who led the unit that killed Saddam Hussein's two sons who resisted being captured. They will be joined by military dignitaries representative of every branch of the Armed Forces.

"It is a real honor to have a Chicago native serve as our Grand Marshal," says Ty Tabing, Executive Director of the Greater State Street Council. Colonel Hickey was born and raised in the Chicago area, the second oldest of six children of Irish immigrants. He attended St. Laurence High School in Burbank and graduated at the head of his class in 1983 from Virginia Military Institute. He has been married for 20 years and is fluent in French, German and Russian.

This year's parade remembers all those who are engaged in the cause of freedom throughout the world, especially *Operation Iraqi Freedom* in Iraq and *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan. The purpose of the event is to reflect on all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation – the more than 1.2 million people who have died since the Revolutionary War while serving our country.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict, the 60th anniversary of D Day in WW II, and the 90th anniversary of WW I.

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The Chicago Department on Aging is still seeking new members for its Advisory Council. There are currently three vacancies on the Council. New members are needed to represent the southeast, southwest and central west regional communities of Chicago.

The Chicago Advisory Council on Aging acts as an advisor on programs and services that affect the City of Chicago's older population. The Council also assists in the development of an annual Area Plan on Aging used by the Department on Aging to identify how federal funds allocated under the Older Americans Act are distributed in Chicago.

Candidates will be recommended to Mayor Richard M. Daley for appointment to a two-year term. Membership is open to all ages. Persons interested in submitting an application should call the Chicago Department on Aging at (312) 744-7924. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2004.

Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan celebrated a victory Tuesday (5/25) for homeowners as the Illinois Senate approved the 7% assessment cap developed by the Assessor to address skyrocketing residential property values. The statewide property tax relief package (Senate Bill 2112), which was passed by the House on May 5 and ratified by the Senate today, will limit residential assessment increases from growing more than 7% per year and further expand current exemptions. The bill now moves to Governor Blagojevich for his signature.

Once signed into law, the 7% cap will be applied to the recent dramatic assessment increases in the city of Chicago brought on by the strong residential real estate market. Chicago homeowners, whose 2003 reassessment resulted in a median increase of 32%, will see the relief reflected on the second-installment tax bills they will receive this fall. Homeowners in the North and South suburbs will benefit following their upcoming reassessments in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

"A wide variety of elected officials, community organizations, groups and individuals were relentless in their support of the 7% assessment cap from the beginning because they understood how critical meaningful tax relief is to our communities and neighborhoods," said Houlihan. "We now need to build on this momentum and extend our commitment to the total restructuring of the Illinois tax system to make it more reasonable, fair and equitable to all taxpayers."

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In its inaugural season, the Windy City ThunderBolts baseball club is striving to make the baseball experience as enjoyable and affordable as possible. In line with this thinking, the ThunderBolts will begin the 2nd 3-game home stand with Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 as Red, White and Blue Night in honor of all who have served and still serve in our armed forces. Any fans wearing red, white and blue will get half off their ticket price. The ThunderBolts are also proud to announce that Tuesday, June 1 will be Hawaiian Night and anyone wearing a Hawaiian shirt will get half off their ticket price, and fans will receive a lei as they enter the stadium. Wednesday, June 2 will be Ladies Night with all ladies getting half off their ticket price. The ThunderBolts have a six-game home stand, playing three games against the Ozark Mountain Ducks over the weekend and starting Monday play three games against the Mid Missouri Mavericks.

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More than 2,500 Illinois reservists have left families and jobs behind after having been activated to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations. With that in mind, Attorney General Lisa Madigan has called on Gov. Rod Blagojevich to sign HB 4660, legislation to better protect the employment rights of reservists called up for active duty.

The bill, drafted by Madigan with Sen. George Shadid and Rep. Lisa Dugan, strengthens and updates the 1941 Service Men's Employment Tenure Act, implementing fines if an employer knowingly and willingly violates the Act.

Use Safety Belts And Save Lives

With Memorial Day approaching, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding drivers to use their safety belts and be sure children are properly restrained. Twenty-two people were injured and 1,057 injured on Illinois roadways during the Memorial Day weekend in 2002.

"Safety belts save lives," White said. "Keeping our roads safe means that we buckle up every day and make sure our children are properly buckled up."

Secretary of State police will be out patrolling the roads for drivers who aren't wearing their safety belts during the holiday week, which is also Buckle Up America Week from May 24th through 31st.

Safety belts save an estimated 14,000 lives of people over the age of four annually, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

There were 459 fatalities among children under five, 40 percent of these children were unrestrained.

NHTSA reports that seatbelt usage has increased from 58 percent in 1996 to 79 percent in 2003.

In Illinois, 115,324 drivers were convicted of not wearing their safety belts in 2003.

New Illinois state laws require:

- All drivers and front seat passengers to wear safety belts.
- Children under age eight to be secured in an appropriate child restraint system.

Parents should never place rear-facing child safety seats in the front passenger seat with an active airbag. Also, infants should remain in rear facing child safety seats until they are at least one year of age and 20 pounds. The safest place for children under 12 years of age is in the back seat.

For more information on child safety seats or to make an appointment to have your seat checked by a technician, visit www.cybendriveillinois.com or call the toll-free Traffic Safety hotline at (866) 247-0213.

Ethics Ordinance Amendments Passed

Sponsored by Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. and Commissioners John P. Daley, Earlean Collins, Mike Quigley and Peter Silvestri, the Cook County Board recently passed several amendments to the Cook County Ethics Ordinance. The new amendments take effect immediately and tighten restrictions on both elected officials and public employees by:

- prohibiting elected officials who are candidates for office from using County funds or resources to print or mail newsletters or brochures or have their name, image or voice used in a public service announcement during an election season;
- prohibiting County officials from directly soliciting political contributions from their employees or immediate families;
- restricting employees and officials with 'contract management authority' from serving on the political fundraising committee of any County elected official or candidate;
- strengthening prohibitions on using County employees and taxpayer funded resources for political work;
- removing several exemptions in the gift ban section, including golf and tennis and by limiting spending on meals to $75 per day by a prohibited source;
- mandating ethics education and training for senior administrative staff and elected officials;
- strengthening post-employment restrictions on County employees; and
- increasing fines and strengthening penalties for violations of the ordinance.

The full ordinance can be viewed by selecting the Board of Ethics page at www.cookcountygov.com.

Security Showcase

The Building Owners & Managers Assn. of Suburban Chicago (BOMA/Suburban Chicago) will present a "Security Showcase" designed for commercial property managers, facility managers, assistant managers, building engineers, security personnel and other property professionals. The Showcase will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at Riverway, 6133 N. River Rd. in Rosemont, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Joan O'Brien, Supervisory Special Agent with the FBI, will speak from 9 to 9:45 on "Counter-terrorism" addressing Domestic vs. International terrorism, who to call, and "Can it happen here?" The Showcase begins at 9:45 and will feature manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of the newest products and services for building safety and security, such as access systems, biometric readers, wand monitoring systems, surveillance, fire alarms, disaster services, emergency & evacuation products and more.

Registration begins at 8:30; coffee and rolls will be offered. The event is free for one representative from a BOMA/Suburban Chicago member building; two representatives may attend for $15, and three representatives for $25. Nonmembers may attend for $25 each.

Space is limited and advance registration is requested. For additional information or to register, call BOMA/Suburban Chicago at (847) 995-0970 or email boma@bomasuburbanchicago.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings:

I want to extend my best wishes to everyone on this Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is a patriotic touchstone for Americans. It is a special time to gather with our families and friends. Along with reflecting on memories of those who are no longer with us, it is a day to honor the valiant men and women of the military who gave their lives for our country. Let us also remember all the victims of terrorism and, each in our own way, celebrate the Americans who engaged in the cause of freedom throughout the world.

I hope this is a reflective and memorable Memorial Day for everyone.

Sincerely,
s/s Maria Pappas
Cook County Treasurer

Orchestra Auditions

The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago will hold auditions for all instruments Saturday and Sunday, May 29th and 30th and Saturday, June 5th in Classical Symphony Hall, the Chicago Music Mart at DePaul Center, 333 S. State St., Chicago.

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To schedule an audition or for further information, call (312) 341-1521.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Since its founding on May 13th, 1919, the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago has been recognized as one of the city's most important academic institutions. As the world's leading center for study into the history, culture and languages of the first civilizations, the Oriental Institute is known for its captivating exhibits, constructed largely from archaeological excavations throughout the Middle East, from Turkey to Iran to Egypt.

In celebration of the Oriental Institute's 85th anniversary, WTTW 11 proudly presents two documentaries which chronicle the history of the Institute and the life of its founder, James Henry Breasted – both produced by Emmy Award-winner Leonard Aronson.

Breaking Ground: The Story of the Oriental Institute, airing on Thursday, May 27th at 9 p.m., presents an in-depth look into the remarkable history of this academic organization and its dedication to scientific study of the world's first civilizations. Featuring footage from Institute projects at Alalakh, Turkey and Luxor, Egypt, as well as interviews from its Chicago headquarters, Breaking Ground shows how a group of dedicated scholars have reshaped our understanding of the origins of civilization.

Through its public galleries and educational programs, the Oriental Institute continues to dedicate itself to exposing the general public to the earliest civilizations. Using a collection of thousands of ancient tablets, linguists are working to publish definitive dictionaries of the first written languages.

Pioneer to the Past: The Life and Times of James Henry Breasted, airing on Friday, May 28th at 8:30 p.m., profiles the young and gifted scholar who founded the Oriental Institute with an initial excavation of 2300 artifacts. Born in Rockford, IL and raised in Downers Grove, Breasted benefited greatly from the support of the University of Chicago's founding president, William Rainey Harper, who encouraged him to take up the new specialty of Egyptology.

Most widely known for his coinage of the term, "the Fertile Crescent," which describes the area from Egypt to Mesopotamia, Breasted became the first American to receive a Ph.D. and professorship in Egyptology in the United States: Recognized as a scholar of great intellect and blessed with tremendous charisma, Breasted was able to expound upon the value and relevance of ancient Near Eastern studies in a way that transformed influential listeners into loyal supporters. Breasted's primary supporter, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., enabled Breasted to make the Oriental Institute a place of unparalleled breadth and resources in the academic world. Between his long-term relationship with Rockefeller, and his expansive vision for scientific understanding of the ancient Near East, Breasted created an institution that, to this day, is a global leader in the archaeological, historical and linguistic study of the ancient Near East.

Memorial Weekend Irish Fest

Bohola to appear at Irish Fest on Memorial Day weekend at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest.

Cherish the Ladies perform on Memorial Day weekend at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest.

Gaelic Park's Irish Fest on Memorial Day weekend presents a great opportunity for a family activity at a reasonable price. The Festival, which runs from Friday, May 28th through Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st, has a wide variety of entertainment and activities for the low admission price of $12. There's even free parking at the Festival site on 50 acres at 6119 W. 147th St. in Oak Forest. Compare that with a day at Wrigley Field!

The Festival features top entertainment from across the United States and Ireland. Many of the groups, including The Saw Doctors, Black 47, Gael Force and others, can be seen at venues from the Rialto in Joliet to downtown Chicago at costs of up to $25 per ticket. At Gaelic Park's Irish Fest, there are five stages of continuous entertainment – all included in the low admission price of $12.

All of the stages and seating areas are completely covered with huge tents. The North Stage has tables which allow people to enjoy a snack from one of the 16 food vendors while being entertained by such great acts as Bohola, Cherish the Ladies, The Mulloy Brothers, City Limits, Pat Woods, Irish step dancers, pipe bands and many more.

The South Stage features high-energy groups such as The Tossers, The Saw Doctors, Black 47, Seven Nations, Gael Force and many others – 24 performances over the weekend.

The Marquee Stage has tables and chairs and a large dance floor. People in attendance can dance to the music of Sean O'Donnell. There will be four special set dancing sessions with Matt Cunningham & His Band. All in all, there are over 40 musical acts playing on three stages.

The Variety Stage is dedicated completely to the "wee folk." There are numerous magic shows, puppet shows and contests, including South Side Silly Magic, Mysterious Magic, Bonnie Baby Contests, Red Hair & Freckle Face Contests, and many other activities for the kids. There are also pony rides, a petting zoo and unlimited carnival rides on the huge carnival midway – all included in the low price of admission.

Finally, the Performing Arts Stage has one-act plays by local groups such as the Gaelic Park Players and the Irish Heritage Singers. Also performing are groups such as Smock Alley Productions, Prairie Dog Theatre, and Irish Repertory Theatre. Tommy Makem will also perform in a special session. All in all, there's plenty to do for the entire family at one low admission price of $12. No two days are the same, so the family can come out more than once.

Festival hours are Friday, May 28th from 3 to 11:30 p.m. with half-price admission from 3 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, May 29th and Sunday, May 30th from noon to 11:30 p.m. with Mass on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Finally, the Festival concludes on Monday, Memorial Day, from noon to 8 p.m.

For further information, call (708) 687-9323 or visit Gaelic Park's web site at www.cgp-chicago.org

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Laurence class of 1979 25th-year reunion on Saturday, June 9th (three activities – golf at 12 noon; Mass at 5 p.m.; cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.) Call Ed Kozak at (708) 458-6900, ext. 244, by June 12th for Mass and dinner and by June 4th for golf.

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Phillips High School class of 1954, June 6th at 6 p.m., $50, Chateau Bu-Sche, 11535 Cicero Ave. Call (773) 846-7777.

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Aquinas Dominican High School class of 1954 will meet on Oct. 24th. Call (630) 834-1716.

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Gage Park High School class of 1959 will meet on Nov. 6th. Call (815) 444-0258.

Orland Park High School – Alumni from the 1920s to the 1950s are invited to a dance on Sept. 25th. Write to P.O. Box 1201, Orland Park, IL 60462.

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Blue Island Community High School class of 1954 will hold a 50th reunion on Oct. 2nd at the Hickory Ridge Center in Lisle, Ill. Call J. McCord at (269) 469-4623.

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St. Gabriel Grammar School class of 1954 seeks classmates for a reunion in September 2004. Call Dorothy (Diver) Ormond at (773) 924-0972.

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Area Memorial Day Observances

Memorial Day Observances will be held throughout the nation to honor those who gave their lives serving our country. Families, friends, relatives and neighbors will gather to pay respect to their loved ones and to remember those who with courage paid the ultimate price by giving their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom. As long as there are people to remember their bravery and their sacrifice for the land they loved and died for, they will never be forgotten.

Veterans organizations and cemeteries in the area will hold Memorial Services as follows. The public is invited to all services.

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO: The largest Memorial Day parade in the country will be held on Saturday, May 29th. The parade will reflect on the more than 1.2 million service men and women who have died since the Revolutionary War. The parade honors all victims of terrorism and at this time especially remembers those serving in foreign lands, fighting against tyranny in all its forms. The parade which will step off on State Street at Randolph to Van Buren commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict, 60th anniversary of D-Day-World War and the 90th anniversary of World War I.

EVERGREEN PARK: American Legion Post 854 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold services outside of the Post, 9701 Kedzie Ave., on Monday, May 31st at 10 a.m. Immediately following, the "Everlasting Ceremony" will be held inside for members who have passed away.

MIDLOTHIAN: Midlothian Memorial VFW 2580 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold services at Memorial Park, 145th and Sawyer Ave., on Sunday, May 30th at 11 a.m.

St. Christopher Church, 147th and Keeler Ave., will hold a Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31st at 9:30 a.m.

LANSING: The Lansing Veterans Memorial will conduct a Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 30th at 2 p.m. at the Memorial site, Glenwood Lansing Rd. and Burnham Ave. at the Lansing Airport.

ORLAND PARK: The Veterans Commission will host a Memorial Day service at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 31st at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall Veterans Memorial, 14700 Ravinia Ave. The ceremony will commemorate the unveiling of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

VIETNAM WALL: Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience, hosted by Chapel Hill Guardians West Cemetery and Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. in Oakbrook, will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31st. Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 28th with an opening parade to the Wall at 7 p.m. through Monday, May 31st with a closing ceremony salute to the Wall at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call (630) 941-5860.

FIELD MASS PROGRAMS: Memorial Day Mass will be said on Monday, May 31st at 10:30 a.m. at the following area cemeteries: Holy Sepulchre, 6601 W. 111th St., with Most Rev. John R. Manz, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago presiding; Mt. Olivet, 2755 W. 111th St., Rev. William T. Corcoran, Ph.D., Pastor of St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn; Resurrection, 7200 Archer Ave., Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Ph.D., S.T.D., Archbishop of Chicago; St. Benedict, 135th St. east of Cicero Ave., Rev. George L. Schopp, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Blue Island; St. Casimir, 111th and Pulaski Rd., Most Rev. Timothy J. Lyne, D.D. Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; St. Mary, 87th and Pulaski Rd., Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M. Sp.S., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

High Gas Prices

According to AAA, record numbers of Americans will travel this Memorial Day holiday despite record high gas prices. AAA estimates that 36.9 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home this holiday, a 3.6 percent increase from last year.

Approximately 30.9 million travelers are expected to travel by car, a 3.4 percent increase from the 29.9 million who drove last year. Another 4.1 million people plan to travel by airplane, which is up 5.3 percent from the last Memorial Day holiday.

"Record high gas prices won't keep Americans from traveling this holiday," said Steve Nolan, spokesman for AAA Chicago.

The strong holiday forecast comes at a time when both the economy and travelers' comfort with security have improved during the last year. "AAA travel agents and auto counselors have seen marked increases in travel interest this spring compared to a year ago," Nolan said.

The greatest number of Memorial Day travelers will originate in the West with 7.4 million followed by the Southeast with 6.8 million. Auto travelers from the Midwest are expected to be around 6.6 million, followed by the Northeast with 5.6 million and finally the Great Lakes with 4.5 million.

Job Program

South suburban youth, ages 16-21, are invited to apply for summer work through the Summer Employment Program of Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center. The program is offered in cooperation with the Cook County President's Office of Employment Training (P.O.E.T.).

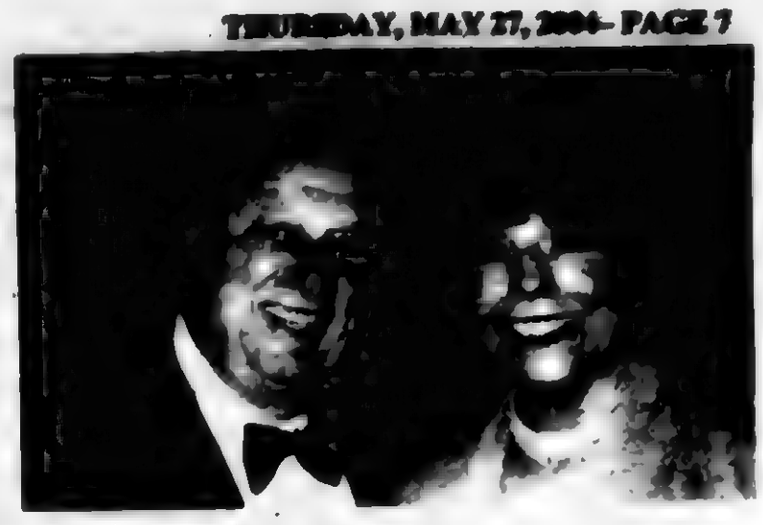
Each summer, Aunt Martha's Summer Employment program provides suburban Cook County youth from economically disadvantaged families with short-term employment, exposure to the work environment and hands-on experience in the job market. The five-week program begins July 7 and ends August 13; it is part of the nationally-funded Workforce Investment Act.

Youth may apply for summer job openings between 2 and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, 233 W. Joe Orr Road (North Building) Chicago Heights.

"This program is a win-win proposition for everyone involved," noted Victoria Wilson, coordinator of Aunt Marthas' Employment and Education summer jobs program.

"Employers gain reliable summer workers and the youth workers learn real-life work skills and other intangible benefits like responsibility and respect. Today's job market is extremely competitive," Wilson added. "Our summer work program provides youth with both skills and valuable experience."

Youth interested in participating may receive additional information by calling Victoria Wilson at (708)709-6727.



At Hall Of Fame Gala

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka attended the recent National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Annual Induction and Awards Gala at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel. Pictured here with Master of Ceremonies for the Gala by Hall of Fame MLB Manager Tommy Lasorda. The organization is a not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to preserving and promoting the history and heritage of Italian Americans in sports by exhibiting and interpreting its collections for a worldwide audience, and honoring Italian American heroes who have made lasting contributions to sports and society. At long last they are building a world class of Hall of Fame and museum on land donated by the City of Chicago on Taylor St. in the heart of Chicago's "Little Italy." In this 44,000 square foot masterpiece, they'll honor the grace and glory of Italian American athletes.

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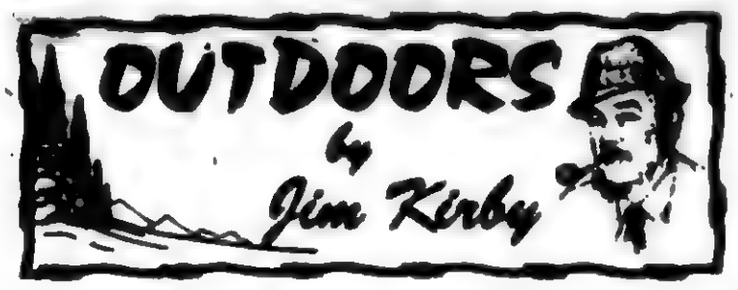

YOUR CHANCE TO FISH WITHOUT BUYING A LICENSE: Dozens of organizations are expected to conduct fishing derbies and other special events as part of Illinois Free Fishing Days, June 11th to 14th. The four-day promotion of sport fishing provides anglers the opportunity to fish without first buying a fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp.

This is a great way to get people out fishing, perhaps for the first time, to try fishing and see if they like it. No need to invest in expensive fishing tackle, all you need is a simple fishing pole, small hooks, lead weight, bobber and bait that can be picked up at local bait shops. Anybody living within my readership area is no more than 20 minutes away from Cook County Forest Preserve Lakes that are stocked with catchable fish.

■HAIL KILLS BLUE HERONS: While fishing the Wisconsin Governor's Fishing Opener on May 1st and 2nd on the Chippewa Flowage, I heard rumors of a die-off of blue herons. As it turns out, a mid-April hailstorm resulted in the death of more than 100 great blue herons at a rookery – or colony of nests – on an island in the Chippewa Flowage in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Department of Natural Resources wildlife staff following up on a report made the gruesome discovery on April 30th at a rookery on Little Banana Island. There they found 106 dead herons and another 11 injured but still alive. Approximately another 50 unharmed herons were observed at the site.

The severe storm hit the area on April 18th with high winds damaging homes, cottages, vehicles and stripping needles from pine trees. Two days after the storm, DNR staff made an aerial survey of the flowage to check on the rookery, but observed little damage, with most of the heron nests at the site still intact.

On April 29th, a state conservation warden received a citizen report of several injured herons along the shores of Little Banana Island. The next day DNR staff investigated and found the dead and dying birds. At least 100 heron eggs laid smashed on the ground from the hail. Biologists believe about two-thirds of the rookery population was killed.

With colonial nesting birds, there is always the risk of losing a whole breeding population in one major natural event. While building nests in trees protects them from predators, it makes them vulnerable to severe weather.

On another note, Hayward resident Jenny Ehrlichmann showed the group a photo of a black bear sleeping in an eagle's nest on top of a 45-foot aspen tree. She was snowmobiling on New Year's Eve, saw the nest and returned the next day, and photographed the bear in the eagle's nest, with a telephoto lens.

■IT'S ABOUT TIME: The Senate has approved a bill to make Michigan the 40th state to allow dove hunting. The bill now returns to the House of Representatives for concurrence before moving to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's desk.

The bill authorizes the Michigan DNR to establish a dove hunting season. It includes a provision to allow the creation of a $2 dove stamp, a fee that will be split equally between game and non-game programs.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its partners are asking the governor to allow the bill to become law, letting her know that doves are the nation's most popular game birds and state wildlife experts support the season.

■WAL-MART KIDS FISHING DERBY: Heading into its eighteenth year, the Wal-Mart Kids All-American Fishing Derby is expecting that 2004 will break all previous records for number of events and number of young anglers. In 2003, a record-breaking year, the popular derby program held 1,822 events for an estimated 300,000 young anglers from ages 5-16 in the U.S. including select U.S. military bases in Europe, Korea and Japan. For more information, on the Internet go to www.kids-fishing.com.

■SEAGULL DROPPINGS SOURCE OF BEACH CLOSINGS: In a study released in February, Lake County, Illinois, officials used DNA to identify seagull droppings as the top source of E. coli bacteria in the water samples collected last summer. Human waste, most likely from sewage spills, came in second. There were 178 beach closings in Lake County last year. Chicago had 130.

Officials from the North Shore Sanitary District welcomed the new study because it confirmed their long-standing belief that sewage isn't the only cause of beach closings. Reducing litter is considered one of the best ways to keep beaches clean.

A panel of federal, state and local officials, that reviewed the study said more also needs to be done to eliminate sewage spills into Lake Michigan. "It's obviously more than the birds," said State Sen. Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest) who secured the funding for the $30,000 study.

ThunderBolts Double Header

The Windy City ThunderBolts played a doubleheader on Sunday, May 23rd due to a rainout the night before, and they brought some thunder of their own. Both games were only 7 innings in the interest of time. In the first game of the doubleheader, the ThunderBolts showed some rust after not even getting a pitch in the day before, but warmed up in the 5th inning with 1B Trevor Hall's 3R HR and LF Brian Baker's 2-run blast a few batters later. The bottom of the 6th started out with 3B Eric Darjean's triple to deep right-center, and CF Alph Coleman's squeeze bunt that scored Darjean a few pitches later. Coleman's poor base running prematurely ended what looked like a promising inning, but thankfully strong pitching by RHP BJ Litchfield held off the Riverhawks. Litchfield's submarine style and off-speed pitches kept Rockford guessing for the better part of 3 innings, further confidence was instilled in the bats of the ThunderBolts when Litchfield struck out the side in the top of the seventh inning. A pitching change by the Riverhawks in the bottom of the 7th benefited the ThunderBolts with Nick Johnson's solo shot that tied the game at 8. RF P-Nut Williams doubled to right-center but the ThunderBolts failed to advance Williams and were forced to go extra innings. The next two innings were 1-2-3 for both sides, but the bottom of the 10th the ThunderBolts loaded the bases with a single by SS Gilbery Barry and two intentional walks to Darjean and Coleman. Barry was tagged out speeding to home on a squeeze bunt by Hall. The next batter was Johnson, and a bloop single over the pulled-in third baseman brought home the winning run.

The second game started much like the first, except a sudden thunderstorm from the south delayed the game for nearly an hour, but the ThunderBolts responded with a barrage of hits and runs in the bottom of the 5th to pull ahead 6-4 and never looked back. Both games were sloppy in defense: seven errors, several wild pitches, and numerous base running mistakes were all a part of the early season rust that is common in all sports. Total attendance for the doubleheader was 2,956 and the ThunderBolts' next home game is on Friday as the start of a six-game home stand against the Ozark Mountain Ducks and the Mid Missouri Mavericks.

Fishing Rodeo For Disabled

It is time to register for the first Chicagoland Fishing Rodeo for People with Disabilities at William Powers Conservation Area on Saturday, June 19th. The fishing rodeo – sponsored by the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Illinois Conservation Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation and Wheelin' Sportsmen – will give persons of all ages with physical or mental disabilities an opportunity to fish for free.

Interested anglers are required to bring a personal assistant. All necessary fishing equipment will be provided. There is no charge for the event, which is slated to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 19th. A free lunch will be provided for all participants and their assistants at 11:30. Interested participants must register in advance by calling William Powers Conservation Area at (773) 646-3279 or TDD (217) 782-9175.

Earn All-Conference

Four area athletes competing for Lewis University earned all-conference honors at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Senior Tracey Murnane (Tinley Park/Andrew) collected All-GLVC accolades in two events, winning the 10,000 meters (38:19.3) and placing second in the 5000 meters (18:28.00). Also making the All-GLVC list for the Lewis women were senior Frances Oprondek (Worth/Mt. Assisi) who finished second in the hammer (156-11) and also scored in the discus (fourth, 137-10), javelin (sixth, 94-7) and shot put (seventh, 36-1¼) and sophomore Kaydie King (Burbank/Reavis) who placed second in the heptathlon (4089 points) and also scored in the javelin (third, 106-3), high jump (tied for fifth, 4-9¾) and long jump (eighth, 15-6¼).

For the Flyer men, freshman Geoff Rozovics (Tinley Park/Andrew) garnered All-GLVC recognition as a member of the winning 400-meter relay squad (42.33). Rozovics also scored in the 200 meters (seventh, 22.73).

The Lewis women also received points from freshman Jasmine Williams (Chicago/Morgan Park) who was third in the 400-meter relay (47.86), sixth in the 100 meters (12.36) and seventh in the 200 meters (25.94) and senior Ashuanta McCormick (Markham/Hillcrest) who joined Williams on the 400-meter relay team. Senior John Kern (Worth/Marist) placed seventh in the high jump (6-0) to score for the Flyer men.

The Lewis men and women finished third in the GLVC.

St. Xavier Softball

Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff went 3-for-5 with a RBI and junior outfielder Melissa Romano was 2-for-5 with two RBI to propel the No. 1 seeded and No. 18 nationally ranked SXU softball team over No. 5 seed University of St. Francis (Ill.) 6-0 after a four-hour rain delay on Wednesday at the Mapleleaf Athletic Complex Field in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. With the win, the Cougars advance to game eight of the 2004 NAIA Region VII Tournament facing No. 2 seeded Waldorf College (Iowa).

Following the game, SXU was pleased to learn that Stacie Eschmann, Kilduff and sophomore pitcher Jessica Wilson were all named to the 2004 NAIA All-Region VII Team. Kilduff is batting .407 (77-for-189) with a team-leading 19 doubles, 11 home runs and 46 runs scored. Eschmann leads the Cougars on the mound with 15 wins, nine shutouts and 124 strikeouts, while Wilson has also racked up 15 wins, six shutouts and 118 Ks.

SXU is currently 33-22 on the 2004 season.

Youth Sports Openings

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have openings in their final summer regional youth basketball tournament for 2004 in the Chicago area at several Chicago Park District facilities, including the LeClaire, Columbus and Franklin Park facilities, from July 9th to 11th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $250 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is June 18th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS summer tournament hotline at 1(800) 787-3265 or tournament director Mike Oliver at (773) 301-7841.

St. Xavier Players

Sophomore shortstop Colleen Kilduff went 2-for-5 with a double and three RBI to lead the No. 1 seeded St. Xavier University softball team over No. 2 seed and No. 13 nationally ranked Olivet Nazarene University, 8-2, claiming the CCAC Tournament title on Friday in Bourbonnais. This marks the first time since 2001 that the Cougars claimed both the CCAC regular season and CCAC tournament title in the same season.

St. Xavier had eight players named to the 2004 CCAC All-Tournament Team on Friday in their respective positions. They included Jessica Wilson, Colleen Kilduff, Maura Ryan, Stacie Eschmann, Nicole Barker, Megan Stluka, Lindsey Hall and Karie Karasiak. SXU head softball coach Myra Minuskin was also named the 2004 CCAC Coach of the Year following the championship game.

Eight Players Orally Commit

Eight Brother Rice football players have orally committed to play at the following colleges recently:

Mike Pepper of Mt. Greenwood, Joliet Junior College; Dan Eble of Oak Lawn, St. Ambrose, Iowa; Tony Serio of Bridgeview, St. Ambrose, Iowa; Kevin Coulas of Beverly, Carroll College, Wisconsin; David O'Keefe of Beverly, St. John's, Minnesota; Jerry Martin of Roseland, Millikin University; Bob Nelson of Worth, Itasca Jr. College, Minnesota; Jack McGrail of Beverly, Augustan College.

They join quarterback Dan Nicholson (Northern Illinois University of Beverly and Tom Dwyer (Eastern Illinois University) of Evergreen Park as Brother Rice seniors who have committed to play college football next year.

Bluejay Seniors Named To All-Conference Baseball Team

Elmhurst College seniors Rob Daggett and Brad Groth were two of six Bluejay baseball players named to the CCIW all-conference baseball team. Daggett and Groth were both first-team selections and named the league's Co-Players of the Year.

Pitcher Brad Shelton was also named to the first team, while Mark Hansen, Brian Mucha and Kyle Bjerga were all second-team selections.

"I'm very happy for all of our players," said Elmhurst head coach Clark Jones. "Rob and Brad deserved to share in the Player of the Year honors. Rob had a tremendous year at the plate and on the mound and Brad put up offensive numbers that are some of the best all-time in the CCIW."

Having been selected as "Player of the Year" in 2003, Daggett becomes only the second player in CCIW history to be recognized twice as the "Player of the Year" and the first player to achieve the distinction in consecutive years. For the season he posted a .422 batting average while leading the team in doubles (13), home runs (14), RBI (60), slugging percentage (.823) and total bases (121). From the mound, the lefthander compiled a 5-3 record with a 4.75 ERA. Along the way this season, he broke the school's single season home run and RBI record, bettering the old marks of 10 and 50, respectively.

He saved some of his strongest performances for league games, leading the conference in homers (seven) with a .400 average and 29 RBI. He was the only player in the league to earn both "Batter of the Week" and "Pitcher of the Week" honors. As a pitcher, he was unbeaten in CCIW games, posting a 4-0 record with a 3.45 ERA.

Groth had one of the best seasons to date at Elmhurst College. The senior shortstop earned his third straight All-CCIW honor (second team honoree in 2002 and 2003) after crushing the school's single-season hit and batting average records. Groth banged out 80 hits and hit .482 on the season while leading the team in runs scored (60), stolen bases (seven) and on base percentage (.522). He trailed only Daggett in runs batted in finishing with 49. Along the way, he became Elmhurst's career leader in hits and runs scored.

Groth torched CCIW competition, tying the single-season record for hits with 43. He won the league's batting title with a .473 average, over 40 points higher than his closest competition. He also led the league in runs batted in, driving home 30 runs in CCIW contests. He narrowly missed the CCIW triple crown, tying for third in the league in home runs with four. He was also selected as a CCIW Player of the Week three times this season.

Shelton, a right-handed pitcher, led the team from the mound, posting a 6-1 record with a 2.76 ERA. He struck out a team-high 63 batters while allowing just 44 hits in 65.1 innings pitched. Shelton, a first-team selection in 2003, earned Pitcher of the Week honors earlier in the year. He finished his career ranked second on the all-time strike out list by fanning 199 batters.

Hansen earned his second straight All-CCIW honor after posting a .379 season batting average. He finished third on the team in hits (50) and second in doubles (11). The starting center fielder battled an injury late in the season to finish the year with four homers and 32 RBI, batting primarily from the lead-off spot in the lineup.

Mucha, the Bluejays starting second baseman, hit .330 for the season while pounding out 34 hits, four doubles and 20 RBI. He finished fourth on the team in runs scored, finishing the year with 36.

Bjerga earned second team All-CCIW honors as a relief pitcher. The freshman right-hander posted a team low 2.42 ERA with a 4-1 overall record. He also recorded a save on the year. He fanned 23 batters and allowed just 18 hits in 26 innings pitched this season.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Baseball
Sunday, 5-16-04
Public League Semi-Finals
Simeon 10, Foreman 2
Clemente 4, Harlan 3
Monday, 5-17-04
Public League Championship
Simeon 2, Clemente 1
Public League Playoffs (Consolation)
Morgan Park 13, Sullivan 9
Mather 9, Amundsen 8, 8 inn.
Andrew 2, Lincoln-Way Central 0
Argo 7, Romeoville 4
Bremen 7, Hillcrest 3
Brother Rice 11, Leo 1
DeLaSalle 18, Hales Franciscan 9
Eisenhower 14, T.F. South 6
Illiana Christian 9, St. Francis 7
Lincoln-Way East 15, Sandburg 8
Marian Catholic 11, Benet 2
Oak Lawn 3, Reavis 1
Providence 13, St. Laurence 3
Richards 6, Bolingbrook 4
St. Ignatius 14, Fenwick 9
St. Rita 7, St. Francis de Sales 0
Stagg 8-8, Joliet 3-0
Tuesday, 5-18-04
Argo 7, Chicago Christian 1
Bremen 6, T.F. South 1
Brother Rice 8, Fenwick 3
Lockport 10, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Richards 17, Bolingbrook 3
St. Ignatius 8, Hales Franciscan 4
Stagg 5, Sandburg 2
Wednesday, 5-19-04
DeLaSalle 10, Gordon Tech 9, 8 inn.
Holy Cross 7, Providence 3
Homewood-Flossmoor 18, Thornton 0
Lincoln-Way Central 6, Andrew 4
Lincoln-Way East 12, Sandburg 10
Marian Catholic 8, Benet 3
Marist 4, St. Laurence 0
Mt. Carmel 8, St. Ignatius 5
Oak Forest 15, T.F. North 5
Oak Lawn 5, Bolingbrook 1
Reavis 5, Argo 3
Richards 14, Romeoville 6
Shepard 5, Bloom 4
Tinley Park 9, Hillcrest 2
Thursday, 5-20-04
Bremen 10, T.F. South 1
Joliet Catholic 9, Joliet 7
Juarez 13, Leo 6
Lincoln-Way East 13, Andrew 2
Marian Catholic 15, Rich South 6
Morgan Park Acad. 4, Lake Forest Acad. 2
Richards 8, Shepard 2
Sandburg 5, Stagg 2
Tinley Park 3, Hillcrest 3
Friday, 5-21-04
Argo 4, Reavis 2
Bloom 4, Shepard 1
Joliet Catholic 12, Marian Catholic 2, 5 inn.
Homewood-Flossmoor 13, Thornton 0, 5inn.
Lincoln-Way East 7, Andrew 2
Oak Lawn 3, Bolingbrook 2
Richards 11, Romeoville 0, 5 inn.
St. Charles East 5, Lockport 4, 10 inn
Public League Playoffs (Consolation)
Morgan Park 11, CVS 7
Saturday, 5-22-04
Andrew 13, Rich South 2
Bremen 9, Bradley 7
Lemont 3, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Marist 11-7, St. Patrick 3-1
Reavis 3, Joliet 0, 5 inn.
St. Rita 9, T.F. South 4
Sandburg 16, Van Steuben 5, 5 inn.
Stagg 18, Clemente 7
Public League Playoffs (Consolation)
Morgan Park 6, Bowen 2
Steinmetz 13, Harper 0, 5 inn.

Boys Volleyball
Monday, 5-17-04
Brother Rice d. Marist 26-24, 29-27
Lincoln-Way E. d. Joliet 25-14, 25-21
Lockport d. Andrew 22-25, 25-17, 25-17
Mt. Carmel d. Illiana Christian 22-25, 25-21, 25-12
St. Francis d. Providence 25-6, 25-3
Sandburg d. Stagg 25-19, 25-27, 25-19
Tuesday, 5-18-04
Illiana Christian d. Providence 24-26, 25-14, 25-22
Marian Catholic d. Notre Dame 25-20, 25-19
Marist d. Carmel 25-20, 16-25, 25-20 (title)
Oak Lawn d. Eisenhower 25-16, 25-17
Shepard d. Richards 25-13, 25-14
Wednesday, 5-19-04
Brother Rice d. Oak Lawn 19-25, 25-20, 25-20
Lincoln-Way E. d. H-F 25-11, 30-28
Sandburg d. Andrew 25-15, 27-25
Stagg d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-17, 22-25, 25-21
Thursday, 5-20-04
Illiana Christian d. Montini 25-9, 25-17
Shepard d. Reavis 25-20, 23-25, 25-23
Catholic League Tournament
First Round at Brother Rice
Brother Rice d. St. Ignatius 25-9, 25-13
Brother Rice d. Loyola 25-18, 25-22
St. Rita d. Providence 25-20, 23-25, 25-16
St. Rita d. St. Ignatius 25-15, 25-18
Mt. Carmel d. Providence 26-24, 25-20
Loyola d. Mt. Carmel 14-25, 25-21, 25-20
Saturday, 5-23-04
Catholic League Invitational
St. Laurence d. Gordon Tech 25-18, 25-19
St. Laurence d. De La Salle 25-13, 25-13
St. Laurence d. Fenwick 28-26, 16-25, 25-13
Fenwick d. Gordon Tech 25-22, 13-25, 25-15
Fenwick d. De La Salle 25-14, 25-7
Gordon Tech d. De La Salle 25-20, 25-18
Brother Rice d. Mt. Carmel 25-21, 23-25, 25-9
Providence d. St. Ignatius 25-7, 25-20
St. Rita d. Mt. Carmel 25-15, 25-21
Loyola d. Providence 25-19, 25-17
Brother Rice d. Providence 25-14, 19-25, 29-27
Loyola d. St. Ignatius 25-17, 25-13
St. Rita d. Loyola 25-14, 25-7
Mt. Carmel d. St. Ignatius 25-18, 25-15
Brother Rice d. St. Rita 25-15, 25-19 (title)

Boys Tennis
Wednesday, 5-19-04
Public League Championships
Red: Payton 29; North: Mather 25; South: Bogan 24
Saturday, 5-22-04
IHSA Sectionals
At Downers Grove South
Final team standings: 1, Lyons 33. 2, Hinsdale C. 29. 3, Downers S. and Hinsdale S. 12. 5, Downers N. and Nazareth 7. Reavis 5.
At Homewood-Flossmoor
Final team standings: 1, H-F 33. 2, Rich East 17. 3, Marian Catholic 14. 4, Rich South 10. 5, Rich Central and Crete-Monee 8. 7, Illiana Christian 6. 8, Thornwood 4.
At Lincoln-Way East
Final team standings: 1, Joliet Catholic 23. 2, Lincoln-Way E. 22. 3, Providence 13. 4, Coal City 10. 5, Joliet and Lockport 8. 7, Morris and Lincoln-Way C. 6. 9, Minooka 4.
At Morgan Park Academy
Final team standings: 1, Oak Lawn 14. 2, Marist 13. 3, Brother Rice 12. 4, Morgan Park Academy 8. 5, Richards 7. 6, Ag. Science 6. 7, Eisenhower 4. 8, Morgan Park 2.

Softball
Sunday, 5-16-04
GCAC Tournaments
Red
Loyola 1, St. Ignatius 0, semifinal
Mother McAuley 1, St. Ignatius 0, third
Queen of Peace 6, Loyola 1, title
White
Immaculate Heart of Mary 10, Seton 0
Blue
St. Scholastica 11, St. Benedict 1
Monday, 5-17-04
Bolingbrook 7, Argo 2
Bremen 12, T.F. North 0
Evergreen Park 2, Fenton 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, Bloom 2
Kennedy 15, Bogan 4
Lockport 15, Joliet 1
Marian Catholic 2, Providence 1
Marist 1, Joliet Catholic 0
Oak Forest 10, Eisenhower 0
Reavis 6, Romeoville 3
Sandburg 11, Illiana Christian 0
Shepard 14, Thornridge 4
Stagg 3, Lincoln-Way Central 1
Tinley Park 6, T.F. South 5
GCAC Red
Mount Assisi 2, Resurrection 1
GCAC White
Mother Guerin 1, Maria 0, third
Public League Playoffs
Ag Science 16, Vocational 6
Kelvyn Park 10, Roosevelt 7
Tuesday, 5-18-04
Public League Gold Playoffs
Ag. Science 14, Kelvyn Park 7, title
Bolingbrook 4, Reavis 3
Bremen 6, Hillcrest 0
Eisenhower 3, T.F. South 2
Elmwood Park 1, Evergreen Park 0
Joliet 4, Stagg 2
Lemont 1, Plainfield Central 0
Lincoln-Way Central 1, Andrew 0
Marian Catholic 2, Marist 0
Richards 1, Oak Forest 0
Sandburg 2, Lincoln-Way East 0
Wednesday, 5-19-04
Homewood-Flossmoor 21, Thornridge 0
Lincoln-Way East 4, Plainfield Central 0
Marian Catholic 4, Providence 1
Mother McAuley 3, Evergreen Park 1, 16 inn.
Mt. Assisi 3, Plainfield South 0
Reavis 6, Oak Lawn 3
Richards 1, Bolingbrook 0
St. Ignatius 10, Evanston 0
Stagg 2, Andrew 0
Thornwood 3, Shepard 2
Thursday, 5-20-04
Evergreen Park 6, Elmwood Park 5, 9 inn.
Homewood-Floasmoor 3, Illiana Christian 2
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Lockport 1
Lincoln-Way East 2, Andrew 1
Minooka 1, Lemont 0
Sandburg 2, Stagg 0
Friday, 5-21-04
Bolingbrook 4, Oak Lawn 0
Reavis 6, Argo 0
Richards 7, Romeoville 0
Shepard 6, Bloom 0
Stone City Jamboree
Lincoln-Way East 3, Lake Park 0
Saturday, 5-22-04
Bolingbrook 1, Oak Forest 0
Evergreen Park 7-5, Yorkville 1-4
Joliet 6, Crete-Monee 0, 8 inn.
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Providence 1
Marian Catholic 3, Plainfield South 0
Neuqua Valley 3, Mother McAuley 2, 9 inn.
Stagg 3, Bradley 0.

Stone City Jamboree
Belleville East 2, Barrington 0
Belleville East 3, Richards 1
Lockport 5, Resurrection 0
Sandburg 5, Resurrection 0
Class A Regional Semifinals
Chicago Christian Sectional
Chicago Christian Regional
Chicago Christian 12, St. Benedict 2

Girls Soccer
Monday, 5-17-04
Argo 10, Eisenhower 0
Lincoln-Way Central 1, H-F 1
Stagg 2, Lockport 0
Class A Regionals
De La Salle
St. Ignatius 7, Cristo Rey 0
Maria
Maria 2, Hancock 0
Tuesday, 5-18-04
Marian Catholic 5, Crete-Monee 0
Plainfield Central 6, Lockport 2
Class A Regionals
Benet
Chicago Christian 2, Nazareth 1
Lemont
Lemont 1, Joliet Catholic 0
Providence 5, Mt. Assisi 0
De La Salle
Payton 4, DeLaSalle 1
Maria
Illiana Christian 5, Rich South 1
Fenwick
Wells 3, Bremen 0
Wednesday, 5-19-04
Argo 6, Reavis 0
Thursday, 5-20-04
Lincoln-Way E. 1, Lincoln-Way C. 0
Class A Regional Finals
Benet
Benet 8, Chicago Christian 0
Rosary
Rosary 5, Hinckley-Big Rock 4
Lemont
Lemont 1, Providence 1, suspended
De La Salle
St. Ignatius 3, Payton 0
Maria
Illiana Christian 1, Maria 0
Friday, 5-21-04
Class A Regionals
Lemont
Lemont 2, Providence 1
Saturday, 5-22-04
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Lemont
Benet 6, Rosary 0
Wheaton Academy 3, Lemont 1
St. Ignatius
St. Ignatius 8, Illiana Christian 0
Fenwick 3, U-High 0
Rockford Boylan
Rockford Boylan 1, Marian C. 0, OT
Class AA Regionals
Stagg
Oak Lawn 3, Richards 0
Marist
Morgan Park 5, Washington 0
Lincoln-Way Central
Andrew 2, Marian Catholic 1
Lyons Township
Hyde Park 2, Bogan 1

At Stagg
Final team standings: 1, Sandburg 31. 2, Andrew 24. 3, Stagg 19. 4, Shepard 10. 5, Oak Forest 8. 6, Bremen and Chicago Christian 4
At University High
Final team standings: 1, U-High 17. 2, Young 16. 3. St. Ignatius 9. 4, De La Salle 6. 5, Payton 4. 6, Mt. Carmel 2.

Athletes On All-Academic Team

Ten area products were among 88 Lewis University student athletes recently named to the 2003-04 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Academic Team.

John Kern (Worth/Marist) of the men's track & field team earned the honor for a fourth time, while Matt Petrusek (Tinley Park/ Andrew) of the baseball team and Ryan Hewson (Orland Park/Providence Catholic) of the men's golf team collected the award for a third time.

Recognized for a second time were Lyndsey Krieger (Orland Park/Sandburg), women's golf, and Tracy Reece (Worth/Stagg), women's tennis. First-time honorees were Greg Moss (Evergreen Park/Brother Rice), baseball; Kevin Kolb (Palos Park/Stagg), men's tennis; Sarah McKinney (Oak Lawn/Oak Lawn), women's volleyball; and Tracey Murnane (Tinley Park/Andrew) and Jasmine Williams (Chicago/Morgan Park), women's track & field.

To be selected All-Academic, a student athlete must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (4.0 scale) or a GPA of 3.4 or better in his or her two most recent semesters.

Care Packages Sent To Soldiers

Jacky Connelly, an Oak Lawn Park District tot-program instructor, began sending care packages to a young student's mom, who was stationed overseas, last spring. One year later, she is sending weekly care packages to five soldiers: four stationed in Iraq, one in Afghanistan. All of the soldiers have a connection to Oak Lawn, either as residents or relatives of residents.

"The soldiers are always thrilled to receive my packages," says Connelly, "because it shows them that the community – not just their family – cares."

Connelly packs the care boxes on Friday and ships them on Saturday morning every week. She plans to continue mailing her packages until "my last soldier comes home." The packages are made up of children's drawings, letters, personal-care items, games and snacks – all provided by community members.

In sending the weekly care packages, Connelly thinks of her dad, a World War II veteran, and how her mom's care packages helped keep his – and his unit's – spirits high during difficult times.

To donate items for the weekly care packages, call (708) 857-2200 or stop by the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

PARK DISTRICT NOTES

In America, 65% of adults and 15% of teens and children are considered overweight or obese, leaving them more susceptible to heart disease, cancer, strokes and diabetes. The Oak Lawn Park District has been doing its best to combat obesity in the Oak Lawn area. All of the park district's facilities – especially the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., and the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center, 10444 S. Central Ave., -- offer opportunities day and night for individuals to get fit and have fun. Its parks and the Stony Creek Golf Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St., are accessible year round for walkers, joggers, cyclists and golfers.

The park district encourages individuals and families to live healthy lives by taking time for fun and fitness on a daily or weekly basis. A sampling of wellness programs coming this summer include:

Silly Willy Workout (June 9-July 23) – This is a fun fitness-fundamentals class for preschoolers ages three to six, held Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Community Pavilion.

Rugrat Sports (July 20-Aug. 26) – Kids ages three to five can choose to learn the fundamentals of soccer, football, floor hockey or tee ball during these Tuesday and Thursday programs at the Community Pavilion.

Fun with Fitness Teen Camp (June 21-July 28) – Tweens and teens will be exposed to fitness activities and nutritional guidance by a certified personal trainer on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center.

Junior High & High School Travelers Camp (June 23-Aug. 6) – Young bike enthusiasts (ages 12 to 15) will ride to different recreation destinations each Monday and Wednesday, beginning at the David Johnston Teen Center, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave.

Total Body Workout (June 21-Aug. 2) – This fitness class for ages 16 and up combines cardiovascular kick-boxing with weight training, held Mondays and Wednesdays at the Community Pavilion.

Lunch-Break Burn (June 22-July 29) – Ages 16 and up can make the most of their lunch hour with this 45-minute fitness class, which incorporates the use of various resistances and stability balls, held at the Community Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pre- & Post-Natal Workout (June 1-July 22) – Expectant and new moms will be guided through a safe fitness routine, based on low-impact aerobics and body toning, held by a specially certified instructor on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center.

Pilates-Based Strength & Stretch Conditioning (June 2-Aug. 23 and July 13-Oct. 5) – This mind-body class for ages 18 and up takes an anatomically-based approach to the original exercises of Joseph Pilates, held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in July at the Community Pavilion, and Mondays beginning in June at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Aqua Aerobics (June 14-Aug. 20) – Ages 16 and up can choose from moderate to high-endurance workouts in the water held at Central Pool, 9400 S. Kenton Ave., mornings and evenings Mondays through Fridays.

Tai-Chi (June 7-July 26) – Adults will combine proper breathing techniques with circular movements that are similar to dance during this martial-arts program held Mondays at the Administrative Center, 9400 S. Kenton Ave.

Special Recreation Gymnastics Exploration (July 1-Aug. 5) – A full hour of tumbling, balancing, jumping and climbing is offered on Thursdays at the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics center for special-recreation participants, ages three to 15.

In addition to these wellness programs, the park district's 700-member 1,000 Mile Walking Club will host an inaugural 5K Fun Walk throughout Oak Lawn on Saturday, May 22. The walk will begin and end at the Stony Creek Golf Complex and will wind through parks in central Oak Lawn. All abilities are encouraged to participate as a way to kick start fitness for the summer.

Oak Lawn residents may register now for these summer programs. Non-residents may register beginning Monday, May 24. For more information or program details, call [illegible] or visit [illegible]

Summer Reading Program

Discover new territory by joining the 2004 summer reading program at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. This year's theme is "Explore the Reading Trail." Registration for the ten-week program begins on Monday, June 7.

Children in preschool through eighth grade who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools may sign up in the Youth Services department. Prizes will be awarded to those who reach the reading goal for their specific age group. Summer reading club members are also invited to participate in a variety of activities, including weekly drawings, craft projects storytimes, puzzles, sign language classes, special interest clubs, a junior volunteer group and several entertainment programs.

High school students and adults may register at the Readers' Advisory Desk. Participants who read and review five books will receive a sport water bottle. There are also activities open to first and second year high school students in conjunction with the Youth Services Department.

For more information, call (708)422-4990, or visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Inductee

Sarah Dwyer of Hometown, a student at Monmouth College, was inducted into Sigma Omicron Mu, an upperclass scholastic fraternity for students who maintain a 3.615 grade point average or higher.

She also was recognized as a Blue Key member, an honorary fraternity recognizing outstanding students.

She also was awarded the Elizabeth Main Speer memorial scholarship and recognized as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society.

A senior education major, she is the daughter of Donald and Martha Dwyer of Hometown.

She was recognized at the college's annual honors convocation.

Ceremony

The Oak Lawn Park District has scheduled a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly renovated Stony Creek Miniature Golf Course (5850 W. 103rd St.) on Monday, June 7, at 8:30 p.m. Attendees will include the district's Board of Commissioners—President Donald V. Andersen, Vice President Terry Voderer, Gary Callahan, Paul Karr and Donna McCauley—and its director, Maddie Kelly. The event is open to the public, refreshments will be provided.

The 18-hole mini course—part of the Stony Creek Golf Complex—has a natural design, complete with waterfalls, boulders and spraying fountains. For more information or directions to the course, please call (708) 857-2214 or [illegible] e-mail [illegible]

Chosen For Pharmacy Program

Richards High School seniors Delilah Ledesma and Sylvia Maka recently were chosen for the prestigious Walgreens, Osco Drug and Chicago College of Pharmacy summer pharmacy technician program. They will complete the six-week program this summer prior to starting college.

Ledesma and Maka will follow in the footsteps of Ruba Tadros, who was named the program's outstanding student for summer 2003. All three are residents of Oak Lawn.

Ledesma and Maka will spend half of the six-week program in hands-on activities at a pharmacy and half in a short course at the Chicago College of Pharmacy.

All three are students of science teacher Jean Wehr, who now has had four students selected for the program in the past three years.

Starting in the fall, all three plan to begin their pursuit of careers in the pharmaceutical field. Ledesma and Maka will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago and Ruba will attend Loyola University-Chicago.

Seniors (left to right) Delilah Ledesma, Ruba Tadros and Sylvia Maka have been chosen for or already completed the Walgreens, Osco Drug, Chicago College of Pharmacy summer institute. All plan to pursue careers in the field.

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J. E. Lynch 2004 Award Recipients

Katherine Roza and David Sexton are the 2004 recipients of the J.E. Lynch Award given annually to the Most Outstanding Junior Boy and Girl at Oak Lawn Community High School. They were elected by members of the junior class and faculty. The awards are named in honor of a former superintendent of Oak Lawn Community High School District 229.

Junior students who demonstrated outstanding achievement and/or leadership in a subject area or extracurricular activity were nominated by staff members. The junior class then held an election, voting for the top boy and girl.

Katherine Roza is involved in girls basketball, drama, Junior Class Advisory Board, National Honor Society, Skills USA, and Student Helpers.

David Sexton is involved in baseball, cross country, Junior Class Advisory Board and National Honor Society.

Both students are pictured with Principal Catherine Fronczak.

Picnic In The Park Series

The Oak Lawn Park District continues its 60th anniversary celebration with a Picnic in the Park series this June. Held each Thursday of the month at noon, the picnics will celebrate different decades from the past 60 years.

"Bring your sack lunch and join your neighbors for some community fun," says Julie Ryan, the park district's superintendent of recreation.

The event kicks off on June 3rd at Central Pool, 9400 S. Kenton Ave., with a 1960s style open swim. Swimmers will enjoy the sounds of 60s music from a professional DJ, while participating in activities to win prizes. If the weather is unfavorable, the event will be an open skate at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave. Admission is 60 cents.

The Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th St. & Laramie Ave., is the site for the second picnic on June 10th with a 1970s flower power theme. Participants will make a craft, compete in a 70s freeze-dance contest and receive temporary tattoos.

On June 17th, enjoy 1950s old-fashioned fun at Lake Shore Park, 9610 East Shore Dr. The event will include picnic games and a watermelon-eating contest.

The Picnics in the Park series will end June 24th with a 1980s celebration at Lawn Manor Park, 108th St. & Kostner Ave. Participants should come dressed as their favorite 80s character or celebrity.

For more information, call (708) 857-2200.

Free Blood Pressures

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Participants may also speak one-on-one with a physician from Advocate Christ Medical Center at a special "Ask the Doctor" forum.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. It is their mission to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library (708)422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).

Regional Consensus Luncheon

Republican Sen. Frank C. Watson will be the featured speaker at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce's monthly Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, June 14th at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

Sen. Watson represents the 51st District and is currently the Republican Leader. Watson's legislative service includes serving in the House of Representatives from 1979-1983, beginning his term as Senator in 1983. His Legislative assignments include serving on several committees including Executive.

Watson is a graduate of Purdue University, has a B.S. in pharmacy and was a former trustee and supervisor in Bond County Central Township.

The cost of the luncheon program is $25 for members and $30 for non-members. The program begins with a reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon. The program will commence at 12:30 with adjournment at 1 p.m.

The luncheon is open to the business community. For registration or further information, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950, ext. 124.

Importance Of Homeowners Insurance

If you own a home, you probably understand the importance of having homeowners insurance. You know that unexpected events like fire, tornado, hail, and theft can be financially devastating. But recognizing the benefits of insurance may not keep you from cringing when the bill arrives. The Illinois Insurance Hotline, an industry sponsored consumer resource, offers insight into factors affecting homeowner insurance premiums and makes some suggestions to help you lower the cost.

A number of factors have influenced insurance premiums in recent years. First, construction costs for materials and labor have increased. It costs more to repair drywall, paint and replace damaged carpeting today than it did a few years ago. Second, natural disasters like tornadoes and hailstorms are occurring more often and resulting in greater destruction. In turn, insurance companies are seeing increased numbers of weather-related losses. Third, many consumers have more to insure now. Low interest loans have enabled homeowners to upgrade or improve their residences. Bigger homes cost more to insure.

Insurance pricing is closely tied to loss experience. Companies adjust cost to reflect loss trends. Rates are also influenced by the insurer's ability to predict losses. For example, a brick home is less susceptible to fire than a wood frame home. Composite shingles are less likely to be damaged than wood shake shingles. Insurers strive to price policies so those less likely to file claims pay less for insurance.

Finally, it's important to recognize that insurance policies are not savings accounts. Policyholders do not receive immediate, tangible returns for premium payments. Instead, insurance is a pooling concept. Policyholders pay premiums in return for a company's promise to pay future claims as outlined in the insurance contract.

What can you do to lower your cost?

1. Increase your deductible. You'll have to pay more when a loss occurs. However, a high deductible eliminates small insurance claims and enables you to pay a lower premium.
2. Shop around. More than 300 companies sell insurance in Illinois. Prices vary greatly. Make sure you're comparing equal coverage from reputable companies.
3. Ask about discounts. You may be entitled to a credit for installing deadbolt locks or an alarm system, for being a retired senior, or for placing both home and auto with the same insurance company.
4. Pay bills on time. There's a statistical link between credit and claims. Those with good credit typically have fewer claims. Examine your credit history for errors that have adversely affected your credit-based insurance score.
5. Maintain your home. Make sure the plumbing, heating, wiring, and roof are in good condition. Poor maintenance increases the likelihood of a loss.
6. Buyer beware. It's a good idea to ask about prior losses before closing the deal on a new house. Homes with prior claims are more costly to insure.

The recently updated "Consumers Guide to Homeowner Insurance" is a 14-page booklet that explains basic homeowner insurance terms, offers shopping tips, and discusses the loss settlement process. Call the Illinois Insurance Hotline at 1(800) 444-3338 to request a complimentary copy. Consultants are available to discuss insurance issues from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is attending the International Congress of Dietetics in Chicago this week. Her column will resume on June 3rd.

Life Line Screen

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center can help you avoid a stroke in just 10 minutes! To help you protect your health, and your life, Life Line Screenings will be available at the following locations: Apollo Recreation Center, 125th and Kostner, Alsip on Friday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8659 Sayre Ave., Burbank, on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Life Line Screenings use Doppler ultrasound technology and check for vascular disease or osteoporosis as part of an individuals personal prevention plan. Available screenings include: stroke/carotid artery, $45; abdominal aortic aneurysm, $45; peripheral arterial disease, $45; and osteoporosis, $35.

For more information, call (800) 407-4557.

For a complete listing of programs and events at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, visit www.stfrancisblueisland.com.

Breast Ultrasound

Researchers at Northwestern Memorial Hospital are participating in a nationwide clinical trial, called ACRIN 6666, to determine the role of breast ultrasound in screening for breast cancer in high-risk women.

"Finding breast cancer early improves the chance of successful treatment," explains Ellen Mendelson, M.D., chief of breast imaging at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, professor in the department of radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and co-investigator of this study. "Mammography can help find breast cancer early, but some breast cancers may not show up on mammography if a woman's breast tissue is dense. Ultrasound may help find breast cancer or suspicious areas that mammography misses."

"Masses can be difficult to spot on mammograms in women with dense breasts because the normal tissue as well as the mass looks white, unlike fatty breasts where the tissue looks grey and the mass stands out in white," continues Dr. Mendelson.

The research study "Screening Breast Ultrasound in High-Risk Women" will evaluate the role of screening breast ultrasound for the detection of breast cancer in addition to mammography. The study also will analyze the exam costs and risks of additional biopsies of benign (not cancer) areas. The study aims to enroll 2,800 women at 22 medical centers nationwide for three years.

This study is being launched by the American College of Radiology Imaging Network (ACRIN), a national cancer research organization sponsored and funded by the National Cancer Institute that includes investigators at over 100 leading medical facilities across North America.

Women may be eligible to join this study if they are at least 25 years old, have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer, have breast tissue that has been determined to be at least moderately dense as viewed on a mammogram AND if at least ONE of the following applies:

- Prior history of breast cancer at least one year ago.
- A mother, sister or daughter has had breast cancer.
- A prior breast biopsy showed results that were atypical.
- A mutation in a breast cancer gene.
- Have had radiation treatment to the chest before age 30 and at least 8 years ago.
- Do not have suspicious breast lumps or any other signs of breast cancer.

If you would like to learn more about this clinical trial, call (312) 926-8400.

New Approach To Prevent Strokes

Ischemic stroke patients who arrive at the hospital too late to receive currently available treatment options might some day have a new treatment option. Northwestern Memorial Hospital is the only site in Chicago to participate in a phase III trial of abciximab (ReoPro – Centocor/Eli Lilly and Company), which seeks to determine the drug's ability to improve neurological function and minimize disability in patients who present with an acute ischemic stroke.

"tPA is the only FDA-approved treatment for ischemic stroke within three hours of onset, but most patients can't be treated with it because they arrive in the emergency department more than three hours after their stroke occurred," explains Richard Bernstein, M.D., Ph.D., a stroke neurologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and assistant professor of neurology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "Preliminary results with abciximab suggest we may be able to use it to extend this time window to six hours and possibly use it to treat the many patients who wake up from sleep with a stroke. Currently, there is no approved acute treatment for these patients and abciximab may represent a new approach."

Abciximab prevents blood platelets from forming clots, and also helps diminish clots that have already formed. Since ischemic stroke results from clots that block arteries supplying blood to the brain, it makes sense to test this agent in stroke. The research study currently underway, called AbESTT-II, is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of abciximab in acute stroke. It is sponsored by Eli Lilly and Centocor, and seeks to enroll 1,800 participants worldwide.

Unlike other investigational treatments to open blocked arteries in stroke beyond three hours, abciximab can be given into a vein in the arm and requires no additional invasive procedures. "Abciximab has been used for years by cardiologists to help keep diseased coronary arteries open," explains Dr. Bernstein. "If this treatment proves safe and effective in acute stroke, it could be used in any emergency room throughout the country. This could fundamentally change the way we treat this common and devastating disease."

Participants are potentially eligible for this trial if they can receive study drug or placebo within 6 hours of stroke onset, or if they wake up from sleep with a stroke and can receive study drug or placebo within three hours of waking up.

An acute stroke occurs when a blood vessel becomes blocked in the brain. This blockage prevents oxygen and nutrients in the blood from getting to the part of the brain, resulting in the death of that part of the brain. Blood clots are formed when cells called platelets bind to each other and to other blood components. Since permanent damage can be done to the brain the longer it does not get blood and oxygen, it is important to restore blood flow as quickly as possible.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death worldwide, resulting in approximately five million deaths every year. It is the leading cause of adult long-term disability. About 85 percent of all strokes are termed ischemic, meaning they are caused by a blood clot or plaque that blocks a blood vessel in the brain.

A Stomach Pacemaker

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is one of only eight sites nationally and the only in Chicago to participate in a research study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the Implantable Gastric Stimulation (IGS) – a "pacemaker" for the stomach that may create a sense of fullness. The IGS, which essentially looks and operates very similar to a typical cardiac pacemaker, will be tested to see if it is a safer, less invasive alternative to other surgical treatments for weight loss.

Manufactured by Transneuronix, this system consists of an electrical pulse generator, about the size of a pocket watch, which is placed under the skin in the abdomen and connected to the wall of the stomach with two wires. The pulse generator delivers electrical stimulation to the stomach, causing the feeling of fullness. Implanting it takes less than an hour and is done as an outpatient laparoscopic procedure.

"Surgeons are still unsure exactly why it lessens the appetite," explains Robert Kushner, M.D., medical director of the Wellness Institute at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and professor of medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "Possible mechanisms of action include an impact on the nerves, changes in digestive hormones or direct stimulation of stomach muscles."

Clinical data have been collected on about 450 subjects worldwide. "The IGS system, unlike most operations that treat obesity, does not alter gastrointestinal anatomy and is being tested to see if it is less invasive and results in fewer complications compared to other surgical procedures," adds Jay B. Prystowsky, M.D., chief of the Divisson of Gastrointestinal and Endocrine Surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and professor of surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Interested participants should contact Northwestern Memorial Hospital at (312) 926-8400 or visit http://www.candidatescreenings.com/SSSPWelcome.asp.

Breast Biopsy System

The Women's Wellness Center at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island announces a new, minimally invasive procedure for breast biopsy that helps women avoid the operating room and return immediately to normal daily activities. The Mammotome Breast Biopsy System, which is offered as an alternative to the traditional open surgical biopsy, provides a definitive diagnosis of suspicious breast lesions.

Each year alone, an estimated 1.6 million women will have a breast biopsy, usually as a result of abnormal mammogram results or a lump found through physical exam.

The Women's Wellness Center is part of St. Francis' recent $34 million renovation which boasts a spacious waiting area, Internet access and other resources for consumers to research health information.

For more information about the Mammotome Breast Biopsy System or other services provided by the Women's Wellness Center, call (708) 597-2000, ext. 5331.

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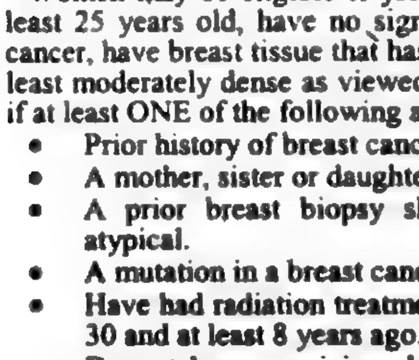

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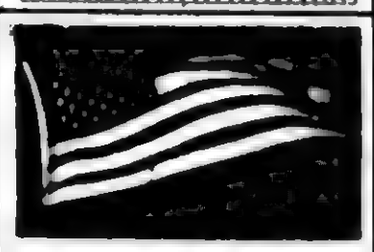

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15529 Tudor Rd, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $178,199.00.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125. 190303C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call: Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday, Aretos & Giampetro, LLC, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700. 190398C

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure & Sale entered in the above cause on 2/20/2004, The Judicial Sales Corp. will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/22/2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Fl., Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 14355 S. Keystone Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $143,106.99

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., & any prior mortgages of record & is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title & without recourse to plaintiff & in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection & Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-13730

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192278C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. William P. Muldoon a/k/a William Patrick Muldoon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-7860.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 56821
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 30, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner, Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9436 S. Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,727.03.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

198499C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Pawlikowicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14770 Waverly Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $56,538.73

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-5983.

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191126C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael A. Roche, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19047

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7003 W. Avon Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,990.10.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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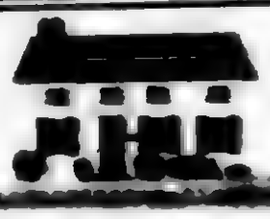

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Daniel S. Stefan, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16371.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15419 Tudor Rd., Oak Forest, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,497.80.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603. 312/372-2020. Please refer to file no. 03-3333-0067

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192059C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Bank of New York as Trustee, for the Certificateholders of the Reperforming Loan Remic Trust Certificates, Series 2003-R3, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel R. Sims, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7967

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 58036
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 16, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9219 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of Brick constructed, two story, single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,068.17.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

202916C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Universal Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Taylor, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-2851.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3611 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $95,855.11

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-567

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190411C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Bank of New York as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of Reperforming Remic Trust Series CWABS 99-3, Plaintiff, vs. George J. Musielak, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6585.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57333
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2004.

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 26, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the lobby (Northeast corner) of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 10520 S. Kenneth Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $271,971.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

193836C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16086.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3601 W. 81st Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. 1 story brown/tan brick with white trim and det. 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $154,997.42.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http://service.attorneypierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0304307

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191309C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dan A. Aiflitis, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-8040

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57907
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor, Southwest Corner, Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 5220 W. 137th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $101,799.36.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Nieves Sandoval, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18047.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 25, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 3622 W. 79th Place, Chicago, IL 60652

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,415.78.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/17/04, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/30/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $133,576.31.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-1110D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Union National Bank, a National Banking Association, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-1 for Long Beach Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Janina Pyzik, et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-15180

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8928 Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $115,940.20.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-7779.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. SF JV-2002-1, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. Frank Cechota, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7520

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55505

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 24, 2004 in the amount of $125,821.71, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on June 30, 2004 outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash.

C/K/A: 5700 W. 87th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties, sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph M. Donato Jr., et al., Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-4807.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 29, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4924 Elizabeth Court, Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $204,616.02.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-02-1809.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Donald Melnyk a/k/a Donald S. Melnyk, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-20542

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55031

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 15, 2004, in the amount of $108,033.96, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash.

C/K/A 9612 S. Karlov, #102, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties, sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by Merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by Merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Reche, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-19041.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6755 W. 91st Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $155,336.80.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-1368D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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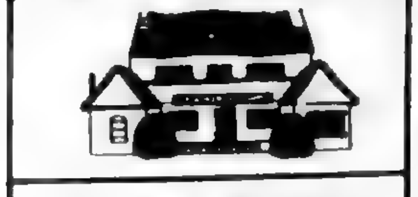

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Melvin Ballentine, et al., Defendants. No. 97Ch-7200.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 24, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 13819 S. Spaulding, Robbins, IL 60472

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $33,744.52.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA9703236

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee c/o Residential Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. James A. Howard, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14530.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 8, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 2708 W. 83rd St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with a detached one and a half car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $105,095.11

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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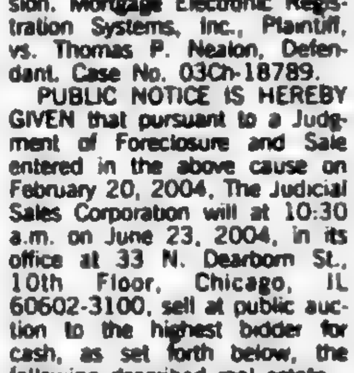

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Thomas P. Nealon, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18789.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14941 Ridgeway Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $124,368.24.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-1286D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff, vs. Keith E. Herald a/k/a Keith E. Herald, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18710.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 24, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15322 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $110,036.84.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-1245D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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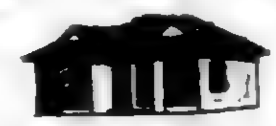

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. James F. Cloney, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12830.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 9624 S. Troy Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $122,226.11

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Company West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Smith, et al., Defendants. Case No. 01Ch-742.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2735 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,828.78

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-293.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Crown Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Glen M. Barnster, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-11550.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14349 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $126,712.51.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-6739.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth J. Wiseman, et al., Defendants. Case No. 04Ch-1081.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 14, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 3, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14944 S. Richmond Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The real estate is improved with a purple alu/. or vyl. single family 1 story w/separate 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $93,458.57.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0400058.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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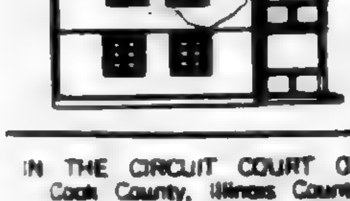

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bonnie L. Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Plambeck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-160.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4681 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $86,739.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwerren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwerren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305910

189914C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Randall S. Iverson, Defendant. No. 03Ch-17252.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 15, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13940 S. Long Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $162,413.63.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

191861C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. James Burgeson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17978.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 15, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8425 Oak Park Ave., Burbank, IL 60459.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family, one story, wood frame residence with separate 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $171,331.93.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0308462

191796C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank fsb assignee of Bancgroup Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Stuart A. Flom, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-18187.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 14, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4141 W. 90th Place, Hometown, IL 60614.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $120,276.98.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28566.

191323C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday & Aretos, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005, (847) 590-8700.

191371C

NOTICE

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Public Utilities

State Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to ensure that people have recourse for public utilities violations.

The legislation will allow the State's Attorney and the Attorney General's Office to enforce consumer protection laws that revolve around the Public Utilities Act. One example of a violation would be when a customer is overcharged on their public utilities bill. In addition, this legislation will provide legal aid for the victim under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Businesses Practices Act.

Sen. Maloney's legislation would require the Illinois Commerce Commission to cooperate with the State's Attorney and the Attorney General's Office by providing them with information and forwarding them complaints regarding violations of the Public Utilities Act.

"This legislation is a necessary preemptive measure to the increased deregulation of the public utility industry," said Maloney. "Traditional consumer protections should be available to consumers of these industries in addition to the accountability these industries have to the Illinois Commerce Commission."

Senate Bill 2907 has passed the Senate and the House and now goes to the governor for his consideration.

Predict Less Spending On Vacations

The average American is planning to spend 5.3 percent less this year on summer vacations. According to the annual Summer Vacation Survey conducted by Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, the average summer vacation will cost $2,252 this year, down from $2,378 in 2003.

Of those taking a vacation 77.8 percent plan on using a credit card to pay for all or part of their trip and 29.3 percent plan on taking three or more months to pay for their vacation charges. If the average cost of $2,252 is placed on a credit card and only the minimum payment is made, it will take almost 33 years to pay off the balance and cost an additional $5,687 in interest payments. That calculation assumes an 18% interest rate and a monthly minimum payment of 2%.

Of those surveyed, 41% plan on taking a trip this summer, down from 48.5% in 2003. 53.6 percent of Americans said they were not taking a summer vacation while 5.4% are undecided.

People in the West plan to spend the most on their summer vacations with an average of $2,566. Northeast residents came in a close second with an average of $2,405. Those in the South plan on spending $2,199 and people in the Midwest plan on spending $1,802.

The Myvesta Summer Vacation Survey was conducted May 14-16 in a random telephone survey of 1,000 adult Americans.

Frank Jaha

Frank Jaha, 86, of Orland Park was a retired employee for International Harvester. Arrangements were handled by Thornridge Funeral Home.

Ann T. Gabala

A Mass was said Wednesday at St. George Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Ann T. Gabala, 93, wife of the late Anthony.

She is survived by her children, James A. (Peg) Gabala and Joyce Tachett; two grandchildren; her sister, Alice Stapel; and her brother, Edward Kuczynski.

John P. Niziolek

A Mass was said Wednesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum for John P. Niziolek, 85. He is a World War II veteran. He is past commander of the Archer Highland Post 698, American Legion.

He his survived by his wife, Sophie A.; his children, Robert (Judith) and Pamela (James) Whiteside; four grandchildren; and his sisters, Helen (Ken) Barr and Josephine (Louie) Sotka.

Leokadia Bukowski

A Mass was said Monday at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Leokadia Bukowski, wife of the late Chester. She was a veteran of the Women's Army Corp.

She is survived by her children, Garry (Marlene) Bukowski, Sandra (Ronald) Slagoski, Greg Bukowski and Suzette (Ted) Patz; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Stella and Adeline.

Robert Mixa

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment in Orland Memorial Park for Robert Mixa of Orland Park. He was an Army veteran. He worked as a lithographer for AGI Printers.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; his children, Tom (Martha), Mary (John) Lisek, Bob (Jeanne), Katheen (Rick) Siepak, Patty (Rick) Alberts and Paul (Michelle) Mixa; 20 grandchildren; and his sister, Gloria (Gene) Brogan.

Joseph M. Levigne

Mass was said Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment in St. Mary Cemetery for Joseph M. Levigne, 92, husband of the late Betty. He was retired after 38 years with the Chicago Transit Authority and was a member for 30 years with local No. 308.

He is survived by his children, Joseph (Barbara), Vincent (Carol) and Janice (John) Lyon; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Frannie (Tony), Carmela and Mary Olivia.

Edward J. Mical

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at family lot for Edward J. Mical, husband of the late Stephanie.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Mae; his children, Elaine (Mike) Pawlak and Diane (Mike) Janes; his stepchildren, Bonnie (Dan) Petrieka, Bruce (Sam) and Barry (Jeannie) Dombrowski; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Matt Michal; and his sisters, Lottie Szkodzinski, Adeline Kwak and Lillian Czyzewski.

June Rooney

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Hills, with a private interment for June Rooney, 81, resident of Palos Park, wife of the late Robert.

She is survived by her children, Garry (Mary Ann), Kevin (Celia), Maureen (Steven) Gilbert, Denise (Michael) Clodfelter, Owen and Brian (Tracy) Rooney, and seven grandchildren.

Robert K. Hohn

A Mass was held Tuesday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with a private interment for Robert K. Hohn. He was a retired police officer for the Alsip Police Department.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen M.; his children, Robert J. and Bryan M. Hohn; his brother, William Hohn; and his sister, Heidi Hohn.

Donald E. Lamb

A Mass was held Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Donald E. Lamb. He was a member of Local 705, I.B.T., L.O.O.M. No. 44 and longtime usher at St. Gerald Church.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; his children, Kathleen O'Dwyer, Robert Lamb and Cynthia (Frank) De Clercq; and five grandchildren.

Jack Westberg

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery for Jack R. Westberg, 78. Arrangements were handled by Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and member and past commander of the Palos Park Post 4861, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Angeline M. Sullivan

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Angeline M. Sullivan.

She is survived by her children, James (Maureen), Joanne, Patrick (Kathleen) and Robert (Donna) Sullivan; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her brother, Peter (Sylvia) Bingelman.

Southwest Area Obituaries

John Balouris

Services were held Tuesday at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery for John Balouris. He was a member of Evoen Society. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Royal Greece Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Vailiki; his children, Nicholas (Sylvia) and Peter (Nancy); three grandchildren; and his siblings, Kalliroy, Kostas, Frangouli and Evangelia.

Helen Lucille Blatt

Services were held Tuesday in St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Midlothian, with interment at Mount Hope Cemetery for Helen Lucille Blatt of Midlothian, wife of the late Willard. She was a retired service representative for Illinois Bell.

She is survived by her children Janice (Lee) Kooi, Gerald (Linda) Blatt, Arnold Blatt and Robert (Jean) Blatt, and six grandchildren.

David W. Bridwell

Services were held Wednesdsay at Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with private interment for David W. Bridwell, 66.

He is survived by his wife, Doris C.; his children, David A. Bridwell, Douglas (Lisa) Bridwell and Dennis (Margaret) Bridwell; and grandchildren.

Toy Pauline Sparks

Services were held Tuesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Toy Pauline Sparks, 46.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; her children, Tammy Olsen and Amy Sparks; her brothers, Buddy (Nadine) Hannus, and Joey (Lee) Dominick; and her sisters, Laurie (Mort) Franklin, Patty (Jim) Gancarek and Bevie (Phil) Abete.

Frances Butkus

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery for Frances Butkus, 86, wife of the late Phillip C.

She is survived by Phillip P. (Georgeen) and Patricia A. Drobny; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her sister, Jane (George) Gambini; and her brother, Ben (Bernice) Mical.

George Christopulos

Services were held Saturday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with interment in Elmwood Cemetery for George Christopulos, 81. He was a veteran of the CBI Theatre of World War II. He was past president of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council, past president and life member of Oak Lawn-Englewood Order of Ahepa, past officer of the 13th District Order of Ahepa and member of McDonald-Linn Post 177, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Hartnett; his stepson, Dan (Barb) Hartnett; two grandchildren; his sisters, Lula (John) Krisilas and Helen (Frank) LoBosco; and his brother, Harry (Zeme).

Lorraine M. Cosich

Services were held Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, with interment at Bethania Cemetery for Lorraine M. Cosich, wife of the late Edward P.

She is survived by her children, Edward J. (Carol), Richard S. (Evon) and William J. Cosich; three granchildren; nine step-granchildren; and her sister, Ann Dierks.

Mary J. Winters

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Mary J. Winters.

She is survived by her brothers, Fr. Martin N. and Charles T.

Doris Virginia Hawkins

Services were held Tuesday at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Beverly Cemetery for Doris Virginia Hawkins, 78, wife of the late Walter "Harris."

She is survived by her children, Walter "Dan" (Evelyn), Virginia Bates, Randall (Patricia), LaVerne (Dave) Renn, Jane (William) Pribara and Shirley (John) Evans, 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Madaline E. Marsh

Services were held Monday at John Sheehy Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Mount Greenwood Cemetery for Madaline E. Marsh, wife of the late Milton E.

She is survived by her children, Wayne G. (Kathleen) and Robert A. (Diane) Marsh; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Lois A. Majchrzak

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 28th at Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4201 W. 147th St., Midlothian, with private interment at St. Benedict Cemetery for Lois A. Majchrzak.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Allen) Jones, Michael and Lisa; four grandchildren; her brothers, John (Pat) Krizik and George Becker; and her sisters, Janice Schmidt and Bev Schoenwald.

Donald R. "Bob" Scott

Arrangements are being handled in Burkesville, Ken., for Donald R. "Bob" Scott, 81, formerly of Bridgeview, husband of the late Doris Dillion. He was a die setter.

He is survived by his children, Janet (Rick) Barlow and Donald (Peggy) Scott; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Ruby Pflum; and his brother, Ralph Scott.

Lois A. Majchrzak

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 28th at 7 p.m. at Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4201 W. 147th St., for Lois A. Majchrzak, 61, formerly of Midlothian. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday. Interment will be private at St. Benedict Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Michelle (Allen) Jones, Lisa Majchrzak and Michael Majchrzak; four grandchildren; her sisters, Janice Schmidt and Bev Schoenwald and her brothers, John (Pat) Krizik and George Becker.

Mark Robert Turner

Services were held Monday at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with a private interment for Mark Robert Turner.

He is survived by his children, Andrea and Eric Turner; his mother, Charlene Turner; his sisters, Dee Hannah, Debbie (Kevin) Bushor, Denise (Michael) Tietz and Daniele Turner; and his brother, Michael (Sandi).

Claire M. Berk

A Mass was said at St. Walter Church, Chicago, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Claire M. Berk.

She is survived by her husband, Edward J.; her children, Karen (Robert) Autenrieth, Stephen (Lynn), Andrea (James) Geraci, Edward "Bud" (Laurie), Robert (Maureen), Thomas (JoAnn) and James (Karla) Berk; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Florence (Don) Falls and Millie Hayes.

Dolores B. Chapulis

Services were held at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery for Dolores B. Chapulis, wife of the late Richard S. Chapulis.

She is survived by her children, Allen (Denise) Chapulis, Nancy (Michael) Thiel and Dennis Chapulis; two granchildren; her sister, Jean (Raymond) Czekala; and her brothers, Joseph (Betty) and Thomas (Tina) Tucker.

Marie W. Deptolla

Services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Bethania Cemetery for Marie W. Deptolla, 91, wife of the late, Charles.

She is survived by her children, Joanne and Gerald (Beverly); two grandchildren; her sister, Genevieve Hucko.

Anthony P. Simulis

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christina Church, Mount Greenwood, with interment private for Anthony P. Simulis, 50. He was a member of the Chicago Fire Department for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife Susan (Hrad); his children, Anthony, Julie, Vincent and Andrea. his mother, Roberta; his sisters, Therese Wells, Edith (Richard) Burns, Eileen (Kevin) Dunleavy and Sophia (Scott) Straka; and his brother, Jerome (Laurie).

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Dear Editor:

On this upcoming Memorial Day 2004 I would like to give special recognition to a proud American-my father. Dad was born in Lithuania and came to America as a teenager.

The day before his 23rd birthday he enlisted in the Army and served in France during World War I. He received his Certificate of Naturalization on August 14, 1918, while at Camp Jackson in South Carolina. Dad was honorably discharged from Camp Grant in Illinois on January 17, 1919. I treasure those two documents and his picture in uniform. They will be 100 years old in 2018 and 2019.

My father was honest, loyal and hard-working. He loved his wife, children, family, community and America. He never forgot his heritage but America was his home. He instilled in me pride for our country. I was a little girl during World War II. I remember sitting on his lap in the darkened "parlor" during air raid drills. At that time my 17-year-old brother joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Nevada. When we lived in Chicago, the flag was always flown at our home and again when we moved to Oak Lawn. It now flies at our home twenty-four hours/seven days a week.

Dad died at the age of 83 in 1978. A few of his comrades from American Legion Post 419 were able to attend his funeral. I know dad must have saluted as the gun salute was given and Taps was played. It is a sad but beautiful tribute to an American soldier. His flag resides with my older sister and will be passed down to another member of the family.

My dad was a true American in every sense of the word. May God Bless him and all of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who proudly served our country. They should never be forgotten. My dad's story is not unique but it plays a part in the building of the greatest nation in the world—America.

Thank You,
Marlene Jeziorski
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Marge Brennis of Palos Hills has been a Brookfield Zoo volunteer for 20 years.

Dalton Gilliland of Oak Lawn has been a Brookfield Zoo volunteer for 10 years.

Mary Jean Gilliland of Oak Lawn has been a Brookfield Zoo volunteer for 10 years.

Bob Belling of Orland Park has been a Brookfield Zoo volunteer for 10 years.

Brookfield Zoo Honors Local Volunteers

Brookfield Zoo honored its volunteers at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 25th. The evening included a presentation of service and special awards to volunteers who have generously contributed their time to the zoo.

During the evening, nearly 75 volunteers were presented with service awards from Fred Krehbiel, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Zoological Society (CZS); Edie Duckworth, trustee of the CZS and one of the founders of the zoo's volunteer program; Lou Schauer, trustee of the CZS; and Dr. George Rabb, Brookfield Zoo director emeritus.

Approximately 700 volunteers contributed nearly 80,000 hours of service to Brookfield Zoo in 2003. These individuals dedicate their time in sharing interesting facts about the animals and the exhibits to visitors, guiding and welcoming guests, leading the zoo's CONNECTIONS Program tours for school groups, assisting at outreach programs, and assisting with office work and at special events throughout the year. For further information on Brookfield Zoo's volunteer programs, visit www.brookfieldzoo.org.

MEMORIAL DAY
To Honor Those Who Gave Their Lives

AAA Fuel Gauge Report

According to AAA Chicago's most recent fuel gauge report, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline in Illinois now averages a record high $2.07 per gallon, which is up 25 cents from this time last month and up 57 cents from last year's prices. In northern Indiana, gas prices now average $2.03, which is up 27 cents from last month and up 64 cents from last year's prices. Counties that make-up the Chicago metropolitan area also hit record highs.

In **Cook County**, self-serve regular unleaded gasoline now averages $2.22 per gallon, which is up 29 cents from last month's prices and up 64 cents from last year.

In **Will County**, self-serve regular unleaded gasoline averages $2.10 per gallon, 26 cents higher than April prices and 61 cents higher than last year.

"Gas prices have hit record highs mainly as a result of the continued high cost of crude oil, which is now priced above $40 a barrel," said AAA Chicago spokesman Steve Nolan. "If crude oil prices remain at these levels, motorists can expect to continue to pay high gas prices throughout the summer."

CHEER UP
IT'S VACATIONTIME

Moonlight Canoeing For Families

"Moonlight Canoe," a family program for persons at least 10 years of age, will be on Friday, June 4th at 8 p.m. at Monee Reservoir. The Forest Preserve District of Will County program requires registration and a fee of $10 per person.

Plan to relax with Forest Preserve staff as we paddle the quiet, calm waters of Monee Reservoir at dusk. Sunset is a magical time when daylight animals retire and nocturnal ones become active. As the moon rises, we will look and listen for animal activity and enjoy the serenity of twilight.

Canoeing experience is required.

All equipment, including canoe, oars and life jackets, is included.

Monee Reservoir is located at 27341 Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

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Hometown School Completes GREAT Training Program

More than 60 students from Hometown School recently completed the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The students participated in a 13-week program that is designed to decrease gang violence by giving the students the tools they need to avoid gang involvement. The program is designed to develop the students into responsible members of the community by teaching them to set goals for themselves, resist peer pressure, learn how to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner and understand how gangs can negatively impact their quality of life.

G.R.E.A.T. is a successful national program originally developed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, but is being conducted locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The program puts specially-trained Sheriff's officers in the classroom to teach junior high and middle school students about the consequences of gang affiliation.

"Law enforcement officials and educators must work together to convince children of the dangers of gang involvement," Sheriff Sheahan said. "By working closely in classrooms directly with students, our officers are making a tremendous impact."

For more information, call (708) 974-6060.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

10117 S Knox Crt	Oak Lawn	$278,000	Bakker Daniel,Bakker Tracy	Beenes Douglas R,Beenes Sandra J
10117 S Tripp	Oak Lawn	$191,500	Pawlak Kathleen M	Goding Craig J,Goding Rene L
4825 W 98Th St	Oak Lawn	$156,000	Rusich James W	Szarzynski Douglas P,Szarzynskiacarolyn L
6201 W 95Th St	Oak Lawn	$2,658,000	Lasalle Bk Natl Assn Tr	95 Melvina Ltd Prtn
9725 S Kostner Unit 206	Oak Lawn	$79,000	Vizcarra Rose H	Milkunas Aaris T
9628 S Rutherford	Oak Lawn	$180,000	Coote Beverly	Brevitz Phyllis J
6624 W 91St Pl	Oak Lawn	$305,000	Wielicki Peter,Wielicki Melissa	Leroy Janice L Extr,Kierzak Chester F
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9820 S Mobile #2F	Oak Lawn	$126,000	Polak Rafal,Jandura Monika	Pasai John A Jr,Pasai Annette M
4831 W 109Th St #201	Oak Lawn	$102,500	Busas Anna K	Keegan Carolyn B,Ryan Carolyn B
11422 Foxwoods Dr	Oak Lawn	$340,000	Walsh Therese	Grant Julie B
5359 Edison Unit 3	Oak Lawn	$139,000	Gamboa Carlos,Ortega Victoria	Krygerie Paul A,Jager Cheryl
5550 W 115Th St#404&#G27	Oak Lawn	$200,000	Ohara Merrily W	Cole Taylor Bk Tr
9725 S Karlov Ave Unit 206	Oak Lawn	$107,000	Conrad Marshon	Risley Keith
5550 W 115Th St#304&#G20	Oak Lawn	$205,000	Andricopoulos Thomas	Cole Taylor Bk Tr
10354 S Central Ave	Oak Lawn	$135,000	Rayyan Iyad	Avila Jorge A,Restrepo Sylvia
4909-4921 W Columbus Dr	Oak Lawn	$600,000	Cunningham Karen,Heppner Korey J	Founders Bk Tr
5125 W 101St St	Oak Lawn	$185,000	Drew Richard C	Pulido Joseph A,Pulido Bertha,Pulido
5520 W 115Th St#102#G38	Oak Lawn	$183,000	Standard B&T Co Tr	Cole Taylor Bk Tr
6101 W 94Th St	Oak Lawn	$120,000	Bryja Slawomir M,Bryja Stanislawa M	Rowicka Barbara
4038 Almansa Ln	Oak Lawn	$80,000	Powers Amy	Adams Kerry A Tr,Adams Kerry A
10436 S Tripp	Oak Lawn	$198,000	Adcock Arthur.	Brian Joanne M Tr,Joanne M Brann
9828 S Menard	Oak Lawn	$242,500	Monzon Jose B,Monzon Guadalupe	Sommerfeld Susan L Tr,Sommerfeld
10524 S Keating Ave 104	Oak Lawn	$131,000	Brady Mary	Florek Sabina Extr,Meisinger Regina S
5825 W 88Th Pl	Oak Lawn	$258,000	Navarrete Gerardo,Navarrete Soledad	Lontka Edmund Jr Lontka Janice
9400 S Mcvicker	Oak Lawn	$251,000	Bande Kazimierz,Dzierzaga Zofia	Szypulinski Zdzislawa
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9421 South Parkside	Oak Lawn	$192,500	Ransford Michael J	Stanton Janet,Willeder Janet
8813 Central Avenue	Oak Lawn	$205,000	Kozak Wladyslaw,Kozak Krystyna	West George,West Peter West Kathleen
9640 S Komensky Unit 207	Oak Lawn	$125,000	Barrett Ann M	Clark William L
11001 Dublin Unit 306	Oak Lawn	$187,500	Tucker Pamela	Jarra Adolph A Tr,Adolph Jarra
5618 W 88Th St	Oak Lawn	$135,000	Prairie B&T Co Tr	Lasalle Bk Natl Assn Tr
9929 S Mansfield	Oak Lawn	$265,000	Miller Matthew D,Devlin Lynn M	Taylor Richard L,Taylor Alicia G
4820 W 96Th Pl	Oak Lawn	$204,000	Terry Jeffery,Terry Jill	Griffin Timothy J

Fishing Days Set

Civic organizations, scout troops, community groups and recreation agencies plan to highlight the fun of recreational fishing by hosting a number of special events in conjunction with the annual Illinois Free Fishing Days celebration from June 11th to 14th when anglers can fish without purchasing an annual fishing license, inland trout stamp or salmon stamp.

"Fishing is a terrific family-oriented activity and Free Fishing Days is one way we are able to highlight that fact," said Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold. "Whether they're spending an afternoon bank fishing at a local park or casting from a pontoon on their favorite lake or waterway, families and friends have a lot of fun fishing and Free Fishing Days gives everyone interested in fishing a chance to give it a try."

"Dozens of local organizations have sent word of events they are planning for the free fishing weekend," Brunsvold said. "We encourage everyone, whether at an organized event or not, to take advantage of the opportunity and go fishing."

The Oak Lawn Police Dept. is sponsoring such an event on Saturday, June 12th. For more information, call Tom Cronin at (708) 499-7845.

Preschool

Pilgrim Faith Preschool, 9411 S. 51st Ave., has openings for the 2004-05 school year. Registration is open to 3 and 4 –year-olds.

The preschool is offered three half-days a week, Tuesday through Thursday. The morning session is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon session is from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

This state-licensed school program provides a variety of activities including organized play, which encourages children to develop social and learning skills.

For further information, you may contact Mary Gates, director, at (708) 422-4200.

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Hold Public Auction

The Green Oaks Shopping Center at the southeast corner of W. 95th St. and So. Cicero Ave., built and controlled by the same family for more than 47 years, will be sold at public auction on June 29th at the Union League Club of Chicago. Nationally renowned auctioneer, David M. Kaufman, CCIM, and principal in DK Realty Partners, LLC, will conduct the live bidding at 1:30 p.m.

According to Kaufman, "The beneficiaries want to sell this 100% leased investment property and feel that the best way to accomplish this is through an auction. In my long experience, I have conducted this type of auction for a variety of owners including partnerships, families, trusts and estates. Sometimes a beneficiary, partner or legatee will bid on their own account and ultimately buy the property. In other instances, a third party bidder will see greater opportunities and bid the highest for the property. You never know what the result will be."

The shopping center, situated on 8.7 acres of land, contains approximately 92,000 square feet plus a one-story 2,400 square foot building that is occupied by Wendy's and located on an out-lot pad site. There are currently a total of 16 inline tenants and the Wendy's increases that to 17. The property was substantially renovated last year.

Tenants include Marshall's, Sav-A-Lot (grocery), H&R Block, Carpetland USA, Leslie Pool Supplies and Cupid Candies. The center, located four miles east of I-294 (Tri-State Tollway), five miles west of I-94 and I-57, just a few miles south of Chicago's Midway Airport, is immediately surrounded by a Sportmart and other retailers to the south; Walgreens, other retail centers, various auto dealerships and the Oak lawn Hilton less than a block to the north; First National Bank of Evergreen Park and various retailers to the west; and Christ Hospital and Medical Center and single-family dwellings to the east.

Kaufman, a real estate auctioneer for nearly 30 years, has conducted commercial real estate auctions, as well as the auctions of thousands of residential properties, throughout the United States. He has represented clients such as the trust departments of Bank One, The Northern Trust Company, LaSalle National Bank, developers and private owners. He was the first to conduct real estate auctions for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC).

For more information on this sale, go to www.dkrealty.com

Hold Child Care Business Expo

Whether you dream of owning a child care business or are an industry veteran seeking professional development and new skills, the Sixth Annual Child Care Business Expo offers an informative, inspirational experience to help you move your business forward.

Held on Saturday June 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan., the event will feature industry experts and veteran entrepreneurs providing key information on topics ranging from business plans and marketing to business licensing, record keeping, financial planning, access to financing, taxes and insurance, tips of the trade, how to integrate technology into your business and more.

The Expo is presented by the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) and will be offered in English and Spanish.

New this year is a luncheon panel discussion, "Educator and Entrepreneur: A Powerful Combination for Women," moderated by Chicago Parent Associate Editor Cindy Richards. The Luncheon will also include the Annual Child Care Applause Awards. The Expo will also offer a special workshop on tax and insurance information for advanced practitioners presented by child care industry expert Tom Copeland, Director, Redleaf National Institute.

An exhibition area offers 40 booths featuring educational products and services, information from local associations and other resources that are essential for the operation of a successful child care business.

The Expo concludes with a networking dessert reception, featuring the first annual **Child Care Business Dream Giveaway**, with gift packages for start-up child care businesses, existing home-based child care businesses and existing center-based care businesses.

The Sixth Annual Child Care Business Expo is sponsored by Chicago Empowerment Zone, Dominick's Finer Foods, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation. Media Sponsors include: Chicago Parent, Chicago Sun-Times, La Raza, WGBO Univision Channel 66 and Telefutura. Other sponsors are Action for Children (formerly Day Care Action Council of Illinois); Allstate Foundation; Bank of America Foundation; The Boeing Company; Chicago Community Trust; Compaq Computers; Kraft Employee Fund, Kraft General Foods; LaSalle Bank; Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; Peoples Energy; Turner Construction and Walgreens.

Registration, which includes all workshops and materials, a continental breakfast and lunch is $35 before May 28th and $50 thereafter. For more information, contact the WBDC at (312) 853-3477, Extension 29 or log onto www.wbdc.org.

Chamber Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for its next monthly luncheon on Tuesday, June 8 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 Cicero Ave. Networking at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Afterward, there will be a presentation on customer service entitled "Give 'em the Pickle."

To make a reservation, call (7080 424-8300.

Miniature Golf Course

The Oak Lawn Park District has scheduled a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly renovated Stony Creek Miniature Golf Course (5850 W. 103rd St.) on Monday, June 14, at 8:30 p.m. Attendees will include the district's Board of Commissioners, President Donald V. Andersen, Vice President Terry Voderer, Gary Callahan, Paul Karr and Donna McCauley, and its director, Maddie Kelly. The event is open to the public, refreshments will be provided.

The 18-hole mini course, part of the Stony Creek Golf Complex, has a natural design, complete with waterfalls, boulders and spraying fountains. For more information or directions to the course, please call (708) 857-2214 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Car Maintenance

Summertime heat and humidity will be here soon. Motorists are reminded that hot weather can strain engines and lead to vehicle malfunctions. With a little preventive maintenance, many warm weather car problems can be avoided. If your car does malfunction, know what to look for and how to correct it.

Q. What preventive maintenance should be done now?

A. Inspect the coolant levels in the reservoir and in the radiator. If the coolant is rust-colored, flush the system according to your owner's manual and fill it with a 50/50 mixture of anti-freeze and water.

Q. What are the symptoms of a malfunctioning cooling system?

A. An illuminated temperature warning light, an engine gauge that reads "hot" or is in the red range, steam rising from the engine, or coolant dripping under the car.

Q. What should I do if these symptoms occur?

A. Turn off the engine and open the hood to let the engine cool. Look for leaks in the radiation system, and check the coolant level in the reservoir. Do not remove the radiator cap while the engine is hot!

If there are no apparent leaks, restart the engine with accessories off, and turn the heater on high to draw heat away from the engine block. Apply the accelerator slightly above idle to circulate the coolant in the system. If it fails, turn the air-conditioner on to increase coolant flow through the engine. If the temperature gauge still reads "hot," keep the hood open and wait about one hour for the engine to cool completely.

White Sox Game Trip

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to see the Chicago White Sox take on the Cleveland Indians at US Cellular Field Thursday, June 24. The cost of this trip, which includes transportation and reserved upper deck box seating, is $27 for Friends members and $32 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus will depart at 11:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett, (815) 439-0075.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 4 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JUNE 5 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 7 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 7 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 8 – Tuesday – Worth Township Board Committee Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 8 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 8 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JUNE 8 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 9 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Test, Oak Lawn Library, lower level, 5300 W. 95th St., 1 to 3 p.m.

JUNE 9 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 10 – Thursday – Quality Control Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 10 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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Provide Increased Electoral Coverage

The Illinois House of Representatives on May 28 endorsed federal legislation requiring all broadcasters to provide increased coverage of electoral campaigns during the weeks before elections.

The House Resolution noted that the high cost of broadcast advertising had driven up the cost of running the political office at the same time that radio and television stations are reducing substantive coverage of candidates and campaign issues.

"The increased cost and reduced flow of campaign communication on broadcast television and radio has created an unfair advantage for wealthy candidates and candidates with access to monied special interests, an unhealthy development for our democracy," according to House Resolution 79, which was sponsored by House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, D-Chicago.

HR 79 put the Illinois House on record in support of a proposal to require broadcasters, as part of the public interest obligation they incur when they receive a free broadcast license, to air at least two hours a week of candidate-centered or issue-centered programming during the period before elections.

"Voters deserve better information about candidates and ballot issues," noted Cindi Canary, Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, "Since broadcasters are voters' leading source of information about candidates and issues, this is the best way to provide that information."

HR 79 supports federal legislation sponsored by Senators John McCain, R-Arizona, Russell Feingold, D-Wisconsin, and Richard Durbin, D-Illinois. For more information about the federal proposal, visit the web site www.freeairtime.org of the Alliance for Better Campaigns.

Local broadcast television is the leading source of information about political campaigns in this country, and television advertising is by far the single largest expense in modern campaigns. Candidates, parties and issue groups spent more than $1 billion on political ads in 2002; meanwhile, the majority of top-rated local newscasts contained little campaign news in the weeks leading up to Election Day, according to a recent national study.

In Illinois' 2004 U.S. Senate primary, Chicago stations alone received nearly $9 million from candidates purchasing time to air campaign commercials.

ICPR is a non-profit, non-partisan project that works to increase public awareness of how political campaigns are funded in Illinois and has worked with the Alliance for Better Campaigns in a national coalition of organizations working toward stronger public interest mandate for broadcasters. For additional information, visit the ICPR web site at www.ilcampaign.org or call (312) 335-1767.

Avon Walk For Breast Cancer

Thousands of people from Chicago and surrounding areas will spend the weekend of June 5th and 6th walking marathon distances to call attention to the breast cancer epidemic during the *Avon Walk for Breast Cancer*, a yearly fundraiser conducted nationwide by the Avon Foundation, a 501-c-3 public charity.

Chicago participants will be the first to take part in *Ribbon of Pink*, Novartis Oncology's nationwide education program for breast cancer patients, survivors, their families and friends. *Ribbon of Pink* addresses the need for breast cancer patients and survivors to stay informed and connected with their physicians and support community – including awareness of new developments in breast cancer treatment and taking steps to maintain health and wellness and reduce the risk of breast cancer recurrence.

Nationally, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes and, according to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is currently the second leading cause of cancer death among women, with an estimated 40,000 deaths this year. The ACS estimates that in 2003, approximately 10,200 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed among women in Illinois, and about 1,900 women will have died from the disease.

To register to walk or crew, or to pledge financial support for the *Avon Walk for Breast Cancer*, visit www.avonwalk.org or call 1(877) WALK AVON for more information.

Award James Hickey City's Highest Honor

Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago City Council recently passed a resolution to award James B. Hickey with Chicago's highest honor, the Medal of Merit, for his heroic and courageous efforts in Iraq, leading 600 soldiers to capture Saddam Hussein.

"The courage and heroism of Colonel Hickey demonstrated in leading his troops to capture Saddam Hussein in Iraq last December is unprecedented," said Mayor Daley. "Colonel Hickey's achievements and humble dedication are representative of the spirit and soul of Chicago and we thank him for the honor and distinction he has brought to our city."

Colonel Hickey assisted in the development of the intelligence plan targeting Saddam Hussein in Iraq and then led troops from the 1st Brigade Combat team known as the "Raider Brigade" as part of Operation Red Dawn to capture Hussein the night of Dec. 13th, 2003.

Colonel Hickey is native to the Chicago area and is the second of six children born to Irish immigrants Jim and Anne Marie Hickey in the Chicago suburb of Hickory Hills. He attended St. Laurence High School in Burbank, the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, and was then commissioned as an Army armored cavalry officer. He has served in Army Cavalry Regiments in Germany, Bosnia and most recently in the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.

In addition to his field service, Colonel Hickey has a master's degree in International Public Policy from the John's Hopkins University of Advanced International Studies and attended Georgetown University as a United States Army Senior Service College Fellow.

He has received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two National Defense Service Medals and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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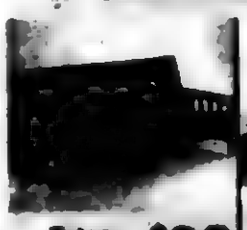

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Homeowners Need Not Reapply For Exemption

In a continued effort to streamline the Homeowner Exemption application process and maximize the number of people receiving this property tax savings, Cook County Assessor Jim Houlihan has announced that homeowners who received the Homeowner Exemption on their tax bills last year and did not sell their homes in 2003 will receive a letter from the Assessor's Office informing them that they do not need to reapply for the exemption this year.

"Our goal is to ensure that every homeowner who has taken the time to previously qualify for this valuable exemption continues to benefit," said Assessor Houlihan. "This will allow us to more intensely focus our efforts and resources on reaching out to homeowners who have not been taking advantage of this savings."

The letter, which will be written in both English and Spanish, will let homeowners know that the Homeowner Exemption will be applied to the second installment tax bills they will receive this fall and they do not need to take any further action. Last year, over 883,000 homeowners qualified to receive the valuable Homeowner Exemption.

The effort to further streamline the Homeowner Exemption process was encouraged and welcomed by John Daley, Cook County Board Finance Chairman. "The Homeowner Exemption is an important tax saving measure and I have been a strong advocate of making it easier to obtain," said Chairman Daley. "Eliminating the need to process the same applications each year will be of great benefit to Cook County homeowners."

Other potentially eligible homeowners still have an opportunity to save money off of their tax bills. Homeowners who did not receive the Homeowner Exemption last year and those who recently purchased property will receive a Taxpayer Exemption Booklet. Homeowners must complete and return the application to the Assessor's Office by the July 9 deadline in order to receive the Homeowner Exemption.

Not all of the 1.3 million residential properties in Cook County are eligible to receive the Homeowner Exemption. The exemption is only available to owner-occupied properties that are used as a principal place of residence. Types of eligible properties include single-family homes, condominiums, cooperatives, and apartment buildings up to and including six units or mixed-use properties.

In 2000, the Assessor's Office began a multi-year initiative designed to further verify and streamline the exemption application process, and better inform homeowners of the existing exemptions with the ultimate goal of phasing out the yearly application requirement. As a result of these efforts, unqualified participants have been identified and the Assessor's Office now has a more accurate count of how many homeowners are truly eligible to receive the exemption. Further, an additional 26,000 seniors have now applied for the valuable Senior Freeze Exemption – a 28% increase in participation.

All property tax exemptions are administered by the Cook County Assessor's Office and appear as deductions on property tax bills. Property taxes for 2003 are paid in two installments in 2004. The first installment was due on March 2 with the second installment due this fall. Money saving exemptions are applied to second installment bills only.

Eligible homeowners who did not receive the Homeowner Exemption in previous years or have questions should contact the Assessor's Office at (312) 443-7550. The Taxpayer Services Department can help a homeowner determine if he/she is entitled to prior exemptions and can provide an application for a certificate of error (refund).

For more information on exemptions and copies of application forms, visit: www.cookcountyassessor.com.

Kids Kamp Adventure

An "Outdoor Adventure Kids Kamp," a whole week of fun and adventure in the outdoor world, will be from Monday, June 14th to Friday, June 18th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day at Monee Reservoir. This new program of the Forest Preserve District of Will County requires registration and a fee of $100 per child.

This camp, for kids ages 11-15, will feature different activities each morning, including canoeing, fishing, hiking, orienteering, and wetland exploration. The camp offers kids the opportunity to spend abundant time outside and to meet other kids with environmental interests.

The fee covers all five days of activities.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

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"THE CORNER"

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- 1 pkg. broad noodles
- 1 sm. jar mushrooms
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- 2 tbs. parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Purdue Honey Roasted Chicken Strips
- 1 cup of sauce

SAUCE:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup chicken broth (I use can chicken broth)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tbs. sauturn wine

Cook noodles, drain and set aside. Sauté mushrooms with 2 tbs. butter, 1 tsp. salt & 1/4 tsp. pepper.

While noodles & mushrooms are cooking prepare sauce. Mix butter and flour together until smooth, add 2 cups milk, 1 cup chicken broth, and add 2 sauturn wine when sauce has thickened.

Mix noodles with 1 tsp. salt, 2 tbs. melted butter, parmesan cheese and 1 cup of sauce.

Put some noodles into 9x13" pan top with cooked chicken and mushrooms pour on rest of sauce. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese to taste. Bake at 350° for 30 min. & 5 min. in broiler to brown.

Carol B.

SHRIMP DIP

- 1 cream cheese (softened)
- 2 tbs. mayo
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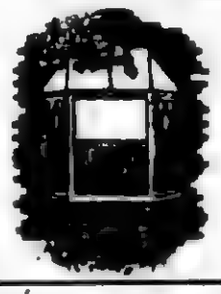

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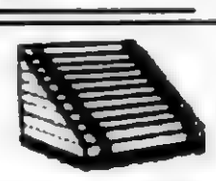

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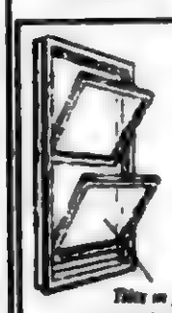

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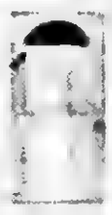

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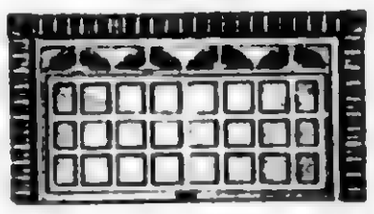

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Oppose Closing Tinley Mental Health Center

The Illinois House of Representatives late Friday (May 28th) joined with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and a dozen south suburban communities in unanimously adopting a strongly-worded resolution opposing the proposed closure of the Tinley Park Mental Health Center.

House Joint Resolution 87 put the legislative body on record in opposition to shuttering the facility and called on the state Dept. of Human Services to terminate its planning process aimed at dismantling the Center. The measure was sponsored by State Rep. David Miller (29-Dolton) and co-sponsored by more than a dozen lawmakers from the Southland region.

In his February budget address, Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed closing the facility, the only publicly-funded psychiatric hospital serving the south suburbs, Chicago's south side, Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties. As the DHS Director of Mental Health Chris Fichtner acknowledged in committee testimony, the administration's proposal was driven by the desire to sell the land which the Center now occupies. The hoped-for windfall from the sale would be used to fill the state's gaping budget hole.

As detailed in the House resolution, the 140-bed Tinley Park Mental Health Center provides mental health services to more than 2,000 patients a year. Many of those patients have been referred by community mental health agencies or private hospitals unable or unwilling to continue treatment for individuals with acute mental illness episodes. Located at 183rd and Harlem, the Center employs more than 300 doctors, nurses, social workers and mental health technicians, and provides pharmaceutical, dietary and other services to the nearby Howe and Ludeman developmental centers.

Although the resolution does not have the binding authority of law, the DHS budget legislation contains operational funding for TPMHC for the full 2005 fiscal year and the legislature would have to authorize any future reductions in funding for the Center.

Since the governor's announcement, a wide array of Southland mayors, mental health professionals, community and labor groups, along with many public officials, including Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-2) and Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Barack Obama, have declared their opposition to the proposed closing.

MVCC Summer Session

Enroll in Moraine Valley's summer session to get a leg up on your college education before fall classes begin. Moraine Valley offers a great opportunity for recent high school graduates to get ahead in their studies this summer or even to lighten their academic load in the fall.

Registration is underway. Tuition is $53 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration Offices, located in the College Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone with an operator by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can also register online via the college's Web site, www.morainevalley.edu, or by touch-tone phone at (708) 974-5400.

Information on all classes, including class start dates and duration, are available in the summer 2004 class schedule or online at www.morainevalley.edu.

Health Care Insurance Rates

In a recent survey undertaken by the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, 75% of Southland businesses indicated that they either increased deductibles or employee contributions to counter an increase in health care insurance rates.

"It appears that employers are trying to maintain benefit levels but also need to maintain their overall costs," stated Kevin McNulty, President and CEO of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. McNulty pointed out that the increase costs are being passed onto employees in the form of higher deductibles or more costly insurance premium fees for employees in an attempt by businesses to both maintain acceptable coverage and adhere to their own budgets.

Research indicated the average health insurance rate increases was in the double digits. Increases of 20% or more were felt by 34% of the respondents and 44% saw an increase of 10% or more.

This business issue is at the top of the Chamber's priority list and will be the next topic for discussion at the quarterly Executive Forum scheduled for March, according to Mary Fote, Vice President of Human Resources for Bimba Manufacturing and head of the Chamber's Business Assistance Program. "The Chamber recently held its first forum on Illinois tax burden and will focus next on the second area of concern to business, namely insurance premiums," stated Fote.

The final survey question related to Southland Businesses' consideration of dropping coverage for employees as a possible solution to the problem of those surveyed, 69% indicated, that they are "not yet considering dropping coverage for employees" and 28% indicated that they were "not certain."

"This is important to note," stated McNulty. "Although there is no data from past years to compare to, it is my sense that the percentage of businesses considering cash accounts for health coverage, allowing employees to make their own choices. Employers have reached their breaking point regarding these costs and are increasingly more inclined to set a fixed dollar benefit level as part of their approach to health insurance compensation."

This survey was part of a new program initiated by the Chamber to better measure membership attitudes and opinions on issues of importance to the Southland area and to the Chamber's members. The Chamber surveys members each month using new Internet Technology able to assess and compile responses instantly with the click of a mouse.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Memorial Day observances were held throughout Chicagoland this past weekend honoring those brave men and women who gave their lives serving this country. Huge crowds braved suspect weather forecasts to continue a tradition of remembering those whose courage and devotion to duty have paved the way for the freedoms which each one of us enjoys today.

The City of Chicago continued its tradition of excellence by hosting its parade along State Street. Nearly a million onlookers enjoyed the floats, pageantry and men in uniform as they flowed down State Street to Van Buren.

Closer to home, Evergreen Park, Lansing, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn and Orland Park offered fitting tributes to our fallen heroes. Additionally, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience, hosted by Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery, and Funeral Home in Oak Brook, held a four day honorarium for veterans and their families.

As long as there are people to remember the bravery and sacrifice that our veterans have shown for the land they loved and died for, they will never be forgotten.

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At a recent press conference at La Rabida Children's Hospital, Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich outlined the devastation Illinois families and communities would suffer under an alternative budget being considered in Springfield last week. Under the so-called "no growth" budget, every region of the state would experience significant cuts in health care, education and economic development, including $400 million taken away from local schools.

The "no growth" plan would allow for no new state spending in Fiscal Year 2005. That means the state would be unable to invest more in education, health care and public safety programs, and would also have to make deep cuts in existing programs in order to meet the growing cost of Medicaid and pension obligations.

Locally, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) would stand to lose $105.5 million in new funding from a $250 per pupil increase in the General State Aid formula, and all Cook County schools together would lose $161.5 million.

Closer to home, the Illinois Community Colleges in our area...Moraine Valley ($426,594), South Suburban ($206,548) and Prairie State ($140,765) will take big hits.

Our elected officials have a grave responsibility to the constituents of this state. They must put their partisan political agendas aside and protect the families of this state. And they must do it now!

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Chicago Ridge Mayor, Gene Siegel will be honored this evening Thursday, June 3rd, at the Glendora House Banquet Hall, 10225 Harlem Ave. The reception and cocktail party honoring Mayor Siegel will include an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and dancing for $45 per person. The event is sponsored by the Citizens for Mayor Gene Siegel and promises to be a great time. For tickets call (708) 425-7700.

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Cook County Commissioner Tony Peraica (16th District-R) is being honored on June 10th, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Pierre's Banquet Hall, 3237 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn. Peraica who also serves as Lyons Township Republican Committeeman, is being feted to the "Tribute To Leadership" dinner and open bar by the Citizens for Peraica Committee. Tickets are $100 per person and reservations can be made at (773) 735-1700.

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A fundraiser to help the family of Dennis Moster defray some of the enormous costs associated with his care will be held at 115 Bourbon St., 3359 W. 115th St., on Saturday, June 26th from 2 to 6 p.m.

Dennis suffered a tragic, freak accident in July of 2003. His injuries resulted from a 10-foot fall. Dennis, 33, is a quadriplegic.

Tickets are $25 per person which include food, drink and entertainment.

For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.dennismosterbenefit.com or call (773) 447-9413.

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State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) is concerned about the Democrat majority's inability to send a budget to the Governor before the State's Constitutional deadline of May 31 at midnight.

"The Democrats have control of both chambers and have yet to pass a budget," she said. Radogno is Republican Spokesman for one of the Senate's Appropriation Committees.

"When one party controls both chambers and the executive branch, passing a budget should not be the political game of chess that it has been this year," Radogno said. "What we have here is an inability to make hard choices and tough decisions. They want to bend on their political priorities and in the end, the taxpayer of Illinois are the ones to pay through tax and fee increases and half-met priorities across the board."

Because lawmakers did not complete its business by May 31 at midnight, all votes will take a super-majority, or 36 votes, to gain approval. This makes the likelihood of a compromise on the budget and other key issues even more difficult for the Democrat majority as Republican votes will be needed for any plan to pass the Senate.

Radogno indicates the budget is not the only issue still unresolved. She would like to see meaningful medical malpractice reform to keep doctors in Illinois, a rollback of key tax and fee hikes that have sent jobs across state lines, and responsible debt practices written into state law so that no Governor can backload Illinois' debt onto future generations.

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On Monday, Aug. 2nd, Midlothian Country Club will host the 31st Annual St. Francis Charity Invitational Golf Outing. In conjunction with the golf tournament itself, the St. Francis Health Care Foundation is pleased to announce that its "Go For The Green" $20,000 Cash Raffle will be offered this year. Only five hundred tickets will be available at $100 each, for the drawing. First prize, $10,000 (plus $1,000 to the ticket seller); 2nd prize, $5,000 (plus $500 to the ticket seller); 3rd and 4th prizes, $1,000; 5th prize, $500. As an added bonus the salesperson who sells the most tickets will receive $1,000. The drawing will take place on Monday, Aug. 2nd, at the outing. Winners need not be present.

Your contribution will support the compassionate and exceptional health care being provided at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center. For more information contact the St. Francis Health Care Foundation at (708) 824-4810.

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Testify In Committee

In a bi-partisan show of support for debt responsibility in Illinois, lawmakers from both parties, two legislative chambers and two Constitutional offices testified before the House State Government Committee in favor of Senate Bill 1605. Pictured here testifying in committee are (right to left): Comptroller Dan Hynes, Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, and State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

The Illinois House of Representatives is advancing a debt responsibility plan first recommended by Senate Republican lawmakers. House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) adopted the Senate Republican debt responsibility plan along with ideas from House Republican lawmakers and Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, resulting in a bipartisan approach to bring Illinois' debt into control. Comptroller Dan Hynes also supports the plan.

"This proposal is bipartisan, bicameral, supported by Constitutional Officers in both parties, and editorialized favorably in papers throughout Illinois," said State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) while testifying in favor of the plan.

Radogno has led the Senate Republican Caucus on the issue of debt responsibility, visiting editorial boards at newspapers throughout the state to drum up support for the issue. The result is a bipartisan plan that would return Illinois to traditional, conservative debt management policies.

According to Radogno, the plan does not unduly restrict the actions of any governor, but simply requires that we all take responsibility for the debt the state incurs today and not pass that responsibility solely onto future governors and future General Assemblies.

"We truly believe this is an issue that transcends party politics and has more to do with the legacy we want to leave our children and grandchildren, rather than the immediate concerns of any single governor," she said. "The legislation has been developed in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation, with input from Democrats and Republicans and from Constitutional Officers of both parties, and perhaps most importantly with the endorsement of newspaper editorial boards across the state."

Highlights of the plan include: no backloading of debt payments – requires immediate repayment of bonds within 25 years; debt services caps on GO bonds; limits to "debt holidays" and debt extensions through refinancings; required 3 percent savings on all refinancings; no bonding of cars and computer; more competitive bidding requirements; "truth in borrowing" disclosures on bonding costs for taxpayers; and no contingent fees paid to lobbyists.

"The only criticism we have heard is that we are behaving too cautiously. But, frankly, I believe that caution with the public's money is a virtue, not a vice," said Radogno.

Radogno also says the plan provides added protections for taxpayers. "Taxpayers don't have any choice about paying taxes, so we must have a higher standard for protecting our public investment," she said. "Let's not forget that so-called 'modern' financial management techniques have helped give rise to Enron, World Com and Tyco. Those are models that the state does not need to emulate." Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1605 gained unanimous approval in committee and now awaits consideration

Annual Island Rendezvous

The annual Island Rendezvous, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, June 12th and Sunday, June 13th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. This all-age, family event at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville is free of charge.

The Island Rendezvous is devoted to the fur trade between Native Americans and voyageurs in the 18th century. Isle a la Cache Museum, which features artifacts from this period of Illinois history, will be open to the public during both days.

Among the featured attractions are the opening canoe landing ceremony, musket shoot, tomahawk throwing contest, and canoe race. Children's games and storytelling and period music will also be ongoing.

The Island Rendezvous is free of charge, but food and items will be available for sale.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Arts Camp Classes Set

Creative minds will be set free, as students become artists from June 28th through Aug. 20th during Arts Camp 2004 at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), 220 E. Chicago Ave. Professional artist-educators offer stimulating art classes, along with tours and visits to the MCA's galleries and exhibitions. Summer MCA exhibitions, *Dan Peterman: Plastic Economies* and *Skin Tight: Sensibility of the Flesh*, will inspire campers and provide examples of how artists use innovative materials to express their ideas.

Campers, ages 6-12, will transform ordinary objects and materials into extraordinary artworks. New this year, two-week intensive teen (Ages 13-15) classes will explore fashion design, theatrical design, digital art and drawing comics. All classes will conclude with an art fair or performance for parents and friends. Arts Camp 2004 introduces an artist-in-residence program where campers attending July 12th through Aug. 6th will work alongside Chicago artist Pate Conway to create an art project in the museum.

Classes take place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and are limited to 15 students. Each course costs $185 ($160 MCA members). Prices vary for puppeteer and teen courses. For more information, visit www.mcachicago.org or call (312) 397-4010 to register. Student scholarships are available based on financial need.

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Chicago Gospel Music Festival

The City of Chicago and Bank One proudly celebrate 20 years of gospel music in Grant Park during the annual Chicago Gospel Music Festival, June 4th to 6th. The festival celebrates Chicago's deep historical roots in the genre with three days packed with the best gospel music performers in the world on three stages.

The city will pay tribute to the 20th anniversary of the festival by continuing the tradition of honoring the social and historical significance of gospel music, and by providing an outstanding lineup of gospel talent. The festival features more than 40 performances on three stages and activities for the whole family to enjoy including a gospel art fair.

On Friday, June 4th, the soulful sounds of D.J. Rogers will light up the stage. His timeless style has influenced artists in the gospel, hip-hop, R&B and pop fields of music. Rogers' hit "Say You Love Me" has become a standard and warmed hearts of fans for almost three decades; in addition, Rogers has written many popular gospel hits. Following Rogers, Bishop Walter Hawkins takes the stage. One of Gospel's most legendary figures, Hawkins recently released Love Alive V The 25th Anniversary Reunion, featuring gospel greats and Grammy Award winners from Hawkins' past. Young and old, traditional and contemporary, gospel fans rejoice in Hawkins' R&B/pop-friendly crossover style.

Saturday's lineup culminates at the Petrillo Music Shell with two-time Grammy Award and 13-time Stellar Award winner, Yolanda Adams, at 7:30 p.m. Adams' inspirational vision and wide range of influences have wowed audiences since her debut album in 1988. With her soaring voice, striking beauty and boundless energy, Houston native Yolanda Adams has long been one of Gospel's biggest stars.

On Sunday, the festival pays tribute to Mahalia Jackson, called the greatest gospel singer to live and gospel's first superstar. The tribute features Tanya Ray and Lemmie Battles with special guests: lyric soprano Jonita Lattimore, storyteller Dorothy Norwood and diva Tramaine Hawkins. Hawkins, one of the most renowned traditional gospel artists of our time, made her first impact as lead singer with Edwin Hawkins Singers in the 1970s and enjoyed crossover success with the hit "Oh Happy Day." In 1994, Tramaine became the first gospel artist to sign with Sony since Mahalia Jackson.

Also on Sunday night, the festival will honor the pioneers of gospel music. This year the act will feature the "Queen" Dr. Albertina Walker, Delores Barrett-Campbell, Frankie Treadwell and Dr. Charles G. Hayes, hosted by Lucius Hall.

Every year the festival salutes two people who have been integral to the growth and perpetuation of gospel music in Chicago. This year, the festival salutes Rev. Willie Taplin Barrow for her contribution to gospel music in Chicago. The festival will also pay special tribute to the late Deacon Kelvin M. Lenox with a special appearance by the Lenox family.

Other notable performances include The Canton Spirituals, The Shembe Zulu Dancers of Durban, South Africa, Darwin Jackson, The Sacred Sons and the Silver Stars (all at the Day Stage on Saturday and Sunday). Additional highlights at the Petrillo Music Shell include DeAndre Patterson & Friends, Martha Munizzi, Ted & Sheri and much more.

The festival hours are: Friday, June 4th, 4 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th, noon to 9:30 p.m.

First Annual Fashion Caucus

The NAWBO Chicago PAC, a leading political action committee to promote women's business issues, will host its first annual Fashion Caucus on Thursday, June 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie.

The whimsical fashion show will feature some of Illinois' most influential civic leaders strutting down the catwalk modeling clothing and jewelry from Chicagoland designers and vendors.

The Fashion Caucus is a fundraiser for the NAWBO Chicago PAC, as well as a unique venue to continue to champion awareness among professional women of the importance of selecting and supporting candidates who work for change, and who actively demonstrate a commitment to support public policy issues most important to women business owners.

"Women earned the right to be professionals and business owners, just as they earned the right to vote. We must take that right, cloaked in our best business practice, to influence those we elect to speak our voice and legislate the laws that we, in turn, must follow," said Catherine Lee, board chair of the NAWBO Chicago PAC. "As an individual, we initiate the change; and as a group, we have the power to elect."

Individual tickets for the Fashion Caucus are $55 and can be purchased online at www.nawbochicago.org or by calling (312) 322-0990.

Elephant Celebrates Her 34th Birthday

Affie, one of Brookfield Zoo's African elephants, is celebrating her 34th birthday in a really big way, and everyone is invited to attend her party, Friday, June 4.

The festivities get underway at 11 a.m. in front of the pachyderm yard as zoo staff share with visitors, in English and Spanish, the importance of African elephant conservation and what Brookfield Zoo and others are doing to help these truly magnificent creatures. Afterwards, the guest of honor along with her pachyderm pal, Christy, will make their grand entrance. Visitors are invited to join in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday," while Affie and Christy share an enormous birthday cake created with watermelon, carrots, hay, bread. Cantaloupe, and apples. Party goers will receive a small memento (while supplies last) courtesy of Roman, Inc.

Young visitors can discover mammoth-size fun facts about elephants from the zoo's volunteer educators. In addition, visitors can offer birthday wishes to Affie by signing one of her huge cards, which will be located outside in front of the elephant yard from June 4-6.

Affie's Birthday Bash is sponsored by American Airlines, "La LEY" 107.9 FM (WLEY), and Roman, Inc.

For further information about Affie's birthday party, call (708) 485-0263 or visit Brookfield Zoo's Web site at www.BrookfieldZoo.org.

The zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.

World's Largest Free Admission Blues Festival

The world's largest free admission Blues festival turns 21 this year, and as with all 21 year olds, there's much cause for celebration. The 21st Annual Chicago Blues Festival will take place in Grant Park, June 10-13.

The festival annually salutes the masters and this year will feature a guitar roundup of the greatest blues men, Robert Jr. Lockwood, David Honey Boy Edwards, and Homesick James at the U.S. Cellular Front Porch on Friday, June 11. These three men represent more than 270 years of blues tradition.

In the spirit of blues as a living tradition, the festival will be celebrating Lonnie Brooks' 70th Birthday by featuring his sons, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Wayne Baker Brooks, the son of Clifton Chenier (Lonnie's first professional boss)-C.J. Chenier and Luther Guitar Jr. Johnson, a guitar player who borrowed his moniker many years ago.

This year's theme, It's About Time, celebrates Blues greats returning again to this year's Chicago Blues Festival or who have been featured at the Chicago Blues Festival in years past, such as Otis Clay, Nora Jean Bruscó, C.J. Chenier, and the Fat Possum Caravan.

The Chicago Blues Festival is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily (music begins at noon), and promises a good time for everyone. The four-day festival offers the best in national, international and local Blues entertainment on six stags with more than 70 performers, preceded by a month of Blues activities (Blue season) throughout Chicago. The Chicago Blues Festival brings people of all ages, from all over the world to enjoy the blues. More than half a million people attend this popular festival!

The Chicago Blues Festival is programmed and produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events and presenting sponsor Best Buy, along with generous support from corporate sponsors. For hotel information, call 1-877-CHICAGO. For more information about the Chicago Blues Festival call the Mayor's Office of Special Vents at (312) 744-3315; TTY (312) 744-2964. Visit the website at www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents for updates and schedules.

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Despite the increased knowledge and awareness of cardiovascular disease, heart disease remains the leading cause of death of women in the United States and in other developed countries of the world. One of the major problems encountered by women with cardiac problems is that they don't experience chest pain. This delays treatment or worse foregoes it altogether. Nearly two-thirds of women die suddenly without any recognizable symptoms of heart disease.

The American Heart Association, in collaboration with 11 other professional and government organizations, has recently published the first set of guidelines for the prevention of cardiovascular disease in adult women. This publication is unprecedented. The published guidelines are built on the premise that cardiovascular disease is a continuum of risk factors which develop over time. No longer can one assume that either heart disease is present or not present.

The panel that compiled the guidelines established these categories for heart disease risk: high, intermediate or low risk. These categories determine the intensity of the appropriate preventive therapy with recommendations dependent on the level of risk. High risk women are those who already have established coronary heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, carotid (neck) artery disease. Intermediate risk factors include subclinical coronary artery disease (e.g. coronary calcifications as seen on an ultrafast CAT scan), relatives with an early onset of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease (age 55 or lower in a male relative and age 65 or lower in a female relative). Low risk factors include obesity, smoking, and elevated cholesterol. Obviously, there is some overlapping with these categories.

Lifestyle changes are recommended across all risk categories both as prevention and as a means of reducing existing heart disease. These include smoking cessation, adequate weight reduction/maintenance and improved nutrition. The optimal diet should include a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, low-fat or nonfat dairy products, fish, legumes, and sources of protein low in saturated fat (lean meats). Saturated fat should be limited to less than 10 percent of calories and cholesterol should be limited to less than 300 milligrams per day. Read labels on food products for precise information. Remember, any product that comes from a plant has no cholesterol. Any product that comes from an animal has cholesterol unless it has been artificially removed.

Control of lipids (fats) is recommended for both intermediate and high-risk women. Using medications to lower your cholesterol (so called statins) is now recommended for high-risk women who have favorable cholesterol numbers. The objective is to get the numbers even lower. Many recent trials and studies have shown the benefit of lower numbers.

Women who have an irregular heartbeat called atrial fibrillation should be on a blood thinner, the more popular one known as warfarin (generic) Coumadin (brand name). Individuals with diabetes should have lifestyle and drug interventions to obtain an optimal glucose level. Aspirin is recommended for high-risk women, but not recommended for low-risk women. Hormone therapy and antioxidant vitamin supplements are not recommended because of unproven benefits; they may even present major adverse effects.

A campaign called *Go Red For Women* has been launched to raise awareness of heart disease in women. The symbol for the campaign is a red dress pin that attracts attention and serves as a reminder for women to think seriously about heart health. Let us all join in this nationwide effort for a greater awareness and get proactive about this timely subject.

Arthritis Workout

Waterford Estates Retirement Community is offering an Arthritis Water Workout beginning the week of June 22nd. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and are open to those 60 years and up. The cost is $35 for 10 classes. This exercise program uses the resistance of the water to maintain and improve muscle strength and joint flexibility.

The pool depth is 3.5 feet to 5 feet with a comfortable temperature of 88 degrees. Swimming skills are not required for this fun class. Classes are taught by a cardiac rehab nurse.

You may come for a free week of introductory classes the week of June 15th. Advance registration is necessary. Call Patty Rosignal at (708) 335-1600 for additional information.

Waterford Estates offers independent and assisted living and is located at 17400 S. Kedzie in Hazel Crest.

Investigators Awards

Five Cook County State's Attorney's office investigators were awarded the Illinois State Bar Assn.'s prestigious Law Enforcement Award recently in the 12th floor library of the Cook County Criminal Courts Administration Building, 2650 S. California Ave. Four of the investigators received the award for their extraordinary detective work that helped solve the 1993 slaying of seven people at Brown's Chicken in Palatine.

Investigators Brian Duffy, Brian Killacky, Curtis Conley and Fernando Cervantes were all nominated for the award by Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine who hosted the ceremony.

"Few people saw the hard work and dedication these men showed, whether it was locating witnesses for the grand jury or taking a confession from one of the suspects," Devine said in his nominating letter. "No words can describe, however, the relief on the faces of fellow law enforcement officials and the victims' grieving families, knowing one of the most infamous crimes in Illinois history had been solved, due in large part to the efforts of these men."

A fifth investigator, Betty Coleman, also received the bar association's Law Enforcement award for her work on behalf of victims of domestic violence. Devine said Coleman was recognized not only for her remarkable work at the State's Attorney's office, but also for tireless community work which has included conducting seminars and giving speeches about domestic violence, teenage dating violence, teen alcohol and drug abuse, child abuse and sexual harassment.

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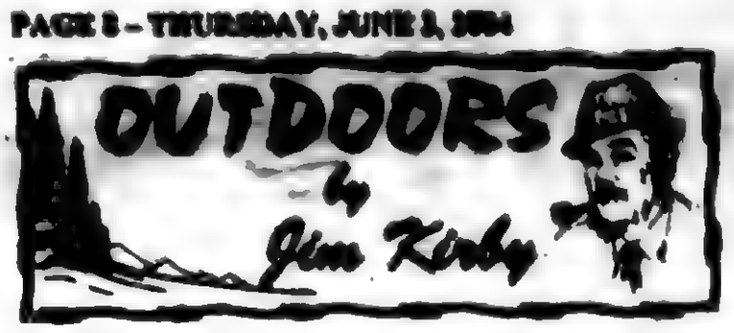

ANOTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Through some kind of an arrangement having to do with winning a charter boat fishing trip on Lake Michigan, out of North Point Marina, fellow outdoor writer **Duke O'Malley** invited five of us to join him on the charter.

The weather didn't look all that good to me, but Duke checked with the Captain, and called us the night before the trip, and had us all meet at my house at 3:30 a.m. We stopped for breakfast, and were at the marina at 6 a.m., unloaded all our gear and walked to the boat. The Captain met us and told us the trip was off due to inclement weather. We watched one charter boat go out and return because of rough seas.

All of us were familiar with the potential dangers of fishing on the "big pond" and have a lot of respect for it. We were naturally disappointed, made arrangements for another date, and made the 2½ hour trip home. As it turned out, the Captain was trying to call Duke on his cell-phone earlier that morning to cancel the trip, but Duke didn't have it turned on. The lesson to be learned here: In this day of wireless technology, keep in touch with your destination for updates and change in plans.

■**A DIFFERENT LAKE MICHIGAN TRIP:** The week before, a group of "good-old-boys" from the Edge Lounge in Midlothian experienced a great day fishing out of Michigan City, Indiana. **Pat Propp**, Oak Forest; **Rich Gammell**, Tinley Park; **Bill Rogal**, Midlothian; **"Catfish Bill" Wesolowski**, Tinley Park, joined **Captain Marty Buchtenkirch** aboard his 33' boat, the Sunnyslope.

Edge Lounge "Good-Old-Boys" with a fine catch of salmon. L-R: Pat Propp, Rich Gammell, Capt. Marty Buchtenkirch, Bill Rogal and "Catfish Bill" Wesolowski.

Using an assortment of flat lines, down-riggers and planning boards baited with spoons, dodgers and flys, and body baits, they were 11 for 14, boating 11 salmon for a total of 89 lbs.

■**PETA CONTINUES ITS SHAMELESS AD CAMPAIGNS:** According to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Newsletter: "In yet another shamefully offensive display. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has created an anti-meat billboard that compares Jesus Christ to a barnyard animal. The ad features a photo of a pig and the caption, He died for your sins – go vegetarian." The organization says its reference to Jesus' crucifixion is meant to generate compassion for animals in the meat industry.

"This appalling ad is not the first time PETA has used crude religious angles to promote its political agenda," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance President Bud Pigeon. "Last year, the animal rights group launched a campaign that compared the slaughter of animals to the murder of six million Jews during World War II."

PETA has an entire web site, www.jesusveg.com, that includes information about a billboard that shows Mary with a chicken in her arms with the tagline, "Go Vegetarian – It's an Immaculate Conception."

■**DID YOU KNOW?** One more reason to wear your life jacket while fishing. 70% of all boating fatalities are from drowning. In almost 90% of these drownings, the victim was not wearing a life jacket, while they did have access to a flotation device in the boat. Most of these drownings occurred within a few feet of safety. 90% of these drownings were on inland waters, from boats that were under 20 feet in length. Sounds like fishing boats, don't they? Boat smart from the start, wear a life jacket.

■**NEW LAKE MICHIGAN HARBOR:** After receiving a $100,000 federal grant to study the feasibility of a new Lake Michigan marina at the southeast end of Evanston, the study by the Army Corps of Engineers was presented to the Evanston City Council on April 26th.

The Corps placed their initial stamp of approval on the proposal and recommended proceeding with the next phase because they found a very real demand for slip space. The study noted no traffic problems, and they found about half the people they surveyed were in favor of the project. The study recommended a 385 slip marina with landfill parking.

The first phase was to have a study done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and get their approval for the harbor. Federal grant dollars were applied for with the help of Representative Jan Schakowsky, to have a feasibility study done and also get the Corps approval for the harbor. The proposal is to build the harbor off the shore of South Blvd. Road, similar to Wisconsin's Racine Harbor.

Evanston Boat Ramp Association President Frank Didier says, "We have seen no plans or pictures of the harbor yet and the Corps as part of the study are to talk to boaters and users of the lakefront. We know of only one boater that was contacted, so we don't know who they talked to. They came up with 56% against the harbor and 44% for the harbor."

Important Boaters Safety Rules

Wearing life jackets, staying sober and being alert to others on the water are among the ways boat operators and passengers can enjoy their time on the water during the busy boating season in Illinois, according to Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold.

"It is important at the start of the warm-weather season that we remind boaters that having a good time on the water means having a safe time on the water," Brunsvold said. "Wearing life jackets is so important for boaters, no matter their age or experience. Boat operators who stay sober and slow down will make boating much safer for themselves, their passengers and for other boaters."

Statistics compiled by the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement show that 13 people died and 63 others were injured in boating-related accidents during 2003. The numbers of fatalities and injuries last year compares with 23 deaths and 92 injuries in boating-related accidents in 2002; eight fatalities and 75 injuries in 2001; 14 fatalities and 76 injuries in 2000; and 13 deaths and 75 injuries in 1999.

There were a total of 84 boating accidents involving 122 watercraft on Illinois waters in 2003. That compares with 135 boating accidents involving 188 vessels in 2002; 112 boating accidents involving 171 vessels in 2001; 155 boating accidents involving 231 vessels in 2000; and 159 boating accidents involving 238 vessels in 1999.

"The most important thing boat operators and passengers can do to enhance their safety is to put on a life jacket when they get aboard," said Brunsvold. "Life jackets available today are lightweight and comfortable to wear. Stowing it away or sitting on it means you have to reach for the life jacket and try to put it on quickly in the event of an accident. Mishaps can happen so quickly that there may not be time to put that life jacket on. That is why we want boaters wearing life jackets at all times while on the water."

Illinois law requires that life jackets, also known as personal flotation devices (PFDs), be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft. State law also requires anyone under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires anyone – of any age – operating a personal watercraft or jet ski to wear a life jacket.

The IDNR offers free boating safety courses providing instruction on safe and attentive operation of watercraft and a review of boating laws and regulations. Safety course schedules are available by contacting the IDNR Safety Education Office at 1(800) 832-2599.

The safety courses taught by volunteer instructors are a key to the state's boating safety effort. In 2003, more than 75 percent of boaters injured in accidents last year had not participated in a formal boat safety education course.

National Safe Boating Week is observed each year during the week preceding the Memorial Day holiday. This year's National Safe Boating Week observance is from May 22nd to 28th.

St. Michael School Volleyball Team

St. Michael School in Orland Park's 6th grade girls volleyball team finished a successful 2003-04 volleyball season. The members of the team are: Valerie Cichy, Danielle Lewandowski, Katie Arlen, Brittany Elwood, Rebecca Mallon, Bridget Williams, Jessica Korpics, Mary Kate Imrie, Christine Johnson and Hannah Krydynski.

Prairie State Games

Application deadlines for team sports for the 21st annual Prairie State Games, held from June 25th to 27th, in Fairview Heights and throughout Southwestern Illinois have been extended. Following are the team sports offered, the entry fees and the extended application deadlines by sport: basketball (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, high school 9th-12th boys and girls, $200 four-game guarantee, May 21st deadline. High school and open men and women, $275 five-game guarantee, April 30th deadline); baseball (Senior American Legion, $250 four-game guarantee, March 31st deadline); ice hockey (Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam-AA, A, B, House and High School Varsity & JV $595 (plus a $12 fee for each rostered player) four-game guarantee, May 15th deadline); paintball (five-player team, $100, June 4th deadline); soccer (high school and open, $350 four-game guarantee, May 21st deadline); tennis (junior high and high school, $20 per person, four-eight player teams, three-match guarantee, June 18th deadline); and volleyball (junior high and high school, $150 four-match guarantee, May 21st deadline). Applications will be accepted after these deadlines based on availability, and late fees will be charged.

Athletes wanting to compete in individual sports are offered the following: archery, baton twirling, billiards, bowling, diving, figure skating, golf, women's gymnastics, horseshoes, judo, karate, powerlifting, shooting, swimming, tennis, track & field, weightlifting and wrestling. Water polo, badminton and taekwondo are offered on a regional basis. Competitors are grouped according to age and/or ability depending on the sport. Several of the sports offer competition for Masters athletes including archery, badminton, bowling, judo, karate, swimming and track & field. The entry fee for most individual sports is $20, which includes a souvenir T-shirt. The deadline for most individual sports is June 4th.

To obtain an application, contact the Prairie State Games at (618) 632-1002 or access the web site at www.prairiestategames.org.

NIU Soccer Academy

The goals of the NIU Soccer Academy are to teach and challenge individuals to improve their game and give teams and their coaches an environment to improve their tactical applications of the game. Our professional staff is comprised of top collegiate and club coaches and is here to provide you with the personal attention to see you reach your goals.

Junior Day Academy for youth players ages 6-12 will run from June 7th to 11th. An opportunity for younger players to learn more about soccer in a fun and entertaining atmosphere. The cost for the camp is $100.

The Individual Camp for boys will run from June 18th to 22nd and for girls will run from June 28th to July 2nd. Players will be grouped by ability levels and be instructed on the finer points of technique and tactics for the individual player. Goalkeeper training is also available. Camp costs are $375/resident and $275/commuter.

Team Camp for both boys and girls will run from June 23rd to 27th. Add a winning edge to both high school and club teams. Gives teams an opportunity to work with a professional staff coach. Provides an early chance to bond as a team, learn together, gain valuable time for fitness, and experiment with systems of play in full-sided matches. Camp costs are $375/resident and $275/commuter. A coach bringing at team will be able to attend for free. Checks should be made payable to: Huskie Sports Camps, Intercollegiate Athletics. For more information, call the NIU office at (815) 753-5300 or register online at www.niuhuskies.com. Individuals may walk up without having pre-registered by paying at the door on the day of camp.

Youth Basketball

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have several remaining openings in their final summer regional youth basketball tournament for 2004 in the Chicago area at several Chicago Park District facilities, including the LeClaire, Columbus and Franklin Park facilities from July 9th to 11th.

This tournament will feature 10 different brackets: 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls, 7th grade boys, 7 grade girls, 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 9th-10th grade boys, 9th-10th grade girls, 11th-12th grade boys, 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee is $250 and guarantees each team a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is June 18th.

For more information or an entry form, call the toll-free 1(800) 787-3265.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL

Wednesday, 5-26-04
Argo 8, Lemont 4
Bloom 3, Eisenhower 2
Joliet 12, Romeoville 1
Joliet Catholic 6, Waubonsie Valley 4
Marian Catholic 10, St. Joseph 1
Palatine 9, Homewood-Flossmoor 6
Shepard 6, Bolingbrook 2
Class AA Regionals
Argo
St. Laurence 6, Hubbard 3
Bremen
T.F. North 2, Thornwood 1
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Beecher
Beecher 7, Chicago Christian 2
Thursday, 5-27-04
Benet 7, St. Rita 5
Glenbard West 11, Lockport 3
Joliet 6, Lemont 5
Reavis 12, Oak Forest 3
Sandburg 6, St. Laurence 1
Thornton 18, Morgan Park 17
Tinley Park 8, Rich East 6
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Beecher
Illiana Christian 10, Hales Franciscan 0

Saturday, 5-29-04
Class AA Regional Semifinals
Willowbrook Sectional
Lemont
Lemont 1, Willowbrook 0
Romeoville 5, Glenbard West 3
Morton Sectional
St. Ignatius
St. Ignatius 7, Crane 0, forfeit
Young 10, Juarez 6
Mt. Carmel Sectional
St. Rita
St. Rita 7, Fenger 0, forfeit
Julian 8, Harper 5
De La Salle
Simeon 19, Dunbar 1
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Carmel 7, Robeson, 0, forfeit
Kenwood 10, CVS 0 (5 inn.)
Lyons Township Sectional
Argo
Lyons 8, St. Laurence 1
Argo 5, Reavis 3
Lockport Sectional
Bloom
Lockport 7, Crete-Monee 5
Bloom 3, Lincoln-Way Central 2 (8 inn.)
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor 7, Rich East 1
Marian Catholic 6, Lincoln-Way East 2
Joliet Catholic
Joliet Catholic 4, Tinley Park 1
Providence 11, Rich South 1
Andrew
Joliet 5, Hillcrest 0
Andrew 4, Rich Central 0
Richards Sectional
Brother Rice
Brother Rice 18, Morgan Park 2
T.F. South 4, Evergreen Park 2
Bremen
Marist 1, T.F. North 0
Stagg 3, Bremen 2
Oak Forest
Richards 10, Thornton 0
Oak Forest 7, Shepard 0
Sandburg
Sandburg 6, Thornridge 1
Oak Lawn 3, Eisenhower 1
Class A Sectional Title Games
Beecher
Illiana Christian 8, Beecher 3

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, 5-24-04
Regionals
Marian Catholic
T.F. North d. Luther East 25-15, 25-16
St. Ignatius
Crane d. Juarez, forfeit
Tuesday, 5-24-04
Regionals
Marian Catholic
Lincoln-Way East d. T.F. North 25-6, 25-7
Marian Cath. d. Illiana Christian 25-22, 25-12
Plainfield South
Lockport d. Minooka 20-25, 25-19, 25-15
Waubonsie Valley d. Plainfield 25-23, 25-20
Neuqua Valley
Providence d. West Aurora 25-22, 25-12
Neuqua Valley d. Oswego 25-18, 25-17
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way C. d. Joliet Cath. 25-17, 25-22
Homewood-Flossmoor d. Joliet 25-17, 25-20
Shepard
Brother Rice d. Simeon 25-5,25-17
Shepard d. Brooks 25-12, 25-12
Washington
Mt. Carmel d. Washington 25-18, 25-5
Marist d. Vocational
Andrew
Sandburg d. Eisenhower 25-11, 25-9
Andrew d. Richards 25-15, 25-18
Stagg
Stagg d. Morgan Park 25-9, 25-12
Oak Forest d. Ag Science 25-8, 25-14
Oak Lawn
Oak Lawn d. Hancock 25-14, 25-6
Gage Park d. Argo 25-17, 25-18
St. Ignatius
Reavis d. Crane 25-4, 25-12
St. Ignatius d. Young 25-15, 25-11
St. Rita
St. Rita d. DuSable 25-7, 25-4
St. Laurence d. Harper 25-9, 25-13
Lyons
Riverside-Brookfield d. De La Salle 25-21, 25-21
Lyons d. Cristo Rey 25-5, 25-4

Wednesday, 5-25-04
Regional Finals
Marian Catholic
Lincoln-Way E. d. Marian Cath. 25-23, 23-25, 25-15
Neuqua Valley
Neuqua Valley d. Providence 25-19, 25-21
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way Central d. Homewood-Flossmoor 21-25, 25-22, 25-16
Shepard
Brother Rice d. Shepard 25-22, 25-19
Washington
Marist d. Mt. Carmel 21-25, 25-20,. 25-18
Andrew
Sandburg d. Andrwe 25-21, 25-16
Oak Lawn
Oak Lawn d. Gage Park 25-11, 25-17
St. Ignatius
Reavis d. St. Ignatius 25-15, 25-19
St. Rita
St. Rita d. St. Laurence 25-11, 25-11
Lyons
Lyons d. Riverside-Brookfield 25-11, 25-8
Friday, 5-28-04
Lincoln-Way East Sectional
Lincoln-Way E. d. Lockport 25-11, 19-25, 25-19
Lincoln-Way C. d. Neuqua Valley 25-17, 25-22
Brother Rice Sectional
Brother Rice d. Marist 25-15, 30-28
Sandburg d. Stagg 25-22, 25-17
Reavis Sectional
Oak Lawn d. Reavis 25-19, 25-23
St. Rita d. Lyons Twp. 22-25, 25-14, 25-19
Saturday, 5-29-04
Sectional Finals
Lincoln-Way East
Lincoln-Way East d. Lincoln-Way C. 25-14, 25-21

Brother Rice
Brother Rice d. Sandburg 25-18, 18-25, 25-16
Reavis
Oak Lawn d. St. Rita 25-22, 25-17
All Conference
Lincoln-Way Centra;
Stagg: Dan Collado; **Lincoln-Way East:** Kevin Fennell; **Sandburg:** Brad Mokry; **Lincoln-Way Central:** Drew Brown; **Joliet:** Andrew Vernon; **Lockport:** Brian Van Ness.
T.F. North
Oak Lawn: Alan Russo, Mike Malas, and Matt Clemens; **Shepard:** Alex Guzias; **T.F. North:** Brandon Allen.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, 5-24-04
Class AA Regionals
Lockport
Naperville North 8, Minooka 0
Hinsdale Central
Downers South 9, Argo 1
Marist
Mother McAuley 11, Morgan Park O
Tuesday, 5-24-04
Class AA Regionals
Lockport
Hinsdale South 2, Lockport 1, OT
Stagg
Stagg 1, Oak Lawn 0
Oak Forest 6, Eisenhower 0
Marist
Homewood-Flossmoor 3, Marist 0
Bloom
Lincoln-Way East 8, Crete-Monee 0
Bradley 6, Bloom 1
Lincoln-Way Central
Sandburg 2, Andrew 0
Lincoln-Way Central 4, Shepard 0
Lyons
Reavis 1, Kelly 0, forfeit
Morton
Queen of Peace 11, Gage Park 0
Kennedy 12, Farragut 1
Thursday, 5-27-04
Class AA Regional Finals
Lockport
Naperville North 4, Hinsdale South 3
Stagg
Stagg 2, Oak Forest 0
Marist
Mother McAuley 2, Homewood-Flossmoor 1, (PK)
Bloom
Lincoln-Way East 3, Bradley 0
Lincoln-Way Central
Sandburg 5, Lincoln-way Central 0
Lyons
Lyons 9, Reavis 0
Morton
Morton 7, Queen of Peace 1
Oak Park
Oak Park 6, Kennedy 0
Friday, 5-28-04
Class A Quarterfinals
North Central College-Naperville
Chatham-Glenwood 1, St. Viator 0
Wheaton Academy 5, Normal U-High 4
Fenwick 1, Peoria Notre Dame 0
Rockford Boylan 2, Belleville Althoff 1
Saturday, 5-29-04
Class AA Sectional
Sandburg
Mother McAuley 2, Stagg 1
Lincoln-way East 2, Sandburg 1
Saturday, 5-29-04
Class A Tournament
At North Central College – Naperville
Semifinals
Wheaton Academy 2, Chatham Glenwood 1
Rockford Boylan 2, Fenwick 1 (PK)
Championship
Wheaton Academy 2, Rockford Boylan 1 (4 OT)
Third Place
Chatham Glenwood 4, Fenwick 3
All Conference
Private School League
Wheaton Academy: Maria Dellatorre, Ariel Fortune,Taryne Lee; **Chicago Christian:** Emily Ottenhoff, Elizabeth Ribbens, Erica Boonstra; **Illiana Christian:** Emily Beans, Meredith Piersma; **Rockford Christian Life:** Jessi Tonnesen; **Timothy Christian:** Alexis Euwema; **Westminster Christian:** Karianne Streich.

SICA East
Oak Forest: Amira Zein, Jessica Grigas, Liz Ruberry, Ashley Spindler, Brittney Devlin, Denise Iwinski; **Thornwood:** Andrea Pearson; **Homewood-Flossmoor:** Ellen Ross, Fayelyn Riordan, Kim Schmitt, Thea Johnson, Elaine Coldren, Michell Howe, Erin Kenney, Maggie Hoskin, **Shepard:** Keli McLaughlin, Stacey Fredericks, Nadia Afaneh, Amy Johnson, Mandy Elzinga, Nikki Kolinski, Alyssa Greenwald; **Bloom:** Yuzenia Herrera, Kim O'Hara, Erika Banuelos, Veronica Gutierrez, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Melissa Baraon; **Eisenhower:** Yasmine Alcala, Alicia Mauricio.

SICA North
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Lincoln-Way East: Shannon Durocher, Eva Delaurentis, Shawn Magnum, Jessica Burke, Ashley Slota, Rachel mabbott, Alissa Burge; **Stagg:** Julianna Parken, Brittany Kaim, Danielle Wagner, Katie Ress, Jessica Martinez; **Lockport:** Jackie Krug, Jackie Jasper, Marisa Oriente; **Lincoln-way Central:** Erin Fahey, Hannah Nussbaum, Cassie Rumpf; **Sandburg:** Pam Melinauskas, Mary Theresa McDonnell, Lynn Baker, Danielle Rogers, Sheila Sarsfield; **Joliet:** Simi Narayan.
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Mother Guerin: Amber Viverito, Kristina Johnopolos; **Maria:** Karina Toledo, Annette Roland, Jackie Sleeman, Jackie Gonzalez, Vanessa Vasquez; **Mt. Assisi:** Katie Carberry, Sam Lloyd, Shannon O'Shea; **De La Salle:** Krissy Dabrowki, Betty Rodriguez, Jennifer Berry, C.C. Cline; **Notre Dame:** Rocio Mendez, Maria Gutierrez; **St. Scholastica:** Katie Krupa, Lauren Maggert, Stephanie Meyers, Jamie Chrobak.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, 5-24-04
Ag Science 19, Our Lady of Tupeyac 0
Bremen 3, Evergreen park 1
Glenbard East 6, Joliet 4
Lincoln-Way Central 2, Sandburg 1
Mother McAuley 13, Washington 0
Queen of Peace 5, Lockport 1
Richards 3, Crete-Monee 2
Class A Regionals
St. Francis de Sales
St. Francis de Sales 11, Latin 1
Latin 8, Brooks 4
CICS – Longwood
Ag Science 19, Our Lady of Tupeyac 0
Chicago Christian
Chicago Christian 11, Morgan Park Acad. 1
St. Edward
Mt. Assisi 6, Paw Paw 1
Ottawa Marquette
Illiana Christian 2, Ottawa Marquette 0
Tuesday, 5-25-04
De La Salle 8, Kennedy 4
Evergreen Park 2, Plainfield Central 0
Lemont 1, Joliet Catholic 0, 11 inn.
Lincoln-Way Central 3, Morris 0
Naperville North 4, Joliet 1
Oak Lawn 2, Reavis 0
Queen of Peace 3, Shepard 0
Richards 5, Andrew 0
St. Ignatius 5, Northside Prep 0
Class A Regional Finals
CICS-Longwood
Ag Science 14, CICS-Longwood 0
St. Edward
Mt. Assisi 1, St. Edward 0
Wednesday, 5-26-04
Bremen 4, Shepard 0
Eisenhower 7, Bloom 2
Homewood-Flossmoor 6, Mother McAuley 0
Lincoln-Way C. 5, Marian Catholic 1
Oak Lawn 3, Stagg 2
Regina 7-14, De La Salle 0-1
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Chicago Christian
St. Francis de Sales 17, Ag Science 5
Chicago Christian 9, Walther Lutheran 3
Indian Creek
Mt. Assisi 2, Westmont 0
Thursday, 5-27-04
Lincoln-Way East 1, Queen of Peace 0
Minooka 2, Providence 1
Riverside-Brookfield 4, Joliet Cath. 1
Sandburg 4, Lemont 2
Class AA Regionals
Bogan
Bogan 14, Harper 2
Class A Sectional Semifinals
Reed-Custer
Manteno 11, Illiana Christian 5
Saturday, 5-29-04
Class AA Regional Sectionals
Oak Park Sectional
St. Ignatius
St. Ignatius 12, Crane 0
Payton 7, Lincoln Park 6
Morton Sectional
Argo
Argo 7, Hyde Park 0, forfeit
Nazareth 7, Kenwood 0, forfeit
Morton
Kennedy 7, Juarez 0, forfeit
Lyons Township
Curie 13, De La Salle 11
Lyons 23, Gage Park 0
Maria Sectional
Bogan
Sandburg 28, Bogan 0
Reavis 9, Maria 0
Eisenhower
Shepard 11, Washington 1
Richards 6, Eisenhower 0
Queen of Peace
Stagg 1, Queen of Peace 0
Oak Lawn 1, Evergreen Park 0
Mother McAuley
Mother McAuley 7, Harlan 0, forfeit
Marist 24, Morgan Park 0
Morris Sectional
Lockport
Lockport 9, Plainfield Central 0
Ottawa 3, Plainfield South 2
Romeoville
Joliet Catholic 1, Bolingbrook 0
Lincoln-Way Central
Lincoln-Way Central 1, Providence 0
Lemont 2, Morris 1
Andrew Sectional
Marian Catholic
Marian Catholic 10, Rich East 0
T.F. South 5, Tinley Park 2
Homewood-Flossmoor
Homewood-Flossmoor 11, Hillcrest 0
Andrew
Andrew 29, Rich South 1
Crete-Monee 12, Thornton 0
Thornwood
Bremen 4, T.F. North 2
Class A Sectional Title Games
Chicago Christian
St. Francis de Sales 3, Walther 2
Shabbona Indian Creek
Newark 1, Mt. Assisi 0
All Conference
GCAC Blue
De La Salle: Kaitlyn Bailey, Kim Kerr, Rachel Poole; **Holy Trinity:** Carmen Murray; **Josephinum:** Jessica Scheeik; **Notre Dame:** Hilary Rivera, Gerrylyn Soriano; **St. Benedict:** Nicole De Castro, Leah Roman, Linda Torres; **St. Gregory:** Miki Battest; **St. Scholastica:** Stacy Alikakos, Elizabeth Labedz, Katie Schneider.

GCAC Red
IHM: Julie Calcagno, Beth Colletti, Lynne Wojcik; **Loyola:** Ellen Dammrich, Katie Edwards, Michelle Farrell-Fink, Mallory Sisk; **Maria:** April Gonowski, Gina Thompson, Nella Uher; **Mother McAuley:** Jen Herrera, Ashley Konicki, Anne McEldowney, Katie Poetz; **Mt. Assisi:** Bridget Masellaro, Michelle Nendza, Trish Reed, Cheryl Zakowski; **Queen of Peace:** Theresa Boruta, Bridget Dennehy, Erin Fionda, Ashley Dauer, Lydia Mikuta, Molly Stewart; **Resurrection:** Allison Anderson, Allison Mulligan, Laurean Rybka, Breanne Schnoor, Sara Somogyi; **St. Francis de Sales:** Laura Brigacie, Sara Kalemba, Missy Lipinck, Sheir Ramos.
GCAC White
Mother Guerin: Jessica Sharman; **Regina:** Katherine Fernholz, Mary Georgevich, Jenny Sander; **St. Ignatius:** Sara Brabec, Caitlin Hall, Anne Leonard, Holly Lynch, Alison Marczewski; **Seton:** Samantha Pantaleo; **Trinity:** Christina Carbonaro, Allison Hernandez, Kelly O'Brien.
Private School League
Illiana Christian: Roby Hutton, Kelly Kuiper, Becky Rudenga, Kara VanTil, Aubrey Wiersma; **Wheaton Academy:** Lauren Chesman, Becky Fiala, Kristin Kraklio, Hanna Kuzrog, Bryanne McClurg; **Walther Lutheran:** Suzy Bjornson, Erin Stanley, Elizabeth Zyer; **Chicago Christian:** Julie Bosma, Jess Mensinga, Lauren Mensinga; **Luther North:** Liz Hansen, Lauren Sears; **Timothy Christian:** Katie VanByssum; **Aurora Christian:** Cami Axen; **Luther South:** Beth Kasprowicz.

On May 14th, Bobby Davis of Chicago was arrested and charged with robbery. The victim had just exited the Jewel and was walking to her car in the lot in the 8800 block of Ridgeland, when she heard a car approaching. The driver leaned out of the car and grabbed her purse from her shoulder. She attempted to hang onto the purse but the car kept moving and the purse was wrenched from her hand. The victim memorized the license plate number and reported the number to the police.

On May 20th, Anna Ilkanic, 47, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with theft after a customer at the TCF Bank, where Ilkanic was an employee, reported that $1,000 was missing from her savings account. The customer had called in a request to transfer $2,000 from her savings account to her checking account in February and Ilkanic was the person she spoke with. Ilkanic transferred the $2,000 and then withdrew the $100 for her own use. At the time of her arrest, Ilkanic had paid back $400 to the account holder.

On May 20th, Mitchell Harris, 23, of Chicago was arrested and charged with altering a credit card. Harris purchased two $500 gift cards from Home Depot at two different registers with two different credit cards. The cashiers had been warned previously about a scam where large amount gift cards were being purchased with bad credit cards. The cashiers noted that the credit card numbers imprinted on the receipts did not match the numbers on the cards and notified security.

On May 21st, Kelly Rozak, 25, of Evergreen Park was arrested and charged with retail theft and battery after being observed by a Walgreens associate concealing merchandise valued at $23.66, then exiting the store without paying. When the employee attempted to stop Rozak, she spitted the operator's face, arm and fingers.

On May 21st, Alan Olson, 40, of Bridgeview was arrested and charged with robbery. Olson entered the Arrowe in the 5800 block of 87th St. where he had formerly been employed and attempted to borrow money from an associate. He then left the station but re-entered a short time later, went behind the register where the associate was working, shoved the associate into a chair, opened the register, and took money from it.

On May 22nd, Walter Hanerly, 33, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance after officers responded to a report of a fight in the 5600 block of 87th St. Officers observed Hanerly who matched the description of one of the combatants and questioned him. When the officer asked Hanerly if he had anything in his pocket, Hanerly responded "just a little weed." Police removed a plastic bag containing a leafy substance that field-tested positive for cannabis from his pants pocket and a pipe commonly used for smoking cannabis from another pocket.

Audio Book Month

Celebrate Audio Book Month in June. The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., carries more than 2,000 unabridged audio book titles on cassette and CD in categories ranging from fiction, mysteries, humor, classics, poetry, nonfiction and family fare. Audio books are convenient for busy people because they offer a "hands free" reading option. Many users listen to audio books while driving, exercising, doing housework or making handicrafts. Often, audio books are narrated by the book's author or a famous person.

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New SXU President

Hundreds of delegates, VIPs, faculty, alumni and local residents attended the recent inauguration of Judith A Dwyer, Ph.D., as the new president of Saint Xavier University in Chicago. At the conclusion of the ceremony, new President Dr. Dwyer (left) is congratulated by Saint Xavier University professor of Nursing Mary Ann Gaynor of Oak Lawn. Dwyer is the first laywoman to serve as president of Saint Xavier University in the past 158 years.

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Scholars Award

Autumn Osmanski of Oak Lawn, a student at Monmouth College, was awarded the Carol Veith Sorenson scholarship.

A freshman education major, she is the daughter of Gene and Diane Osmanski of Orland Park.

She was recognized during the college's annual honors convocation.

Perform Musical

"The Waiting," a 2004 musical based on the "Prodigal Son," will be performed by the Sonrise Singers, an Austin, Texas group, on Wednesday, June 9th at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th St. (located just east of Cicero Ave. and the Hilton Hotel)

The entire musical script, songs and choreography – was developed in house by the Sonrise Singers of Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. This talented, young group of 20-plus high school performers will be touring throughout the Midwest this summer. They are telling the age-old story so familiar to young and old alike, who are striving to find something that just cannot be found in this world. People spin in all sorts of rebellious directions. They say, "Why wait until tomorrow? Just one last fling before I settle down. I've waited long enough. What does it matter what I do as long as no one gets hurt?" They run away from the rules, guidelines or restrictions placed on their lives. That leaves only one prevailing question: Why wait? What are waiting for? Where is our safe harbor? "The Waiting" illustrates in an enjoyable way, a very interesting and important solution.

This entertaining play will appeal to every age group, especially parents and teens. A freewill offering will be taken.

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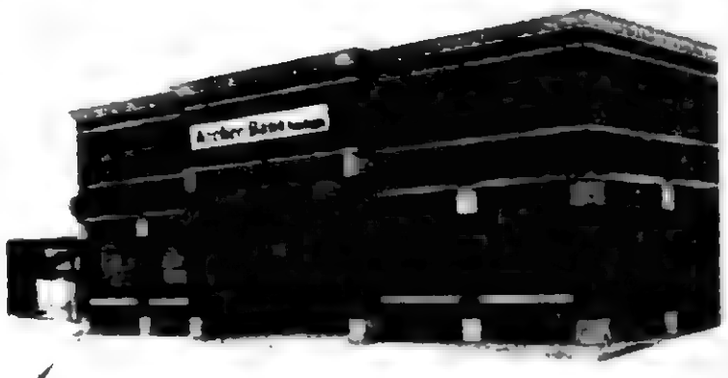

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Angela Baisler Is Named 2004 Nurse Of The Year

Angela Baisler, R.N., a nurse clinician in the pediatric surgical heart unit (PSHU) at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital has been named the 2004 Greater Chicago Nurse of the Year by *Nursing Spectrum* magazine. The award recognizes only a handful of nurses nationally whom their peers and patients have nominated for extraordinary service. Baisler was chosen from thousands of nominations as one of only 10 nursing leaders. *Nursing Spectrum* magazine featured the nurse of the year recipients in its National Nurses' Week edition.

"Angela exemplifies the initiative and ingenuity today's nurses bring to their workplace and communities," stated Cynthia Vlasak, R.N., executive director of the greater Chicago edition of *Nursing Spectrum* magazine. "She is an inspiration to us all."

Baisler, a PSHU nurse at Hope Children's Hospital for six years, has developed long-term relationships with many of her patients and their families. According to one patient's mother, Baisler was present for every one of her son's procedures, even when she was not the assigned nurse. "Angela is more than just a nurse, she is a true friend," she said.

"I am amazed and honored to be named the Nurse of the Year," said Baisler. "It's hard to understand why I was singled out like this. I do not feel as if I do beyond what a nurse should do."

This positive attitude is what allows Baisler to work tirelessly to elevate her own practice and that of her colleagues as well. When she discovered that no pocket-sized handbook existed for the highly specialized area of critical congenital heart defects, Baisler created one. *The Handbook for Healing Hearts* – a publication that is given to all nurses in PSHU and pediatric intensive care. She also precepts new nurses, has developed an in-service program for nurses and helps teach a pediatric cardiac class.

Contest Winner

Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine (left) was joined by sports anchor Jim Rose (right) of ABC 7 News to announce the winners of the State's Attorney's 2004 Anti-Drug Poster Contest.

The contest was open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in Cook County. The artwork from the winners of the poster contest is used to make calendars that are given out to elementary schools county-wide.

The winners of the sixth grade contest are: First place, Anne Harris, Northwest Elementary, Evergreen Park; Second place, Jeremy Grayson, George W. Curtis Elementary, Chicago; Third place, Robert Walker, Johnnie Coleman Academy, Mt. Greenwood; and Fourth place, Jaime Neidenbach, St. Tarcisius School, Chicago.

The winners of the seventh grade contest are: First place, Ashley Nowdomski (center), St. Gerald School, Oak Lawn; Second place, Gynarva Monroe, George W. Curtis Elementary, Chicago; Third place, Amber Dvorak, St. Beatrice School, Schiller Park; and Fourth place, Tynika Howard, Alice Barnard School, Chicago.

The winners of the eighth grade contest are: First place, Laurel Rivera, Gallistel Language Academy, Chicago; Second place, Donald Williams, George W. Curtis Elementary, Chicago; Third place (tie), Daisy Contreras, George B. Armstrong Elementary, Chicago and Bretagne E. Lenox, Hamlin Upper Grade Center, Alsip; and Fourth place, Daniel Ibarra, Gallistel Language Academy, Chicago.

First place winners receive a scholarship for summer classes at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. All winners receive tickets to a Cubs game and a White Sox game; a $50 savings bond from Midwest Bank and Trust; art supplies from Mead School and Office Supplies; and a "Say No To Drugs" T-shirt.

The 22nd annual awards ceremony took place at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

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THE NEW NEWS FOR WATER, SODIUM AND POTASSIUM

The National Academies Institute of Medicine has recently released dietary reference intakes for water, salt and potassium. Dietary Reference Intakes (known as DRIs to the medical world) define what a person should ingest daily under normal body circumstances. The term takes the place of what used to be called Recommended Daily Allowances.

WATER

"Let thirst be your guide," is the rule of thumb here. The old adage about drinking at least eight glasses daily may not be necessary (which lots of you will be happy about). Recent studies show that a majority of healthy people adequately meet their daily hydration needs by simply drinking when they are thirsty. According to national survey information, women consume about 11 cups of total water each day and men average about 16 cups. These values reflect more than adequate intakes for the average person. About 80 percent of total water intake comes from drinking water and beverages, including caffeine-containing beverages, with water in food providing the other 20 percent. This is a relief, considering the "eight glasses of water a day" rule made life very difficult for most of us.

Other good news is that contrary to popular belief, there is no convincing evidence that caffeine leads to cumulative total body water deficits. In fact, it appears that the diuretic effect of caffeine is transient, so that hydration needs can be met through a variety of sources, in addition to drinking water.

SODIUM

Concerning salt, the report recommended that healthy 19-50 year-old adults consume 1.5 grams of sodium (3.8 grams of salt) daily. This is sufficient to replace the daily average amount of sodium lost through perspiration and to achieve a diet that provides adequate amounts of other essential nutrients.

Blood pressure generally rises progressively as salt intake increases. The upper allowed intake (UL) of salt should not exceed about 5 ½ grams of salt daily (to visualize, there are 2.3 grams of sodium in a teaspoon of table salt, so this would be the equal of about 2 ½ teaspoons of table salt). In our country, almost all men ages 31 to 50 and three quarters of women in this age range regularly consume in excess of this. But remember: the salt shaker is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to salt intake.

POTASSIUM

To lower blood pressure, counter the effects of salt, and reduce the risk of kidney stones and bone loss, adults should consume about 4 ½ grams of potassium a day. The typical Western diet is low in potassium, with both men and women ingesting approximately a third to a half of what they need on a daily basis. A UL was not established for potassium, as there was no evidence of chronic excessive intakes in healthy individuals.

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Special Autism Workshop

A special education workshop on autism will help teach families and professionals about services required by law for children with autism – on Saturday, June 12th at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This special education workshop, *What Parents and Professionals Need To Know About Autism*, will also provide information on: how autism is defined, what types of services children with autism should receive, and are cross categorical programs appropriate.

The featured presenter is Alyson Beytien, parent/teacher trainer and mother of three sons with autism. Alyson Beytien is the former Assistant Project Director of the Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project and currently a consultant and trainer.

Conference participants will receive free materials, along with a free lunch; and they will have the opportunity to network with other participants. Spanish translators will be available for Spanish-speaking families.

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NAMI Self-Help Support Group Will Hold Meeting

The support group for relatives and friends of persons with serious mental illnesses (brain disorders) will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 10th, in the Church of Christ, 4010 W. 206th St., (at Crawford/Pulaski) in Matteson.

Sponsored by NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago, this self-help support-group meeting can be very helpful – and hopeful – for family and friends whose loved ones have mental illnesses.

The assistance and understanding available from others who have similar, personal experiences can bring useful information and hopeful anticipation of a more-positive future to those who attend these sessions.

Volunteer facilitators lead the group, which meets on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at the same time and location. There is no charge to attend.

For further information about the group and/or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), call John Rowley at (708) 798-3862.

Food-Borne Illnesses

You've planned the perfect dinner party with a mouth-watering menu. But you don't plan on the extra dinner guest. Although invisible, this guest can invade your food and make you and those you care about sick.

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Learn more about the bacteria and other organisms that can bug you with Preventing Food-Borne Illness from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Find out which foods they are in and the symptoms of each.

Safe food depends on proper food storage, handling, and cooking. Take the 10-point quiz in the FDA's Can Your Kitchen Pass the Food Safety Test? To see how well you're doing in each area. If you get a low score, you can also use Fight BAC™ (that's bacteria) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service to learn how to make your kitchen safer. Here are the four simple steps:

- **Clean:** Bacteria can easily spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, utensils, sponges, and counter tops so wash hands and surfaces often.
- **Separate:** Avoid cross-contamination by separating raw meat, poultry, and seafood from other foods in the refrigerator.
- **Cook:** Kill harmful bacteria by cooking food to be the proper temperature.
- **Chill:** Refrigerate food quickly to keep the bacteria from growing and multiplying.

Be prepared with the free Food Safety 101 package. There are three easy ways to get your publication: send your name and address to Food Safety 101, Pueblo, Colorado 81009; call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO, that's 1-888-878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the Food Safety 101 package or visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Chase Mortgage Company-West f/k/a Mellon Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Maurice Smith, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-742.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 2735 W. 85th St., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $108,828.78.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-293.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

190889C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. PHH Mortgage Services, Assignee of Key Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jeffrey Stanley, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17828.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15629 Tudor Rd., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $178,199.00.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for American Residential Eagle Bond Trust 1999-2, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Rispin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18769.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9529 S Minnick Ave., Unit #2A, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $125,561.54.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A543

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. William P. Muldoon a/k/a William Patrick Muldoon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-7860.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 56821

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 30, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner, Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9436 S. Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,727.03.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph R. Perlikiewicz, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10212.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 30, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 10, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14770 Waverly Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $56,538.73.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 Please refer to file number 14-03-5983

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191126C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Macklin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14261

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003. The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The real estate is improved with a condominium

The judgment amount was $115,472.03

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8239.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Daniel S. Saxton, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16371.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 21, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 28, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 15419 Tudor Rd., Oak Forest, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $162,497.80.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney Hauselman & Rappin, Ltd., 39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1105, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/372-2020. Please refer to file no 03-3333-0067.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee, for the Certificateholders of the Reperforming Loan Remic Trust Certificates, Series 2003-R3, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel R. Sims, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7967.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 58036

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on January 9, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 16, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9219 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805

The improvements on the property consist of Brick constructed, two story, single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $116,068.17.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Universal Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Taylor, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-2851.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3611 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $95,855.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320 Please refer to file number 14-04-567

NOTE. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

190411C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Bank of New York as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders of Reperforming Remic Trust Series CWABS 99-3, Plaintiff, vs. George J. Musielak, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-6585.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 57333

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 19, 2004

I, Kimberly Davis, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 26, 2004 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the outside of the lobby (Northeast corner) of the Richard J. Daley Center, 55 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 10520 S. Kenneth Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. Please contact the Sales Officer to confirm the opening bid amount prior to sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $271,971.07.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Gibson, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-16080.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3601 W. 81st Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1 story brown/tan brick with white trim and det 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $154,997.42.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Avenue, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0304307

NOTE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191309C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dan A. Alfultis, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-8040.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE

OUR FILE NO. 57807

(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004.

I, Stephen Nagy, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 22, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at first floor, Southwest Corner, Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 5220 W. 137th Pl., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $101,799.36.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Robert E. Beiter, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19289.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 2, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 9738 Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,732.02.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

189339C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Allen J. Thrasher a/k/a Allan Thrasher, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18547.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 2/17/04, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on 6/30/04, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

C/K/A: 3326 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $133,576.31.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file no. 03-11100.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

191283C

CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jamesetta Rowls, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19832.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8115 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $149,163.35.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8556.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188988C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department, Chancery Division. SF JV-2002-1, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. Frank Cechota, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7520.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher & Fisher
file #55505

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 24, 2004 in the amount of $123,821.71, Kallen Financial & Capital Services, Inc. as Selling Official will at 11:30 a.m. on June 30, 2004 outside the front door of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, Room 112, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, sell the following described real property to the highest bidder at auction for cash:

C/K/A: 5700 W. 87th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvements on the property consist of a single-family dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: property offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties; sale subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, and superior liens, if any; 10% of successful bid to be paid at conclusion of auction and balance by 5:00 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. After confirmation of the sale by the court, the successful bidder will receive a Selling Official's Deed.

For information, contact the Sales Officer at the office of the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Fisher & Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL (312) 372-4784, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, under Illinois law the Sales Officer is not required to provide information in addition to that contained in this notice.

193155C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a national banking association f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3, Plaintiff, vs. Gregory Jackson n/k/a Gregory Buhari, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3303.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on June 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 24, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4129 W. 93rd Place, Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $120,761.18.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

189800C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael A. Roche, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19047.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7003 W. Avon Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,990.10.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

190296C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by Merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by Merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael C. Roche, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-19041.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 25, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 6755 W. 91st Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $155,336.80.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-13680.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

192244C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Leon E. Jokubauskas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7463.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9100 S. 51st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $188,805.12.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303156.

189389C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Ivan Hernandez, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19994.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 25, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4500 W. 115th Place, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $210,999.81.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8691.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188886C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dia C. King, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16984.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 9, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3038 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $102,810.68.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A059.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

189996C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information Call: Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday, Aretos & Giampietro, LLC, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700.

190398C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Stitt, Klein, Daday & Aretos, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700.

191371C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. James F. Cloney, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12830.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 9624 S. Troy Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $122,226.11.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

189921C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Standard Federal Bank fka assignee of Bancgroup Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Stuart A. Flom, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-18187.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 14, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4141 W. 90th Place, Hometown, IL 60514.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was $120,276.98.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

This pleading is a communication for the purpose of collecting the mortgage debt, under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. If you fail to dispute, in writing, the validity of this debt within thirty days, it will be assumed to be valid. Finally, any information you provide will be used for the purpose of collection.

Upon payment, of each portion of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Receipt of Sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the mortgaged real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection, except by the arrangement and agreement of the current owner or occupant.

For Information: Jaros, Tittle & O'Toole, Ltd., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N. Clark, Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60602. 312/750-1000. Phone calls will be taken only between the hours of 9:00 thru 11:00 A.M. When calling, please refer to file number 03-28566.

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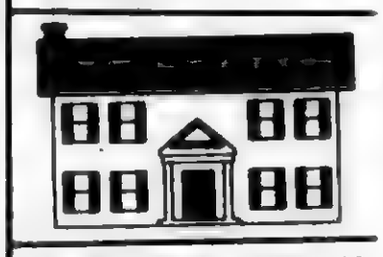

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bonnie L. Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Plambeck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-160.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4681 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $85,739.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwerren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwerren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0305910.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Kronas at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.
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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Melvin Ballentine, et al., Defendants. No. 97Ch-7200.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 24, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 18, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 13819 S. Spaulding, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $33,744.52.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our web site at http://service.atty-pierce.com. between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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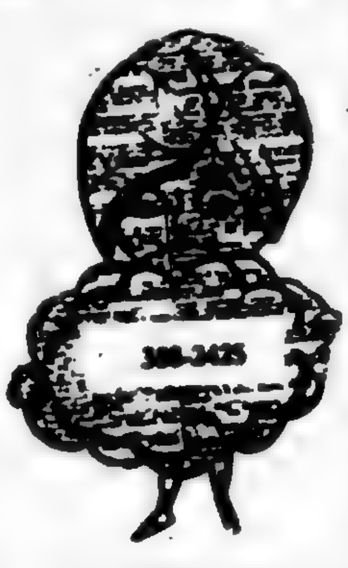

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Brookfield Zoo's Butterfly Exhibit

This summer, Brookfield Zoo will be all aflutter with hundreds of beautiful winged wonders. The zoo's popular Butterflies! exhibit is open daily from Memorial Day weekend through mid-September from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Inside the screened-in exhibit, visitors can get up-close views of more than 20 species of butterflies native to North America, including swallowtails, sulphurs, question marks, painted ladies, Julias, and great southern whites.

Every week, hundreds of new butterflies emerge from their chrysalis in an off-exhibit area that is closely monitored by zoo staff. When the butterflies are ready to take wing, they are released into the beautifully landscaped exhibit featuring a winding path past bubbling waters amidst a wide variety of regional grasses and flowering plants. Zoo staff and volunteers are on hand to answer questions and they may even have a caterpillar or moth cocoon to view.

Adjacent to the exhibit is a gift shop featuring items such as flower seed packets, butterfly nectar, and butterfly houses, which can be used to attract these spectacular creatures to visitors' own backyards. The shop also has a wide range of decorative and functional items for both indoor and outdoor environments such as wind chimes and wind socks that will beautify any garden.

The price of admission to Butterflies! is $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for children and seniors 65 and older. Zoo members pay $2 for adults and $1 for children. For more information, call Brookfield Zoo at (708) 485-0263, or visit its Web site at www.brookfieldzoo.org.

Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is known throughout the world for its innovative, naturalistic, multi-species exhibits, its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation, and its devotion to helping people develop a sustainable and harmonious relationship with nature. The zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.

Wild Reef & Amazon Rising Exhibits Opens

In the last 10 years, many changes have taken place at Shedd Aquarium. Two permanent exhibits opened – *Wild Reef* and *Amazon Rising*, the crowd favorite *Caribbean Reef* was renovated and the popular temporary exhibit *Seahorse Symphony* brought in nearly 8 million guests before closing its doors last year. But during the last 10 years one thing has been a constant. *Jazzin' at the Shedd* on Thursday nights has become a staple summer event for residents of Chicago. This year Shedd is commemorating the anniversary with new sounds, food and special events.

The 10th season kicks off on June 3rd and Shedd will be jamming through Aug. 26th. *Jazzin'* lets guests visit after hours with the fascinating creatures of the aquarium and relax to the rhythms of classic, urban, funk and South American jazz bands against the spectacular backdrop of Chicago's skyline.

Featured performers in June are: Alejo Poveda's Sextet on June 10th; Q-Blue on June 17th; and Detour with Phil Seed on June 24th.

Starting June 17th, *Jazzin'* guests will get a special opportunity to visit *Sea Star Quest*, Shedd's new special exhibit opening. *Sea Star Quest* is Shedd's most hands-on production ever. Kids can give a live sea star a high-five, touch a sea urchin's tube feet, and meet sea cucumbers, feather stars and other "pentamerous echinoderms" – spiny-skinned animals with a five-part body design – at touch pools and child-height displays. Kids can even listen to the stars while learning about conservation at different audio posts and walk like the stars – or urchins or sand dollars – at a special play station.

Guests can also stop by *Wild Reef*, Shedd's new permanent exhibit where you can come nose-to-nose with the sharks and learn about the secret life of coral.

Jazzin' at the Shedd takes place every Thursday night through Aug. 26th. The aquarium stays open until 10 p.m.; however, the *Wild Reef*, Oceanarium and the "Sea Star Quest" will close at 8 p.m. Admission to *Jazzin'* is $10 for adults and $8 for children (ages 3 to 11) and seniors. *Wild Reef* is an additional $6 per person. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Jazzin' at the Shedd*, groups who purchase 10 tickets will receive one free ticket when they call (312) 692-3333. *Jazzin'* is included with paid admission to the aquarium and as always, Shedd members can "jazz" for free.

Crotty Sponsors Health Bill

State Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) has sponsored legislation that requires mental health facilities in the State of Illinois to collect data concerning their patients which will aid in reforming the mental health system within the State. This legislation passed out of the Senate unanimously recently.

Sen. Crotty's legislation will help to determine the scope, magnitude and consequences to individuals with mental illness of future decisions concerning the funding of public and private mental health facilities and services. Since DHS already collects the data detailed in HB 4092 for State-operated facilities, they would only have to collect the data from the private facilities.

Proponents of House Bill 4092 argue that policymakers and legislators need to better comprehend the mental health issues in Illinois. The issue is difficult to understand because it is hard to keep track of how and where clients are served throughout the State. In recent years, more and more publicly-funded mental health services are being provided by private hospitals. In public care facilities data is collected, but in these private care facilities the data is not. This information will be used by the State to identify how patients are served. In turn, the data collected will be used to help reform the mental health system in Illinois.

"These procedures will benefit our state's mental health recipients when Illinois reforms the mental health systems throughout the state," said Crotty. "This bill would ensure that all people being served by mental health facilities in the state are taken into consideration."

Southwest Area Obituaries

Gertrude Klimcak

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Gertrude Klimcak of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Joseph. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two grandchildren.

Gregory B. Boots

Services were held Tuesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, with a private interment for Gregory B. Boots, 65. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Kimberly (Ronald) Lucas, Todd (Renee), Timothy (Carol), Kelly (Brett) Zawislak and Kristy (Randy) Ozminkowski; 11 grandchildren; and two brothers, Lee (Cindy) and David (Cathy).

Sylvia Ratajczak

Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 3rd at St. Germaine Catholic Church, Oak Lawn, with private interment for Sylvia Ratajczak, 79.

She is survived by her husband, Victor R., and her brother, Raymond L. (Sue) Gerlich.

Stella O. Saunoris

Services will be held Friday, June 4th at 9 a.m. from Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 Harlem Ave., to 9:30 a.m. mass at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10811 Ridgeland Ave., with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Stella O. Saunoris, 90, wife of the late Edward. She was a former owner of the Edward V. Saunoris Florist and Gifts. Visitation is Thursday, from 3 to 9 p.m.

She is survived by a son Leonard (Roxanne) and two grandchildren.

Joseph T. Talanges Sr.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 4th, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 Harlem Ave., for Joseph T. Talanges Sr., 72, a U.S. Army Korean War veteran and husband of the late Sara Jean "Jeannie." He will lie in state at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 McCarthy Rd. on Saturday, June 5th, from 9 a.m. to time of service at 10 a.m., with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. He was a graduate of the Detroit Business Institute, retired vice president of accounting for the Barrett Varnish Company, former president and coach of the Worth Boys Baseball Association, former coach of the West Side Baseball Association of Oak Lawn and former coach of the Worth Panthers Football Association.

He is survived by his children, Joseph T. Jr. (Toni) Talanges and Jean Nechvatal; four grandchildren; his brothers, Alex (Mary) and Michael Talanges; and his sister, Mary Anne Hobert.

Ellen D. Slager

Services were May 27th at Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with a private interment for Ellen D. Slager, 89, of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Thomas. She was a housekeeper.

She is survived by her children, Mary Ellen (Jonathan) Handler and Kathleen (Donald) Jager; four grandchildren; and her twin sister, Grace Smith.

Anna Canino

Mass was said Wednesday at Rosary Hills Nursing Home, Justice, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Anna Canino, 99, wife of the late Vincent S.

She is survived by 34 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Nancy A. Bauman

Services will be held today, Thursday, June 3rd, from the Lawn Funeral Home, 7739 W. 159th St. at 9:30 a.m. to St. Julie Billiart Church, 7399 W. 159th St, for 10 a.m. Mass, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Nancy a Bauman, 43. She was a devoted member of St. Julie Billiart SPREAD Group and Oasis Enterprises (Elim Christian Services). Visitation was held from 3 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

She is survived by her parents, Barbara and John F. Bauman; her sister, Linda (Brian) O'Dwyer; her brother, John D. Bauman; and her grandmothers, Anne Drinane and Lillian Haskins.

Joanne M. Moran

Services will be held Friday, June 4th at 10 a.m. from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., to St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, for 11 a.m. mass with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joanne M. Moran. Visitation is Thursday, June 3rd from 3 to 9 p.m.

She is survived by her husband Henry R., Retired C.F.D.; her children Patrick C.F.D., Anne C.P.D. (Rich) Lewis, Mary (Tim) McGinty, James (Karen) and Christine (Casper) DeLeon; eight grandchildren; sister Mary Yates and brother Dr. Thomas Uelk.

Fred J. Morlock Sr.

Services will be held Friday, June 4th at 8:45 a.m. from Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, 10415 Kedzie Ave., to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for 9:30 a.m. mass, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Fred J. Morlock Sr. of Hometown, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and husband of the late Rose. He was a 52 year member of the Mt. Greenwood Lions Club. Visitation is Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m.

He is survived by his children Fred Jr. (Donna), James (Donna), David (Lori), Thomas and Karen (Lou) Garza; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and sisters Virginia Smallwood and Barbara [illegible].

Southwest Area Obituaries

Evelyn J. Petersen

Services were held Wednesday at Hills Funeral Home, Ltd., Palos Hills, with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Evelyn J. Petersen, wife of the late Gerard R.

She is survived by her son, Donald Crumpley; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and her brother, Donald (Winona) Johnson.

Benjamin T. Stuber

Mass was said Saturday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Benjamin T. Stuber, 83. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary R.; his children, Beth (Pete) Walsh, JoAnn (Walt) Hannan, Lynn (Pat) Hennessy, Tom and Jim Stuber; nine grandchildren; his brothers, Jerry (Jean) and Ralph (Kathy); and his sisters, Mary Jane (Gene) Leahy and Pat (Al) Dilger.

Marie Verhely

Mass was said Saturday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery for Marie Verhely, wife of the late Bernard.

She is survived by her children, Bernard H. (Beverly), Eleanor, Sr. Lorrita, Rita and Lorretta (Kevin) Cassidy; and three grandchildren.

Edward F. Jolyk Sr.

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Edward F. Jolyk Sr., 78, husband of the late Irene T. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his children, Lee Jolyk and Edward F. Jr. (Kimberly); two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Eleanore Karp.

Ronald F. Norris

Visitation will be Friday, June 4th at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Road, Hickory Hills, for Ronald F. Norris. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5th at Wesleyan Community Church, 89th St. and Austin Ave., Chicago. He will be lying in state from 10 to 11 a.m. Entombment will be at Resurrection Mausoleum. He owned Norris Auto Body.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Deborah (Timothy) Phelan, Susan (David) Armon, Nanci (Ronald) Pryzdia and Ronald G.; and six granchildren.

Karen M. Roulhac

Services were held Wednesday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hills Gardens South Cemetery for Karen M. Roulhac, 47, of Matteson, formerly of Chicago. She was a noted health educator for the entire Chicagoland and Northern Indiana region and a certified LaMaza instructor.

She is survived by one child, Keyalo Gray; her father, Edgar Sr.; and her brother, Edgar Jr.

Peter N. Ladas

Services were held Wednesday at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, Palos Park, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery for Peter N. Ladas, husband of the late Georgia and the late Irene. He was a lifetime member of the Order of Ahepa Woodlawn Chapter and past member of the board of directors of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church.

He is survived by his children, Nicholas (Elizabeth), Anthony (Betty) and Christ (Jane) Ladas, Toni (Sam) Alex and Carolyn (David) Skoirchet; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters.

Harold Williamson

Services were held Saturday at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery for Harold "Hal" Williamson, 78, husband of the late Anita. He was retired from Amtrak after 44 years of service. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a PLOWS volunteer for 10 years.

He is survived by his children, Robert, Susan Lelugas and Daniel (Kimberly); five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his siblings, Rose Wainauskas, Robert Williamson, Ruth Rossi, Joyce McCulough and Mickey Zymanzyl.

Brian J. Woodall

Graveside services were held Saturday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Brian J. Woodall, 49.

He is survived by his children, Jennifer (William) Ledden and Christopher Woodall-Smith; his sisters, Patricia (Louis) Yates, Carole (Richard) Nagle, Sharon (John) Moss, Noreen Mitchell and Denise (William) Blackstone; and his brothers, William (Donna) Woodall and Raymond Woodall.

Amelia C. Augustine

Mass was said Saturday at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Amelia C. Augustine, 102, wife of the late Charles.

She is survived by her son, Lawrence (Margaret) Augustine; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Maryann Been

Services were held Saturday at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, for Maryanne Been, 72, of Midlothian, wife of the late Richard. She was a sales clerk for Heineman Bakery before retiring.

She is survived by her children, Julie (Barry) Dykema, Mark (Charlene), Gary (Dianne) and David (Carrie) Been; seven grandchildren; and her sister, Bettyjean Jacobson.

Janna H. Kits

A memorial servces was held Wednesday at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church, Orland Park, with a private interment for Janna H. Kits, 24.

She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Yolanda; her brothers, Jonathan (Heather) Kits and Joel (Kara) Kits; and her grandparents, Frank and Helen Schellenboom and Helen Kits.

Helen Lucille Blatt

Services were held Tuesday at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Midlothian, for Helen Lucille Blatt, 84, of Midlothian, wife of the late Willard. She was a service representative for the phone company before retiring.

She is survived by her children, Janice (Lee) Kooi, Gerald (Linda) Blatt, Arnold Blatt and Robert (Jean) Blatt, and six grandchildren.

Leon B. Miotke

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 3rd, from Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Leon B. Miotke, husband of the late Marie D.

He is survived by his daughter, Teresa (James) Myczek; one grandchild; and his sister, Mary (Reg) Jurewicz.

Anton Jeanplong

Mass was said Friday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interent at St. Mary Cemetery for Anton Jeanplong, 93, of Chicago, husband of the late Marie. He was an auto mechanic.

He is survived by his daughter, Paula (Thomas) Schurla; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Alexander Bukovsky

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 3rd at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral home, 4950 W. 79th St., Burbank; with interment at Chapel Hills Gardens South Cemetery for Alexander Bukovsky, 86.

He is survived by his wife, Edith; his children, Diane (Ronald) Ithal, Dale (Sandra), Gary (Diane), Bill and Gail Angone; 13 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; his brothers, Frank Bukovsky and Augustine Stalmasek; and his sister, Frances Patakowski.

George W. Lennon Jr.

Mass was said Saturday at St. Linus Catholic Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for George William Lennon Jr. of Oklahoma City, formerly of Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; his children, Mary E. Lennon, Noreen C. Lennon and Patrick J. (Jennifer) Lennon; and his sisters, Maryrose L. Berger, Virginia L. (George M. Sr.) Eck and Joan L. (James V.) Creen.

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Edward F. McElroy (pictured) of Chicago radio and television will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, June 10, following a 6:30 p.m. dinner in the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside.

Judy Genesk, coordinator, announced that McElroy will share his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Ed has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND and WJJD radio for over 50 years. He is the host of "Community in Focus" on channel 4 and 43, and has done many training films and commercials, receiving many awards for news coverage in the United States. Ed has entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children for many years. He is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

Repair Scam Warning

Attorney General Lisa Madigan warned homeowners and businesses to protect themselves from repair scam artists eager to make money in the aftermath of natural disasters.

"It's truly amazing the speed with which these con artists show up to try and turn disasters into dollars by cheating consumers and businesses on storm repairs," Madigan said. "It's understandable that people want to rebuild and get back to normal as soon as possible, but don't rush into anything. Take your time, do your homework and protect yourself."

Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureau offers the following tips which individuals and businesses should follow to minimize the risk of being duped by dishonest contractors:

- Be wary of door-to-door solicitors; many home repair con artists are transients who move quickly through a troubled area; ask for recommendations from people you know and trust; whenever possible, use local contractors.
- Ask to see any required state or local permits or licenses.
- If possible, shop around for the best deal; get written estimates from several contractors; don't allow a salesperson to rush you into a deal.
- Get all terms of a contract in writing; obtain a copy of the signed contract; never make full payment until all work has been completed to your satisfaction.
- Be aware that you have the right to cancel within three business days if you sign a contract in your home.
- Do not pay in cash.
- Remember that insurance adjusters must be licensed by the Illinois Department of Insurance and roofers must be licensed by the Department of Professional Regulation.

Madigan reminded consumers that the Home Repair and Remodeling Act, signed into law in 2000, requires contractors to furnish customers with written contracts for any repair or remodeling work costing more than $1,000. A contract must be signed by both the customer and the contractor.

The law also requires contractors to carry minimum amounts of insurance for property damage, bodily injury and improper home repair. Contractors also must provide consumers with an informational pamphlet entitled "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights."

Madigan also reminded consumers to contact her office to check if any complaints have been filed against a company they are considering hiring for storm repair. To file a complaint with Madigan's office, consumers can call the Attorney General's Chicago Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-386-5438 and 1-800-964-3013 (TTY).

More information on how consumers can avoid problems with home repair and construction can be found at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov and click on the link to "Protecting Consumers."

Marathon Training

Nine local charities have selected the Chicago Area Runners Association to train the runners who will raise funds through their participation in this year's LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon.

Participating charities are: Children's Memorial Hospital, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, Girls on the Run, American Diabetes Association, American Lung Association, Alzheimer's Association and LUNGevity.

CARA's LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon Training Program, now in its 16th year, expects to welcome more than 2,400 first-time and returning marathoners at eleven city and suburban sites, including a new location in Jackson Park, on Chicago's south side.

"Some people will run for a cause, others for personal accomplishment," explained David Patt, CARA Chief Executive Officer. "But they will all train together in preparation for running the world's premier marathon course."

The program kicks off with introductory clinics on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park.

Open New Facility

The Sisters, Board and Administration of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host a Blessing and Dedication Ceremony at its new neighborhood health facility, 736 W. 95th St. (the corner of 95th St. and Halsted Ave.) on Friday, June 4th at 10:30 a.m. There will be tours and refreshments at 11 a.m.

The new 5,400-square-foot adult medical facility was established to address the disparities in access to health care that exist for the population in the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood. It features 10 exam rooms, one minor procedure room and a roomy lobby that will accommodate up to 30 people for community education classes.

Lecture Series

"Reptiles and Amphibians of Illinois," an Adult Lecture Series program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. For ages 16 and above, the program requires a fee of $3 per person.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

Oak Lawn Theatre Production

Performing in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" are (left to right) Rosemary Scanlan (Rosemary), Keith Rambaugh (Bert Bratt), Matt Gallagher (Bud Frump) and Jennifer Gagel (Smitty). (Photo by Bob Brodsky)

Tickets are currently on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's June production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. This 1961 Broadway musical tells the story of J. Pierrepont Finch (portrayed by Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann), a window washer at the World Wide Wickets Co.

Young Finch discovers a life-changing book, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and uses it as his guide to success. He gets a job in the company mailroom and catches the eye of Rosemary Pilkington (portrayed by Frankfort's Rosemary Scanlan), a young company secretary. With the help of his instruction manual, Finch climbs up the corporate ladder. The company boss, J.B. Biggley, is portrayed by Palos Hills' H. Thomas Cameron, and his eager nephew, Bud Frump, is played by Alsip's Matt Gallagher.

The musical will be produced by Frank Fett. Josie Nirchi is the director; Brad Kisner is the assistant director. Dawn Schnolis is the show's choreographer; Diane Madden is the music director. The conductor is Bill Hansen, and the set and lighting designer is Gil Oliva. Executive producers of the theatre are Paul Nirchi and Dave Heilmann.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on June 4th, 5th and 10th to 12th; 3 p.m. matinees will be held on Sunday, June 6th and 13th. All performances are held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Ticket prices are $18 for adults and $17 for seniors and children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail theatre@olparks.com. Box office hours are Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

State Emergency Purchase Of Larvicide

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich announced the state will spend $105,000 on the emergency purchase of larvicide to help control mosquitoes in the Chicago suburbs that recently experienced severe flooding along the Des Plaines River.

"After heavy flooding, typically huge numbers of biting mosquitoes are produced and can be disruptive to flood cleanup activities and other community functions," the Governor said. "We need to provide whatever assistance possible so communities can quickly and safely recover from the flood."

The larvicide will be bought by the state and provided to local health departments and municipalities in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will counties.

Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, said these "floodwater" mosquitoes generally are not disease carriers, but can be an extreme nuisance and are expected to hatch two to three weeks after the flooding ends. As the floodwaters recede, he explained, evaporation and drainage will create smaller pools of stagnant water where the mosquitoes like to breed.

The larvicide, which is spread in either a granular or briquette form, destroys mosquito larvae in the water pools.

The mosquitoes can fly up to 20 miles from where they emerge, particularly along prevailing winds, and are attracted to people by carbon dioxide and perspiration. They have a peak biting time of just after sunset and again just before dawn, but will feed anytime in or near wooded areas if disturbed.

In the coming weeks, the pools of water left by the flood also may give rise to large numbers of the northern house mosquito, which are the primary carrier of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. These mosquitoes normally begin to spread disease in the state in mid-to-late July and early August. Last year, Illinois recorded 54 cases of West Nile disease and one death and, in 2002, led the nation with 884 cases and 66 deaths.

The emergency larvicide help is in addition to $2.3 million in grants Blagojevich recently awarded to local health departments throughout the state to assist with the detection and control of West Nile virus. Most of that funding came from a special 50-cent fee increase on new tires enacted last year to create a public health emergency fund.

The state's surveillance for West Nile virus began May 1 and so, far, West Nile positive birds have been identified in three counties: Adams, Champaign and DuPage. DuPage County also has detected two pools of mosquitoes with West Nile virus.

Victory For Mobile Park Residents

State Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) won a victory recently for mobile park residents throughout the state of Illinois.

Legislation was passed out of the Senate that will require landowners of mobile and manufactured home parks to provide up-front disclosure of past rent charges, owner responsibilities, fees, taxes and security deposit information before the purchase of a mobile home or lot occurs.

Proponents of Senate Bill 2791 argue that some manufactured home park landowners substantially increase rent forcing seniors out of the community. Because the cost of moving a home can be upwards of $15,000, seniors are forced to hand over the title to their home to the landowner because they cannot afford the lot rent, cannot sell the home because of high lot rent, and are unable to provide for any accrued delinquency resulting from the lot rent increase.

There are approximately 2,000 manufactured home communities in Illinois. Approximately 60% of manufactured home residents are 55 years of age or older. In manufactured home communities tenants own the home but not the land.

This bill now goes to the House for their consideration.

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Brother Rice Gold Medalists

Brother Rice High School seniors who were named Gold Medal winners were honored at a May awards assembly. They are (kneeling from left) Patrick Harrigan of Beverly (Gold Medal for Rice Pride), Kevin Coulas of Beverly (Gold Medal for Publications-Newspaper), Ryan Ensminger of Hometown (Gold Medal for Excellence/Valedictorian and Gold Medal for Theology), Michael Moore of Beverly (Gold Medal for Business), Matthew Muhr of Evergreen Park (Gold Medal for French), Andrew Winkler of Evergreen Park (Gold Medal for Art) and Alex Block of Scottsdale (Gold Medals for Enigish and Mathematics). Standing from left are: Brother Rice President Br. Karl Walczak, Joseph Lindzius of West Lawn (Gold Medal for Christian Service), Nicholas Rojas of Oak Lawn (Gold Medal for Music), John Bombard of Oak Lawn (Gold Medal for Computer Science and Publications-Yearbook), Timothy O'Brien of Oak Lawn (Gold Medal for Science), Daniel Fadden of Oak Lawn (Bronze Medal for Excellence and Gold Medal for Scholar-Athlete), Karl Szafranski of Evergreen Park (Silver Medal for Excellence and Bausch & Lomb Awards for Science) and Brother Rice Principal James Antos.

Pilgrim Faith United Church Rummage Sale Set

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., is having a huge rummage sale on Friday, June 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great deals! There is something for everyone, from clothes and furniture to household items and toys. If you would like more information, contact the church office at (708) 422-4200.

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Gardens Of Chicago's Magnificent Mile

North Michigan Avenue will be lush with summer plantings as The Greater North Michigan Avenue Assn. (GNMAA) presents "Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile" from June 23rd to Sept. 6th. This FREE outdoor horticulture exhibit will feature a self-guided walking tour of over 45 spectacular gardens and programming targeted at garden enthusiasts and families in search of summer fun.

Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile will showcase the successful beautification efforts that are funded by the business and property owners along North Michigan Avenue and will feature innovations in urban gardening. The self-guided walking tour leads visitors through the brilliant blossoms of The Magnificent Mile district, from Oak Street to the Chicago River, and explores the neighborhoods of Streeterville, River North and the Gold Coast. Flora from around the world is identified with horticultural signage in each of the gardens. Gardening enthusiasts will find fresh new ideas for their homes, discover new planting combinations, see unique gardening styles, learn ways to utilize small spaces and find plantings appropriate for gardens in shaded or partially shaded areas. Additionally, the self-guided walking tour brochure features expert gardening tips that can be easily implemented in residential gardens.

During Gardens of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, a host of summer activities and happenings will take place in The Magnificent Mile district, including gardening related programming. Gardening enthusiasts can learn planting and maintenance tips and tricks from the experts. Visitors can enjoy gardening themed activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.themagnificentmile.com or call (312) 409-5560.

Advocate Prenatal & Parenting Classes

Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn announces its June calendar of prenatal and parenting classes to help new parents prepare for a healthy pregnancy, safe birth and happy homecoming. Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St. Registration is required for all programs and classes. To register or for more information, call 1(800) 323-8622 and refer to the code number listed.

Breastfeeding Basics – This two-hour class teaches breastfeeding preparation and techniques, as well as how to deal with problems related to breastfeeding. Classes will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Christ Wellness and Education Center (Riviera Country Club), 8801 W. 143rd St. in Orland Park, and on Wednesday, June 16th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room at the medical center. The cost is $20. Classes are held regularly on the first and third Wednesday of every month. **Code 1B01**

Weekend Childbirth Education – This two-session weekend class discusses preparation for labor and delivery (both vaginal and Cesarean), newborn care, post-partum changes, nutritional needs, relaxation methods and breathing techniques. Instructors are certified childbirth educators. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 5th and 6th or June 19th and 20th, at EMS Academy, 4201 W. 93rd St. (west entrance) in Oak Lawn. The cost is $85 per couple. Registration is required. Classes are offered regularly on the first and third weekend of the month. **Code 1B08**

Childbirth Education – This four-part series should be taken during the final three months of pregnancy. Topics include relaxation, breathing and pushing techniques, information about labor, vaginal and cesarean birth, infant care and postpartum physical and emotional changes. Instructors are certified childbirth educators. Beginning class dates are either June 7th, 8th or 9th from 7 to 9 p.m. at EMS Academy **(Code 1B02)** or Thursday, June 10th from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Christian Reformed Church, 8383 W. 171st Ave. in Tinley Park. The cost is $80 per couple. Registration is required. **Code 1B03**

Tender Baby Care – A one-session class for expectant couples covers newborn care, feeding, infant safety, growth and development, and early parenting skills. Classes will be held on Monday, June 7th from 7 to 9 p.m. at EMS Academy and on Monday, June 14th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Christ Wellness and Education Center. The cost for the class is $20 per couple and registration is required. **Code 1B07**

Infant and Child CPR/Safety Class – Participants who complete this one-night class will receive American Heart Assn. certification. Evening classes will be held on Tuesdays, June 8th and 15th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the EMS Academy. The fee is $35 per person. Registration is necessary, as class size is limited. Classes are held regularly on the second and third Tuesday of every month. **Code 1C01**

Caring Kids Class – Children ages 3 through 12 who are expecting a new sibling will learn what happens when mom goes to the hospital and how they can help when the new baby comes home. The next Caring Kids Class is on Thursday, June 10th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the medical center's Peggy Hopkins Auditorium. The cost is $5 per child, payable at the door. Classes are offered regularly on the second Thursday of every month. **Code 1P06**

Birth Center Tour – A one-hour session will explain what to expect when you deliver and answer any of your questions. Call for dates, time and location. **Code 1B09**

Trinity Outdoor Worship Service

Join Trinity Evangelical Covenant church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., on Sunday, June 13 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service outdoors (weather permitting). The "Mad Monks of Melody" will be performing. The group is a 7-piece band that plays Dixieland and New Orleans jazz style.

A free will offering will be taken. A picnic will follow the service. Call the church at (708) 422-5111 for more information.

Offer Free Lawn Passes

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is now offering a limited number of free lawn passes to 58 select Ravinia Festival "Words & Music" summer concerts. The guidelines for distribution and available dates are posted at the library's Ravinia display. All "Words & Music" concerts are either jazz or classical performances.

Free lawn passes (sets of 2 or 3) will be distributed to residents on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved by telephone. Patrons must present their library card to claim tickets. One set of lawn passes per patron, not per household. If a resident has not claimed a set of tickets seven days prior to the performance date, they will be offered to the public at large. This program ends when the library's supply of lawn passes has been depleted.

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Celebrate Marty Larson Day

The Oak Lawn Park District celebrated Marty Larson Day on Thursday, May 27th in honor of the 75th birthday of one of its past directors/commissioners, Marty Larson.

"Marty has served the village of Oak Lawn and the park district with distinction for many years," says Donald V. Andersen, president of the park district's Board of Commissioners. "It was due to his foresight and ability to obtain funding that we have been able to have such facilities as the Community Pavilion and the Stony Creek Golf Complex, as well as many illuminated ball fields."

Larson served as commissioner from 1971 to 1979, then as director from 1980 to 1990. With his guidance, the district acquired land for several parks, including Shubert Park, 90th St. & Mayfield Ave., and Williams Place, 102nd St. & Kostner Ave., in 1977; Columbus Manor Park, 99th St. & Moody Ave., in 1978; the Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th St. & Laramie Ave., in 1980; and McVickers Park, 95th St. & McVickers Ave. Land for today's Stony Creek Golf Complex, 5850 W. 103rd St., was purchased during Larson's term as director with the assistance of a $400,000 federal matching grant in 1984. Also, the park district's Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., was completed toward the end of Larson's term in 1988.

"The people in Oak Lawn are grateful for all the work that Marty has done in years past, which helped contribute to the Oak Lawn Park District being recognized as a Distinguished Agency by the Illinois Park & Recreation Assn. in 2003," says Andersen.

Commits To Play

Ed Tomasik of Oak Lawn has committed to attend Millikin University and play football for Big Blue head coach Doug Neibuhr. An honor student, Tomasik plans to major in exercise science & sport.

A two-year letter winner as a linebacker and defensive end, Tomasik also saw time as a tight end for Oak Lawn High School. A first-team All-Area and all-conference player as a senior, he recorded 83 tackles and seven sacks helping his team to its first playoff appearance in 13 years. In 2002 he picked up 62 tackles and seven sacks.

"We are pleased that Ed has decided to attend Millikin," Neibuhr said. "He is a quality athlete who should have a fine career. We look forward to having him with us."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 13 – Sunday – Outdoor Worship Service (weather permitting), "Mad Monks of Melody," performing, Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Rd., 10:45 a.m.

JUNE 14 – Monday – AARP Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 52nd Ave., 1 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Monday – District 5 " Meet with Marge," Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Monday – OL Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 14 – Monday – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Stony Creek Miniature Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St., 8:30 p.m.

JUNE 15 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 15 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 15 – Tuesday – Community Mental Health Board, 9401 S. 53rd Ct., 8 p.m.

JUNE 15 – Tuesday – Human Services Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 16 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room, 119, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 17 – Thursday – Picnic in the Park, Lake Shore Park, 9610 East Shore Drive.

JUNE 17 – Thursday – Public Works Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 17 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JUNE 22 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

Oak Lawn Chamber's Annual Golf Outing

Enjoy a day out on the green while supporting the Oak Lawn business community. The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing Wednesday, July 14 at the Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course, 5860 W. 103rd St.

Golfing will commence with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. All afternoon, golfers may participate in special games and savor relaxing refreshments at the beer holes. Prior to golfing, a lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. The cost is $55 per person. Advance payment is required to secure your reservation. Limited to 112 golfers.

For the first time ever, a miniature golf tournament will be held at Stony Creek's newly renovated 18 hole miniature golf course. Tee time will be at 4 p.m. The cost is $10 per person.

That evening, don't miss the Chamber's buffet-style dinner gala and special raffle drawings. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $45 per person. Advance reservations required.

The discounted price to both golf and attend the dinner gala is $95 per person.

Call the Chamber Office to make golf and dinner reservations, (708) 424-5300.

Children's Clothesline Art Festival

Entry forms are now available for the Oak Lawn Park District's 3rd annual Children's Clothesline Art Festival, open to kids ages 6 through 12. Children design a poster using crayons, markers, paints or other media on an official entry form, and submit the poster to the park district by noon on Monday, June 28th. This year's theme is "Time Flies When You're Having Fun."

All entries will be displayed at Memorial Park, 102nd St. & Major Ave., during the park district's Star Spangled Fourth of July event on Sunday, July 4th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. First, second and third place winners will be selected in the following age groups: ages 6 and 7, ages 8 to 10, and ages 11 to 12. Winning posters will be displayed at park district facilities throughout the summer, and their artists will receive park district-related prizes.

"We hope children take this opportunity to think creatively during their summer break," says Julie Ryan, superintendent of recreation.

Entry forms are now available at any park district facility. To request to have one mailed to you, call (708) 857-2225.

Szubrynch On SIU Bowling Team

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's club bowling team captured second place in the recent National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Assn. 2004 Team Championship in Omaha, Neb.

Also competing were the University of Central Washington, Weber State University, Iowa State University, the University of Wyoming, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and North Carolina A&T. Teams receive invitations to the championship based on voting by university bowling coaches from throughout the country.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, ranked 36th in the nation, was the only team at the tournament to beat the SIUC team.

Team members are: captain Samuel D. Frazier, a senior from Carterville; Christopher M. Fish, a senior from Gurnee; Aaron G. Fortune, a first-year doctoral student from Oklahoma City; Joseph J. Madej, a sophomore from Downers Grove; and Joseph Szubrynch, a freshman from Oak Lawn.

Fortune placed second in the singles competition, while Szubrynch placed fifth. Fortune and Frazier won Academic All-American awards.

Earl Young Named Student Of The Month

Ken Ofiara, chairman of the Science Dept. of St. Laurence High School, recently announced the selection of Earl Young as the school's "Science Student of the Month" for May. Earl is a graduate of Dore School in Chicago. As the winner he will receive a personalized certificate of accomplishment and a Laurence science department T-shirt.

Young, a freshman, was selected for his leadership in the classroom, along with excellent daily work, test results, homework assignments, and exhibiting the true spirit of science. He was nominated by his Biology teacher, Mr. Razo.

Razo commented on Young, saying "He has shown academic excellence and the true spirit of science by his exceptional work in class. Congratulations are in order to a fine student."

Others who were nominated for the month's award by their teachers were sophomore Matthew Alvin and juniors Michael Dronzek, Daniel O'Connor and Thomas Sipple.

Scholarship Awards

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, in partnership with Ron Milnes, Commonwealth Edison and State Representative George Scully's Office will present 12 area students with scholarships. Scholarship presentation ceremonies will take place at the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce June Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, June 14, at the Holiday Inn Matteson Hotel & Conference Center.

The Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 as a memorial to Ron Milnes at the request of the Milnes family. Ron Milnes was an active Chamber member who served as Chairman of the Human Resource Council. At the time of his death in March 1995, he was Director of Human Resources at Bimba Manufacturing in Monee. Prior to that position, he was a 20-year veteran educator in the Village of Flossmoor.

This year, in his name, six $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduating high school seniors who are enrolling in college for the 2004-2005 academic year. All recipients are selected from applications submitted to the Scholarship Committee established by the Foundation.

This year's recipients are: Ashley Wessendorf of Homewood Flossmoor High School, Katherine Hudson and Ruba Tadros of Richards High School, Steven Tortorello of Marian Catholic High School, Portia Woodhouse of Thornridge High School, and Nelson Esparza of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School.

Ryan Finnin of Bloom Trail High School has been selected as the recipient of the Representative George Scully General Assembly Legislative Scholarship. This award offers a one-year, full time tuition waiver to an Illinois University.

The recipients of the partnering of Ron Milnes and ComEd Scholarship Awards are: Christopher Roberts, South Suburban College; Michelle O'Sha, Prairie State College; Thomas J. Dutton, Governor's State University; Amy J. Thielen, Moraine Valley Community College; and Francine Paluga, Joliet Junior College. An award will be given to these students in the amount of $600.

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is a regional organization serving a population of 2.5 million in 71 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, Northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

For further information on the Chamber and its programs, contact the Chamber office at (708) 957-6950.

Pilots Group Meets

The South Suburban Chapter of the Illinois Pilots Association will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 16th. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Sports and Grill located on Burnham Ave. one block south of the Lansing Airport. The program is on How to Prepare For and Pass a Check Ride. The speaker is Robert Flynn, F.A.A. Designated Pilot Examiner.

All are invited, pilots, student pilots, or anyone interested in aviation. Enjoy an evening of hangar talk and interesting topics.

For information call (708) 331-2117 or (708) 532-5040 or e-mail JMAGON@AOL.COM.

Moster Benefit

A benefit will be held to aid the youngest son of Chicago area natives Frank and Nancy Moster from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26th, at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 w. 115th St. Merrionette Park.

In July, the Mosters' son, Dennis, suffered a tragic accident. The injuries resulting from a 10-foot fall have left Dennis, 33, a quadriplegic.

A fund-raiser is being held to help the family defray some of the costs associated with Dennis' care.

Tickets at $25 include food, beverages and entertainment.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 each or six for $5. First prize is two round-trip airline tickets within the continental United State; second prize, a night downtown including hotel and dinner; and third prize, a $500 gift certificate to Bloomingdales. Winner need not be present.

For more information on the fund-raiser or to make a donation, call (773) 447-9413 or visit the Web site, www.dennismosterbenefit.com

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Carlson Charged With First-Degree Murder In Death Of Baby

Bail was set at $5 million for Brett Carlson, 26, of Crestwood who was charged with first-degree murder in the fatal stabbing of Ashley Hurt, 16 months, at the Mid-Oak Plaza, 147th and Cicero Ave. He is also charged with four counts of attempted murder and two counts of armed robbery.

Carlson attacked the baby, her mother Mabelyn Hurt and Hurt's sister Jennifer Gary, Mary Jungles of Midlothian and Richard Small also of Midlothian at about 5 p.m. Thursday, June 3rd.

According to police Carlson quarreled with his mother earlier in the day. When she left for work he set her clothes on fire in her bedroom closet causing damage to their home. He then reportedly walked from the home to the Mid-Oak Plaza where he sat on a bench for at least an hour.

Police said Carlson was carrying a dagger-style knife. He approached Mary Jungles as she left Walgreen's and asked for her car keys, when she refused he pushed her to the ground and stabbed her in the buttocks. Richard Small was reportedly waiting in his vehicle for his wife when he heard Jungles scream and went to help her. Carlson stabbed him in the wrist and ribs.

Carlson then ran to the AmeriCash Loans store where he repeatedly stabbed the baby and then her mother. He then turned and stabbed Jennifer Gary. People at Quality Cuts ran out to help. Superak Rattanamarkin, 18, clubbed Carlson in the head with his flashlight and he and a bystander held Carlson until the police arrived.

Jungles, Gary and Hurt were transported to area hospitals and were treated and released. Small suffered a heart attack after the stabbing and remains in St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields in serious condition.

Detective Sgt. Harold Kaufman of the Midlothian Police Department would like to thank the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, which is a unit of the Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Office and South Suburban detectives from local agencies, plus the 6th District State's Attorney's office and any other local agencies who assisted the Midlothian Police.

"Changes" Exhibit

On Saturday, June 12th at a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting, the Illinois State Museum will unveil *Changes: Dynamic Illinois Environments*, a new natural history experience. It is the most dramatic exhibition in the history of the museum. Through hands-on interactives, thousands of authentic fossils and natural history specimens, life-sized dioramas, and exciting audio and video effects, *Changes* explores 500 million years of environmental change in Illinois. Visitors are invited to join the team of the *Changes Institute* to explore, discover and learn about the fascinating changes in the climate, land, plants and animals in the place now known as Illinois.

Dr. R. Bruce McMillan, museum director, said that "*Changes* is the most significant renovation of the Illinois State Museum since the building opened to the public in 1963 and is an exhibition that will attract national acclaim." Over 10 years in the making, *Changes* was conceptualized and designed by a team of Illinois State Museum exhibition, education and scientific staff and is based upon the museum's extensive natural history collections and associated scientific research. For more than 125 years, the Illinois State Museum has been telling the story of the land, life, people and art of Illinois.

Summer Solstice

"Celebrating the Summer Solstice," a free, family program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Tuesday, June 22nd at 8 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. A minimum age of 12 years is recommended.

We in the West see time in a linear fashion, rather than in a circular manner, as many ancient cultures, and some current ones, view it. The summer solstice is an important part of the seasonal cycle. Join us as we take a look at this special annual event and how it does or does not affect us now. Part of this program will be held out of doors, so dress for the weather.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd., south of Crete.

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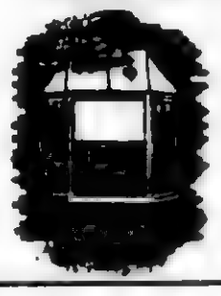

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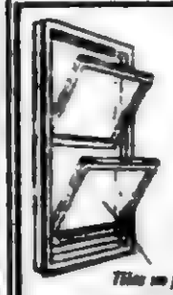

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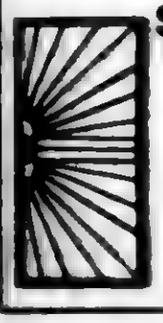

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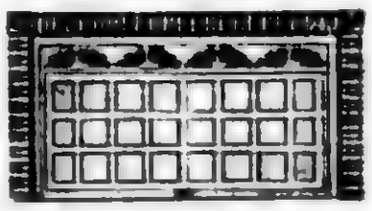

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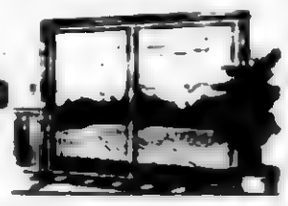

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CAGW Remembers President Reagan

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) remembers President Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) who passed away on Saturday at the age of 93. As the 40th president of the United States, he left a long legacy, including a lasting effort to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in federal government.

"President Reagan forever changed the way people view the role of government," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "His demand for a smaller, more efficient government set the standard for fiscal responsibility in politics. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

In his 1981 Inaugural address, President Reagan said, "We have piled deficit upon deficit, mortgaging our future and our children's future for the temporary convenience of the present." Acting on this conviction, in an effort to reduce spending by cutting wasteful government, President Reagan signed Executive Order 12369 on June 27th, 1983 establishing the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, better known as the Grace Commission after its chairman, J. Peter Grace. President Reagan directed the Commission to "work like tireless bloodhounds to root out government inefficiency and waste of tax dollars." For two years, 161 corporate executives and community leaders led an army of 2,000 volunteers on a waste hunt through the federal government. The search was funded entirely by voluntary contributions of $76 million from the private sector; it cost taxpayers nothing.

The Grace Commission made 2,478 recommendations which, if implemented, would save $424.4 billion over three years, all without eliminating essential services. The 47 volumes and 21,000 pages of the Grace Commission Report constituted a unique vision of a well-managed government that is accountable to taxpayers.

After the commission completed its work, President Reagan asked Peter Grace to make sure "that the Grace Commission doesn't become just another pile of reports." Grace and Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Jack Anderson formed CAGW in 1984 to make President Reagan's vision a reality. Through the implementation of the Grace Commission's and CAGW's waste-cutting recommendations, more than $700 billion has been saved to date.

"All of us at CAGW are honored and humbled to be part of Ronald Reagan's legacy," Schatz added. "Without the unparalleled communication of his vision of the proper role of government and fiscal prudence, CAGW, along with other conservative organizations, would simply not exist. It is a tribute to Reagan that CAGW has grown from 5,000 members to more than one million members and supporters today."

President Reagan often spoke of the dangers of deficit spending. In his second inaugural speech he stated, "An almost unbroken 50 years of deficit spending has finally brought us to a time of reckoning. We have come to a turning point, a moment for hard decisions. I have asked the Cabinet and my staff a question, and now I put the same question to all of you: If not us, who? And if not now, when? It must be done by all of us going forward with a program aimed at reaching a balanced budget."

"Unfortunately, with a record $521 billion deficit today, these same questions need to be asked again. The $7.2 trillion national debt is 166 percent higher than when President Reagan left office," Schatz concluded. "The greatest homage that Washington could pay to Ronald Reagan would be to rein in wasteful spending, balance the budget, and leave a smaller, less onerous federal government plan for future generations."

Joint Purchase Of Drugs

Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. announced recently that the County of Cook will save more than $9 million under an agreement approved with Caremark, Inc. of Deerfield to joint purchase pharmaceuticals with six other units of government.

"The purchasing power of these entities is immense and allows for significant cost savings to the taxpayers," said Stroger.

The County joined with the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, City Colleges, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Park District on an agreement that will allow pharmaceuticals to be purchased in bulk resulting in lower costs to all governments involved. County officials noted that the public sector has not been immune to the rising cost of health care and that insurance costs have risen 12-15% annually over the past several years.

"When I took office, I committed to lowering the reliance on property taxes to fund the operations of this government. This is another positive step in that direction," Stroger added.

The Caremark contract takes effect immediately for 15,000 Cook County employees and runs through November 2007.

Clinical Studies

Thanks to the efforts of State Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16) and State Representative Monique Davis (D-27), legislation to require more minorities be included in state-funded clinical studies is now headed to the Governor's desk.

Sponsored by Collins in the Senate and Davis in the House, House Bill 686 strengthens provisions of the Inclusion of Women and Minorities in the Clinical Research Act, which was passed last year to encourage the use of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research projects receiving State funds.

"While we have seen some improvement in the number of women and minorities included in these trials, the majority of the testing is still being done on white males," Collins said. "Since treatments and medicines work differently on different people, we need to include more women and minorities in these studies in order to have a better understanding of their effectiveness."

Under the bill, minority groups are defined with American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asian or Pacific Islanders, Blacks, and Hispanics being listed as racial and ethnic categories that must be used in clinical test. Additionally all state-funded studies must be in compliance with the National Institute of Health Guidelines on the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

This past weekend our country had a roller coaster ride of emotions. On Saturday, June 5th, former two-term President Ronald Wilson Reagan died of complications from pneumonia and Alzheimer's disease at his home in California. The 93-year-old was surrounded by his family, including former First Lady Nancy Reagan. President Reagan had battled Alzheimer's disease for the last ten years of his life.

The son of John (a shoe salesman) and Nellie Reagan, the future president called many towns in northern Illinois home. They included Tampico, Chicago (Hyde Park), Galesburg, Monmouth and finally Dixon. The small town heritage profoundly shaped Reagan's future and his professional character.

Recognized as a movie star in Hollywood's "golden era," Ronald Reagan continued to command attention as he made his professional transition into politics.

The future president was elected Governor of California twice, serving from 1966 through 1974. In July, 1980, Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination. November 4th, 1980, Reagan won 51 percent of the popular vote to President Jimmy Carter's 41 percent to win the Presidency. As the 40th President of the United States, and two weeks shy of 70, he became the oldest man ever to become president. Reagan was re-elected to a second term in 1984.

President Ronald Reagan was known as the "great communicator." His command of the air waves, stage and screen, coupled with his Midwestern charm made him a welcome visitor into the homes of families across the nation. He was also nicknamed the "teflon president" since no policy disaster or administrative scandal seemed to land at his feet. He was remarkably popular with the electorate throughout his tenure.

President Ronald Reagan's vision was one of lowering taxes, trimming the levels of social services, recognizing the value of tradition, emphasizing respect toward religion and promoting family values. He exuded strong leadership and rekindled a spirit of respect for nationalism, our flag, and the great blessing of being an American citizen.

Our country owes President Ronald Wilson Reagan a profound debt of gratitude for his vision and character. His example is certainly a hallmark of success.

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Worth Township Republican Committeeman Maureen Murphy will be leading a group of Republicans this Saturday to Eureka College to attend a memorial service for President Ronald Reagan.

Those interested in attending should plan to meet at the Worth Township Regular Republican headquarters, 5521 W. 110th St., in Oak Lawn at 8:30 a.m. Departure is planned at 9 a.m. Those who wish to travel should call (708) 424-7700 to confirm their attendance.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on June 12th in the Ronald Reagan Peace Garden. The Ronald Reagan Museum at Eureka College has expanded its hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through June 12. Condolence books will be available to visitors at both the Ronald Reagan Peace Garden and Ronald Reagan Museum.

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All Points has received numerous complaints from readers recently concerning what they perceived to be sexist remarks directed at Attorney General Lisa Madigan's ruling on a plan to mortgage the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago to a French bank by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

For background, when the Attorney General ruled the Governor's plan was unconstitutional because it failed to pass a 3/5 majority vote in the Legislature, the Governor implied that Lisa Madigan was only backing up her father, House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago).

Female members of the Illinois Senate were fuming at the Governor's remarks.

"That's preposterous," said State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion), the senior female member in the General Assembly. "I served with Lisa Madigan in the Senate, I know Lisa Madigan well enough to know she has a mind of her own. I agree with her ruling, It should take a 3/5 vote."

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) also commented: "He continually denies responsibility for his actions. He blames the Legislature," she said. "This time there was no one else to blame so he tries to discredit the Attorney General. I find his comments sexist, offensive and uninformed."

State Senator Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry) summed up her thoughts in the following manner. "The Governor should think twice before resorting to such base, chauvinistic remarks. As a woman, I am offended," said Althoff. "In this day and age I cannot believe a man would be that chauvinistic; even off the cuff. Especially considering the Attorney General's integrity and record, she has certainly proven herself to be a credible Attorney General."

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Jason E. Tabour of Evergreen Park has been duly nominated by the Republican Party as a candidate for the office of State Representative in the 36th Representative District on Nov. 2nd.

According to Mr. Tabour, his mission as a candidate for State Representative in the 36th District is to serve the people and encourage the broadest possible participation of all voters.

Mr. Tabour's background includes service on the Platform and Resolution Committee at the Illinois Republican State Convention held May 15th in Collinsville.

Mr. Tabour will square off with Democrat incumbent Rep. James Brosnahan.

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Nancy Pepper, President of the Mount Greenwood Civic Association reminded All Points that the Civic Association will be holding its 44th Annual Installation Dinner on Flag Day, Monday, June 14th, at the Rosewood West Banquets in Crestwood.

Nineteenth Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai will install the Officers: Nancy Pepper, President; Dawn Donahue, Vice President; Jim Ring, Treasurer; Marilyn Davidson, Financial Secretary; and Lori Cavallone, Recording Secretary.

The Civic Association will also honor Pat Waters as the Woman of the Year, Chris O'Rourke "Smiles for a Child" as Man of the Year, and Outstanding Leadership Awards to Senator Ed Maloney and Kathy Gutierrez. For tickets call (773) 445-5422 or (773) 445-4614.

Park Lawn Event

Fifty years later, over 250 individuals are enrolled in a wide variety of programs at Park Lawn. The organization offers development training, a vocational workshop, community-based supported employment services and seven residential facilities. Michael Carroll is pictured completing a packaging job at the workshop.

Friends and family of Park Lawn will celebrate 50 years of service to the community with an anniversary celebration on June 15th at DiNolfo's Banquets in Mokena. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short program.

The evening will also serve as an official launch of Park Lawn's Capital Campaign, which hopes to raise $3.6 million to redevelop one of its current residential properties, Park Lawn Center in Alsip.

Campaign Chairman, James J. Mitchell explains, "without this facility, many clients will ultimately end up in nursing homes, with no services to bolster their knowledge and independence, nor to care for their complex and changing medical needs. Park Lawn is acting now to ensure that none of its clients are left without a place to live."

For more information about Park Lawn call the development office at (708) 425-6867.

Employer Of The Year Award

If you're a person living with multiple sclerosis and you feel that your employer has done a great job at accommodating your needs in the workplace, that your boss and/or co-workers are fantastic, or that your company is an industry leader in accommodations for people living with disabilities, then the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater Illinois Chapter would like for you to consider nominating your company for the Chapter's Employer of the Year award.

The NMSS seeks nominations of employers that have gone above and beyond to accommodate persons living with MS and other disabilities in their workforce. The Chapter will select one company that employs more than 100 people and one that employs fewer than 100 for the award. Winning companies at the chapter level will be forwarded to the Society's office in New York for National consideration.

"I nominated my employer last year because the company enabled me to continue working even with the onset of new, debilitating MS symptoms," said Jodi Rutowski, whose employer, Naperville-based EnvisionCare Alliance, won the Chapter's Employer of the Year award in 2003 in the "under 100 employees" category.

To nominate your employer for the Employer of the Year award, send a letter, fax or e-mail with your name, address, phone number, as well as the name, address, phone number of your employer and its human resources, community relations, community affairs person, or your boss. For more information, contact Celestine Willis at celestine.willis@ild.nmss.org or 1(800) FIGHT MS. Deadline for nominations is June 20th.

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The Wishes on Wheels program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase of power mobility equipment.

High Five Run/Walk

Jobs for Youth Chicago will hold its annual High Five K, a walk or run, Sunday, July 18th, beginning near Soldier Field at the corner of Waldron and Lakeshore Drive, Chicago.

Entertainment, food, prizes, voter registration, celebrity guests and the Jesse White Tumblers will be included.

Fees are $20 for adult and $10 for students and Jobs for Youth graduates. On the race day, adults pay $25. The event is free for children younger than 12.

To register, log on at http://www.jfychicago.org.

Flag Ceremony Held

A Flag Ceremony was recently held at the headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 234.

Participating in the ceremony were Mike Fitzgerald, Business Manager for Local 134 (left) and Tim Foley(right), Special Assistant to Fitzgerald. Ed McElroy, Past National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, United States of America, also participated.

Chamber Golf Classic

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 21st at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. Homewood Disposal Service Inc. is in its 6th year of sponsoring the event.

Golf reservations are now being accepted. Golfers this year can opt to participate in scramble or straight play with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The $120 fee per golfer includes green fees for 18 holes, cart, goodie bag, continental breakfast, lunch, door prizes, dinner and 2 drink tickets. Golf or dinner only packages are also available.

Individuals and groups can register and find out more about sponsorship opportunities and the Grand Raffle by calling (708) 957-6950, ext. 118, or visiting the web site at www.chicagosouthland.com.

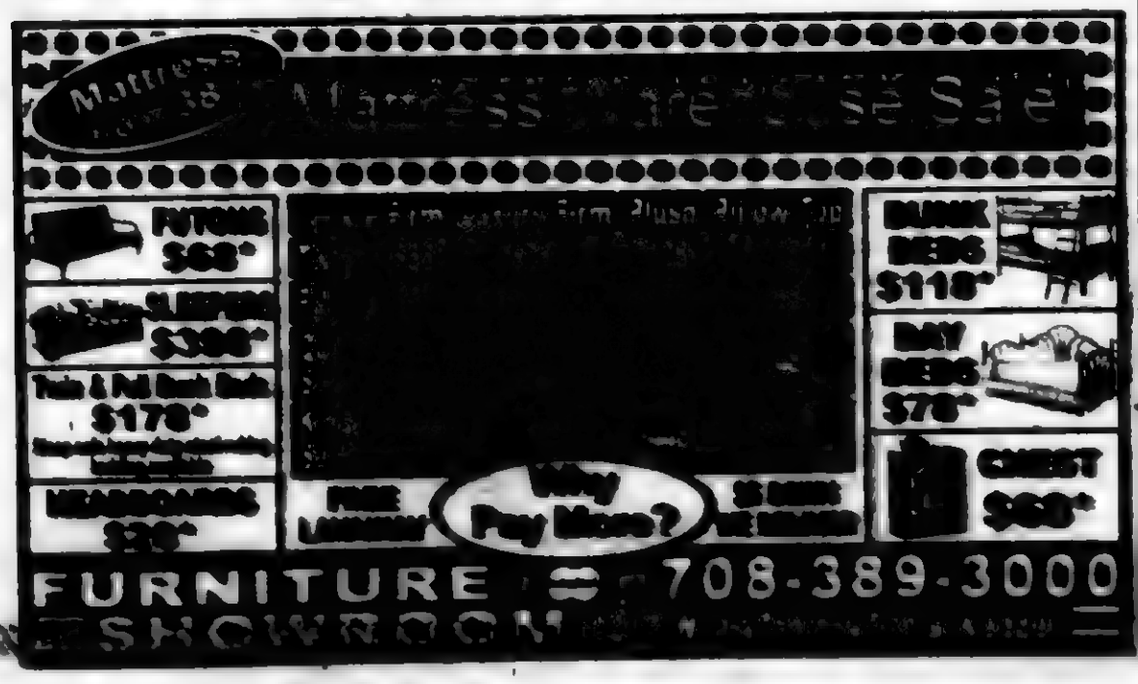
Host Summer Basketball Camp

Moraine Valley Community College will host a summer basketball camp for girls and boys entering third through ninth grades. The camp will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 14th through Wednesday, June 16th in the college's gymnasium located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. The cost is $70 per camper and the fee includes a camp T-shirt and basketball. Reservations are limited, so register early.

The camp is structured to assist campers in their individual development while making it enjoyable for everyone. It will do this through individual and group drills and instruction, as well as team play. Campers will be grouped by age and ability, and individual attention will be given to each player's particular needs.

The camp will be under the direction of Bill Finn, now in his 22nd year as head coach of Moraine Valley's men's basketball team.

For more information, call (708) 974-5727.



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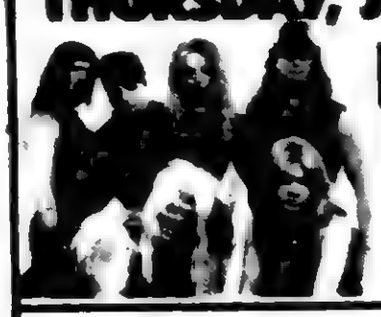

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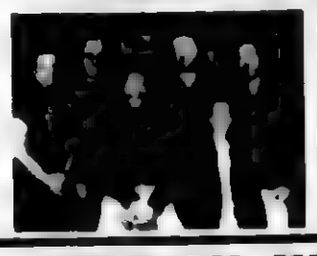

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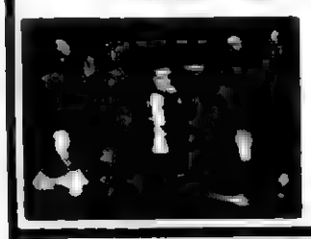

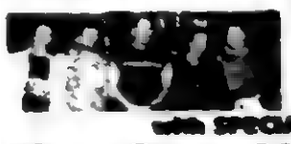

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The band MY SACRIFICE, is a Creed tribute band consisting of seasoned musicians Jack Stapp, guitarist Johnny Tremonti, bassist Greg and drummer Jerry. Its main objective is to bring the reality of the Creed experience to each and every fan. All members are from the south side of Chicago playing in numerous bands throughout the 80's, 90's, as well as the new millennium. Jack Stapp, the lead singer, formed the band due to many comments from friends, and strangers alike, of his astounding similar appearance and vocal abilities of the singer, Scott Stapp, from CREED. They feel that a true fan would not only want the band to *sound* like CREED but to *look* similar as well. Their priority as a band, is to have each fan leave the show satisfied and wanting more.

Not so long ago, bands like Poison, Guns N' Roses, Mötley Crüe and Skid Row were selling millions of records and playing sold-out arenas across the country.

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NOT IN THE NAME OF ISLAM

The online petition states:

We, the undersigned Muslims, wish to state clearly that those who commit acts of terror, murder and cruelty in the name of Islam are not only destroying innocent lives, but are also betraying the values of the faith they claim to represent. No injustice done to Muslims can ever justify the massacre of innocent people, and no act of terror will ever serve the cause of Islam. We repudiate and dissociate ourselves from any Muslim group or individual who commits such brutal and un-Islamic acts. We refuse to allow our faith to be held hostage by the criminal actions of a tiny minority acting outside the teachings of both the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.

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OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

ILLINOIS OUTDOOR NEWS BITS: It is time to register for the first Chicagoland Fishing Rodeo for People with Disabilities at William Powers Conservation Area on Saturday, June 19. The Fishing Rodeo – sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Conservation Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation and Wheelin' Sportsmen – will give persons of all ages with physical or mental disabilities an opportunity to fish for free.

Interested anglers are required to bring a personal assistant. All necessary fishing equipment will be provided. There is no charge for this event, which is slated to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 19. A free lunch will be provided for all participants and their assistants at 11:30 a.m. Interested participants must register in advance by calling William Powers Conservation Area at (773) 646-3270 or TDD (217) 782-9175.

•The IDNR is sponsoring the fifth annual **"Outdoor Illinois Photo Contest."** This year's contest has been expanded "Celebrating the Seasons of Life in Illinois." The deadline for entering is Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. Send all entries to: Photo Contest OutdoorIllinois, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Ill. 62702-1271. For more info about the photo contest, visit www.dnr.state.il.us/photos.

- Guided tours and rides have begun for the summer at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Midewin staff, volunteers and guest leaders offer a variety of interpretive tours and exploration activities. Some tours are escorted in caravans with viewing stops and radio commentary, some feature outdoor activities, and some are especially designed by and for history buff. Two new tours this year feature prairie restoration and the history of farming on the former Joliet Arsenal. Space for the tours is limited, so advance registration is recommended to reserve your place. Call the Midewin office at (815) 423-6370 during regular business hours to make a reservation. The cost of the tour is $3 per person, children under 12 are free. Fees must be paid by cash or check at the time of the tour. All tours leave from the Midewin Supervisor's Office, located two miles north of Wilmington on State Road 53. For a complete list of tours visit the website at www.fs.fed.us/mntp/.

Looking for the latest news about Illinois' natural resources? Pick up an issue of *Outdoor Illinois*, the IDNR's monthly magazine. *Outdoor Illinois* is an indispensable guide to Illinois' natural, cultural and recreational resources and a bargain at $10 for a one year subscription. Call 1-800-720-3249 or visit www.dnr.state.il.us/OI to subscribe.

■**ANTI-HUNTING ORGANIZATION GETTING RICHER BY THE MINUTE:** According to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Newsletter – "The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the nation's leading anti-hunting group, has partnered with telecommunications company AmericanFone to establish the Humane Long Distance plan. The service guarantees. HSUS one cent for every minute the plan subscribers talk.

Humane Long Distance is a revenue-generating program for HSUS. Through the plan, HSUS will receive one cent for each billable minute of every Humane Long Distance customer's monthly long distance usage. According to the company, the plan will give 12.25 percent of an individual's total bill to HSUS.

"AmericanFone has apparently fallen into the same trap as some other companies who partner with HSUS," said Rick Story, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance senior vice president. "The company is helping an organization that does not do what its name implies."

The HSUS brought in $65 million in revenue in 2000, but gave out only $1.6 million in cash grants to animal protection groups. In fact, *Worth Magazine* has reported that the American Institute of Philanthropy gives the group a D rating for spending as much as 53 percent of its expenses on fundraising."

■**GOVERNOR AUTHORIZES $7.7 MILLION FOR STATE PARKS:** Governor Rod Blagojevich announced the release of more than $7.7 million in state funds from 2002 and 2003 Capital funds for a series of improvement projects at state parks and facilities managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"Our beautiful Illinois state park system attracts more than 44 million visitors annually, providing a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities," the Governor said. "These important projects will enhance the safety, access and amenities at a number of parks for Illinois families and visitors to our state to enjoy."

All-America Academic Runners

The Moraine Valley Board of Trustees recognized members of the college's cross country teams who were selected Academic All-America by the National Junior College Cross Country Coaches Association. From left to right: Nick Del Cotto of Oak Forest, Dan Quist of Palos Hills, Sarah Tongren of Orland Hills, Krystle Ross of Evergreen Park, Coach March Horstmeyer, Shannon McInnis of Tinley Park, Claudia Ocegueda of Burbank, and Diana Arroyo of Palos Hills. The women's team also were ranked seventh as an Academic All-America team. Moraine Valley has had 13 Academic All-America runners since cross country started four years ago.

Volleyball Camp At MVCC

Moraine Valley Community College will host a summer volleyball camp for girls and boys entering fourth through eighth grades. The camp will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 14th through Wednesday, June 16th in the college's gymnasium located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. The cost is $70 per session which includes a camp T-shirt. Reservations are limited, so register early.

The camp will be under the direction of Terri Langellier who is entering her fifth year as head coach of Moraine Valley's women's volleyball team.

For more information, call (708) 974-5727.

Torch Run For Special Olympics

Beginning Sunday, June 6th, law enforcement officials across Illinois took to the streets, highways and roads of the state, carrying the Special Olympics torch to help raise funds for their hometown sports heroes – the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. About 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement covered the 23 legs of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Torch Run is the single largest year-round fund-raising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. This intrastate relay has two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it to the State Summer Games in Normal in June.

On Friday, June 11th, legs of the run from all over the state will converge on Normal. That evening at dusk, in a dramatic moment during Opening Ceremonies, officers from every leg of the Torch Run will enter Illinois State University's Hancock Stadium with torches lit and hand off the "Flame of Hope" to Special Olympics athletes. When the cauldron is lit and the games declared open, 3,500 athletes will continue three days of competition and celebration.

This year is the 19th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Illinois. When it began in 1985, it raised $16,000. It has since grown into the largest fund-raiser for Special Olympics Illinois, raising more than $7.7 million in 18 years. More than $1.3 million was raised last year by the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run.

"Thanks to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its corporate sponsors, Special Olympics Illinois is better able to reach more athletes and offer them more year-round training and competition opportunities. Special Olympics Illinois athletes are able to participate in the program free of charge, thanks to sponsors like the Law Enforcement Torch Run," says Doug Snyder, Special Olympics Illinois president and CEO. "Special Olympics programs help the nearly 19,000 current athletes in Illinois develop improved physical fitness and self-esteem."

In addition to donations for running, officers raise funds in various ways throughout the year, including polar plunges, building sits, raffles, bike rides, golf tournaments, bowl-a-thons, concerts and more.

To get involved in Torch Run activities in your area, call Jeff Hanson at Special Olympics Illinois, (309) 888-2573 or 1(800) 394-0562, or email him at jhenson@soill.org or contact your local law enforcement agency.

Rockford Wins Game

Jesen Merle pitched Rockford out of a seventh-inning jam and helped the Rockford RiverHawks hold on to a 6-4 win over the Windy City ThunderBolts at Marinelli Field.

The ThunderBolts loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh, forcing Rockford starter Josh Tomsu from the game. Merle entered and struck out Alph Coleman on three pitches. Coleman swung at a slider more than a foot outside for the third strike.

Tomsu (2-0) was touched for three runs in the second inning, two on Brian Baker's fourth home run, a shot over the centerfield wall.

Rockford scored single runs in the first and second innings, then scored twice in the fifth inning to retake the lead. Ryan Larson scored on an error, then Dan Floyd scored on Doug Schutt's groundout to give the 'Hawks a 4-3 lead.

Josh Latimer gave up an unearned run in the ninth, but held on his fourth save.

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Best Kept Secret On The Southside

ThunderBolts Beat RiverHawks

For the first time this season, home wasn't sweet for the Rockford RiverHawks.

Windy City rallied to break a seventh inning tie and beat the RiverHawks, 5-3, at Marinelli Field. The RiverHawks, whose overall five-game winning streak ended, had been 6-0 at home.

The ThunderBolts never trailed. Six pitches into the ballgame, Adam Palmer trailed 3-0 after giving up Nick Johnson's second home run of the season, with two on and nobody out.

Rockford rallied for a run in the third inning, on Kiley Vaughn's RBI single, and two in the fifth to tie the game at 3-3.

With one out in the seventh, Jeremy Murch doubled to left and scored on Brian Baker's triple to right, knocking Palmer (0-1) from the game. The Bolts picked up an insurance run in the ninth.

Crestwood Welcomes Windy City ThunderBolts Ball Club

Dear Windy City ThunderBolts Fans,

Greetings on behalf of the entire ThunderBolts family! We welcome all Windy City ThunderBolts fans to Hawkinson Ford Field for a summer full of fun and excitement. The new 2004 Windy City ThunderBolts professional baseball club is looking forward to their inaugural season in Crestwood, Illinois.

We are proud to offer affordable family entertainment right n your own backyard. Your 2004 Windy City ThunderBolts will provide the most exciting baseball and affordable entertainment available in the Southland area for you and your family to savor and enjoy.

Professional baseball is about enjoyable entertainment in a family atmosphere. Your 2004 Windy City ThunderBolts pledge to offer everything in their power to make your visit the most enjoyable ever.

Lydia Bergeron,
General Manager

Getting ready to throw the first ball at the Windy City ThunderBolts game are the owners from left to right: Dan Brennan, Mike Stranczek, Robert Stump with Manager Lydia Bergeron, Richard Mundo, Patrick O'Malley and John Kelly.

It was a great evening for Crestwood Mayor Chester Stranczek (right) and his wife Diane and their son Michael.

The Hawkinson Ford Field staff take time out to pose for a picture. They are left to right, Joe Olesay, Mary Dietrick and Bob Bindner.

The Patrick O'Malley family enjoy an evening at the ball game, left to right, Mary Judith, Patrick Jr., Patrick III, and Senator Patrick O'Malley.

Signing autographs are left to right Darren Heinrichs, Zach Sommer and Kory Bell.

ThunderBolts mascot Boomer visits with friends.

Ian McNamara, age 5, is very pleased to have his picture taken with pitcher Kory Bell.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Thursday, 6-3-04
Class AA Sectional Semifinals
Lockport
Homewood-Flossmoor 10, Lockport 4
Joliet Catholic 7, Andrew 4
Richards
Sandburg 8, Richards 5
Mount Carmel
Mount Carmel 10, Harlem 0, 5 inn.
Lyons
Hinsdale South 6, Holy Cross 4
Willowbrook
Wheaton South 3, Lemont 1
Morton
St. Ignatius 7, Fenwick 2
Niles West
Notre Dame 5, Loyola 2
Morris
Naperville North 6, Waubonsie Valley 3
Schaumburg
Hersey 5, Schaumburg 2
Stevenson
Carmel 10, Warren 2
Barrington
Barrington 10, Prairie Ridge 0, 6 inn.
Rockford East
Harlem 10, Sterling 0
Class AA Regional Final
Hinsdale Central 6, Ridgewood 4
Friday, 6-4-04
Class A Quarterfinals
Quincy Notre Dame 7, Illiana Christian 1
Pleasant Plains 3, Marian Central Catholic 1
Harrisburg 5, Teutopolis 2
Wilmington 8, Eureka 4
Class AA Sectionals
Lyons
Hinsdale Central 7, Argo 1
Willowbrook
Downers North 13, Wheaton North 3, 6 inn.
Saturday, 6-5-04
IHSA Class A Tournament
Harrisburg 11, Quincy Notre Dame 7 (title)
Wilmington 7, Pleasant Plains 5 (3rd)
Quincy Notre Dame 11, Pleasant Plains 1
Harrisburg 17, Wilmington 3

Class AA Sectionals
Title Games
Lockport
Joliet Catholic 8, Homewood-Flossmoor 2
Richards
Sandburg 2, Brother Rice 0
Mount Carmel
St. Rita 7, Mt. Carmel 3
Lyons Township
Hinsdale South 6, Hinsdale Central 3
Morton
Oak Park 3, St. Ignatius 0
Niles West
Notre Dame 12, Evanston 2, 5 inn.
Willowbrook
Downers North 6, Wheaton South 5
Morris
Batavia 13, Naperville North 9
Schaumburg
Maine West 4, Hersey 2
Barrington
St.Charles East 3, Barrington 1
Rockford East
Machesney Park Harlem 5, Sycamore 1
Stevenson
Carmel 9, Lake Forest 5

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, 6-4-04
IHSA State Quarterfinals
Brother Rice d. Oak Park 25-22, 25-19
Palatine d. Lincoln-Way East 25-21, 16-25, 25-19
Glenbrook North d. Oak Lawn 25-21, 25-20
Wheaton-Warrenville South d. Lake Park 25-23, 25-13
Saturday, 6-5-04
IHSA State Tournament
At Hoffman Estates
Wheaton-Warrenville South d. Glenbrook North 25-16, 25-19 (title)
Brother Rice d. Palatine 25-20, 26-24 (3rd)
Wheaton-Warrenville South d. Palatine 25-12, 25-15
Glenbrook North d. Brother Rice 25-23, 25-17
All-Conference
Catholic League
Brother Rice: Joe Ross, Robbie Crosbie, Pat Niersbach, Jordan Vidovic; St. Rita: Brian Hagen, Gavin Hutchinson, Nick LoMaglio, Matt Ryan; Loyola: Brian Le Baron, Dave Rozkuszka, Steven Tasch; Mount Carmel: Jack Carlson, Dave Gonzalez, Bryan Rogers; Providence: Dan Blabas, Matt Connor, Pauli Lieponis; St. Ignatius: Bryce Homyk, Keith Willert; St. Laurence: Ryan Denson, Joe Ficker; Fenwick: Chris Cortese, Brian Mitchell; Gordon Tech; Aaron Giannoni; De La Salle; Josh De La Ross.

GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, 6-1-04
Class AA Sectional Finals
Sandburg
Lincoln-Way East 4, Mother McAuley 0
Lyons
Lyons 6, Oak Park 2
Downers Grove South
Naperville North 3, Neuqua Valley 1
St. Charles North
St. Charles North 2, Wheaton South 1
Buffalo Grove
Lake Zurich 2, Lake Forest 1
New Trier
New Trier 2, Evanston 0
Rockton Hononegah
Prairie Ridge 6, Crystal Lake South 2
Quincy
Edwardsville 3, Springfield 1
Friday, 6-4-04
IHSA Class AA Quarterfinals
Naperville North 1, Lincoln-Way East 0
St. Charles North 3, Lyons 1
Lake Zurich 3, Edwardsville 1
New Trier 7, Prairie Ridge 0
Saturday, 6-5-04
IHSA Class AA Tournament
At North Central College Naperville
New Trier 2, St. Charles North 1 (title)
Lake Zurich 5, Naperville North 0 (3rd)
New Trier 3, Lake Zurich 0
St. Charles North 2, Naperville North 0

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Class AA Sectionals
Title Games
Andrew
Marian Catholic 3, Andrew 1
Morris
Minooka 2, Lockport 1
Marist
Sandburg 3, Marist 0
Elk Grove
Lake Park 6, Elk Grove 2
Hinsdale South
Benet 3, Wheaton-Warrenville South 0
Marian
Lyons 3, Riverside-Brookfield 0
Mundelein
Stevenson 2, Deerfield 0
Barrington
Barrington 3, Palatine 0
New Trier
New Trier 2, Glenbrook North 1
Oak Park
Oak Park 5, St. Ignatius 1
Machesney Park Harlem
Rockton Hononegah 1, Rochelle 0
St. Charles East
Glenbard North 1, Larkin 0
All-Conference
SICA Central
T.F. South: Lauren Calomino, Jacie Spudik, Elyse Wilson; Tinley Park: Renee Laneger, Heather Hesse, Lyaley Louzensky; Oak Forest: Diana Pietrum, Katie Zarr, Lindsay O'Gean, Michelle Hoguesson, Sammie Hearesch; Bremen: Kelly Pumrese, Renee Rybak, Lauren D'Ambrosio, Val Lasky, Kate Windsor, Rhonda Chatman, Courtney Thompson, Brittany Wayne; Eisenhower: Katelyn Contreras, Taryn Dennis; T.F. North: Ashley Lake; Hillcrest: Tekia Breffond.
SICA West
Sandburg: Lauren Brennan, Anna Olson, Brittany Dixon, Kaelin Colosimo; Lincoln-Way Central: Amy Solava, Cait Pass, Jamie Redman; Lincoln-Way East: Lindsey Lass, Brittany Pascale, Darcy Sengewald, Jocelyn Gray, Laurie Shields.

Scholarship Recipient

Mild mannered twelve year old Kevin Nakayama (pictured), son of Alan and Deborah Nakayama of Oak Lawn, would be the last one to "blow his own horn," but he certainly has achieved a lot. In addition to being an honor student, an altar server and following his passion for baseball, basketball and cooking, this fun loving sixth grader of St. Linus School has managed to develop quite a talent for playing the trumpet. His determination and hard work in learning to play the instrument has paid off. For Kevin was recently awarded a scholarship for the Eric D. Healy Memorial Band Camp which will take place this summer at Moraine Valley Community College.

The scholarship was presented to Kevin in recognition of "Outstanding Instrumental Achievement and Contributions to the Musical Community." He was one of four students selected from over a hundred applicants after having submitted an informative essay about his pursuit of music study. Kevin has been studying trumpet for three years and continues lessons under Mr. P.J. Henning at St. Linus School. He has also participated in summer band camps at Brother Rice High School and Moraine Valley Band Concert Day. Kevin's ratings in solo competitions are strong with Excellent, Gold and Superior Performance ratings. But Kevin's dedication to music goes beyond competition, as he has entertained for various school activities. And as an active member of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, he is hoping to bring his music to entertain residents of the nursing homes he now visits.

This summer will be a busy one for Kevin, for in addition to attending the Eric D. Healy Memorial Band Camp at MVCC, he will be attending both jazz and concert band camps at Brother Rice, baseball and "maybe basketball" camp. In between he hopes to take in a few good movies, hang out and shoot baskets up at the park with his friends.

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Manor Care Is Fined $10,000

Manor Care at Oak Lawn/95th St. has been fined $10,000 by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health for failure to prevent a resident from leaving the facility unsupervised. The 195-bed skilled care center is located at 6300 W. 95th St.

As part of an incident report investigation, Department surveyors learned a resident with a history of wandering died from cold weather exposure after leaving the facility unnoticed. The wind chill index during the nearly two and one-half hours the resident was missing ranged from minus 12 degrees to 3 degrees above zero.

On the day of the incident, several employees took their dinner break at about the same time, leaving only a nurse and two nurse aides on the unit. When a nurse aide realized the resident was missing, she began a search, but did not notify a supervisor or other staff for 40 minutes. It was another hour before police were called.

A police officer and a bystander found the resident lying face down on a street. He was admitted to a local hospital and died the following day of bronchial pneumonia and hypothermia.

The resident was outfitted with an electronic monitoring device, but staff did not recall hearing an alarm sound. The alarm system was not checked after the incident to see if it was working.

A Department-ordered plan of correction required the facility to provide adequate supervision; to review and revise, as necessary, policies for resident wandering; and to train staff on appropriate actions and interventions to prevent a resident from leaving the facility unsupervised.

Manor Care at Oak Lawn has requested a hearing on the Department's action. No hearing date has been set.

Library Web Site

People wishing to be employed by the Oak lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., can find a wealth of information at its recently established Human Resources web site. Just start at the library's main page, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us, and click on "Employment Opportunities."

The web site details current position openings, employment policies, the application process, descriptions of library positions, required qualifications and employee benefits. Interested parties may download the library's application for employment using Adobe Acrobat software.

The library, an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE), accepts applications and resumes on an ongoing basis for full-time, part-time and substitute positions. Most openings are for part-time service desk clerks and book shelvers (12-20 hours per week). Applications are also available at the library's Reception Booth.

Park District Offers Tennis Lessons & More

Tennis lessons and leagues will be offered this summer at the Oak Lawn Park District's Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center, 10444 Central Ave. Group lessons are available for ages 4 and up now through Aug. 13th; fees range from $83 to $138.

Private lessons are also available at the Center, as are two-hour adult tennis clinics. The clinic schedule is: Serving Stroke Clinic, Saturday, June 12th; Backhand Stroke Clinic, Saturday, July 10th; and Volley Stroke Clinic, Saturday, Aug. 21st. All clinics run from 10 a.m. until noon on the Center's air-conditioned courts; fee is $15 per clinic.

Adults can join a summer tennis league. Leagues are available on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. or on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. League fee is $83 per person.

Beginning Thursday, July 1st, teens and adults can sign up at the Center for the 25th annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Park District. The tournament will be held outdoors at Richards High School, 106th St. and Central Ave., on July 17th and 18th. There are several tournament divisions in which to register; fee is $10 for singles, $20 for doubles.

Membership is not required for league, lesson or tournament participation. For more information or to register for a summer tennis program, call (708) 857-2218.

South Side Baptist School Openings

South Side Baptist School, 5345 W. 99th St., has openings for the 2004-05 school year.

The school has been providing quality Christian education in Oak Lawn since 1975. SSBS offers reasonable tuition rates, family discounts and low student/teacher ratios in the classroom. South Side's instruction includes 4 and 5-year-old kindergarten and 1st through 12th grades. Extended care services are available before and after school beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m.

South Side offers a dedicated Christian staff, phonics-based approach to reading, strong academics, computer lab, music and band, and hot lunch program. Students at SSBS are given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of school activities including athletics, fine arts, academic tournaments, and school programs.

The school is a ministry of South Side Baptist Church and a member of the Illinois Assn. of Christian Schools. For more information, call (708) 425-3435.

Church Worship On The Lawn

Worship will be on the church lawn on Sunday morning, June 13th at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. A sing-along begins at 9:45 with worship at 10 a.m. The church's Praise Band will provide music, with Joy Latka on keyboard, Mike Cusack on guitar and Anthony Jenkins on vocals. The annual All Church Brunch will follow the service. Call (708) 422-4200 for more information.

Scenes From The Bible

The St. Germaine Parish Youth Group will present "Friday Night Live: Deleted Scenes from the Bible" on Friday, June 11th in the school gym, 9735 S. Kolin Ave. Performances are at 2 and 7 p.m.

The production is a take-off on the popular "Saturday Night Live" television show and will feature skits of Bible selections with a modern-day twist. Proceeds from the event will be directed toward expenses for the youth group's trip to World Youth Day in Germany 2005.

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Sports And Fitness Programs

The Oak Lawn Park District's Community Pavilion, 9401 Oak Park Ave., will offer several sports and fitness programs this summer. Highlights this season include: Lunch-Break Burn, a 45-minute intense, strength-training program for ages 16 and older that includes working with various fitness-resistance items and stability balls. The summer session will run June 22nd through July 29th on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Fee for residents is $19-$29, $25-$40 for non-residents.

Pilates Ball, a stability-ball fitness program for ages 18 and older that will help enhance the use of muscles found in the stomach, legs and rear. The summer session will run July 20th to Sept. 7th on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Fee is $33 for residents, $48 for non-residents.

Indoor Volleyball, a sports league for adults 18 and older, running from June 22nd to Aug. 24th. Competitive and recreational co-ed leagues will be offered on Tuesdays, and a competitive men-only league will be offered on Thursdays. Games are scheduled between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Fee is $300 per team.

To register or for more information, call (708) 857-2420.

St. Laurence NHS Present Check

The National Honor Society of St. Laurence High School presented a check in the amount of $1,350 to Randy Varju (far right), Vice President of Development, Christ Medical Center and Hope Children's Hospital. The National Honor Students raised the money during the month of March by sponsoring events such as a teacher dunk tank, raffles, and donut sale.

The Honor Society stresses leadership through service as one of its goals and helping Hope Children's Hospital was one of the several charitable fund raising efforts of the organization this year. After the presentation, the students received a tour of the new facilities at Hope which had not opened yet.

Pictured at the presentation are (left to right) Joseph Marrari of Burbank, Andrew Naret of Chicago, Matthew O'Donnell of Bridgeview, Jeffrey Mikula of Archer Heights, Christopher Smith of Oak Lawn and Christopher Byrdak of Archer Heights.

Mt. Zion Church "Ask Anything" Sunday

"Ask Anything" Sunday is a chance to ask questions about those things you've read in the Bible or seen done in a church that you've always wondered about. No answers from God, just answers from someone who can give you a perspective from one tradition, and help you understand how other Christians might answer your question. The service is open to everyone on Sunday, June 27th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th & Kostner.

For more information, call (708) 423-6554.

Fathers Day Breakfast

The Hilton Oak Lawn will host a Father's Day Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, June 20th from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Adults $12.95 – children under 7 $6.95. Reservations will be taken for parties of 8 or more. Call (708) 229-8888 to make reservations.

Father's Day Dinner will be served in Whitney's from 4 to 10 p.m. Call Whitney's at (708) 229-8888 for reservations.

Vacation Bible School

All kids, from pre-schoolers to those finishing fifth grade, can register for Mt. Zion Lutheran Church's "Power Up for Jesus!" Vacation Bible School. The program runs Monday, June 21st through Friday, June 25th from 9:15 a.m. to noon. The church is at 104th & Kostner. Call (708) 423-6554 to register or for more information. There is a $5 materials fee.

Meeting Changed

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting one week later than usual on Tuesday, June 22nd at 7 p.m.

The Library Board regularly meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public in the library's Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library Board members are: Patricia Roberts, president; Frank March, vice-president; Suzanne Marzano, secretary; Michael Sulko, financial secretary; Shirley Barrett, Joann Buschbach and Marian Sullivan, trustees.

Free Gifts & Information

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., continues to offer residents who are new parents a free packet of information and gifts to share with their baby. To qualify, parents must bring in proof of residency and sign up their child for his or her first library card at the age of six months or younger. Then, parents can pick up a new-born packet in the Youth Services Dept.

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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by
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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE UPDATE

Lots of people are roaming around each day with high blood pressure (also referred to as hypertension), and don't know it. High blood pressure has few, if any recognizable symptoms. That is why it is called the "silent killer." In fact, over 50 million Americans have it, and doctors in most cases still do not know why. Half the victims are women.

Blood pressure is the force of blood against artery walls when the heart beats and rests. Two measurements, a systolic pressure and a diastolic pressure are evaluated. The systolic pressure is the maximum pressure when your heart beats or contracts and pumps blood out to the body. Diastolic pressure is the minimum pressure when your heart relaxes between beats.

The standards are changing for what is an acceptable blood pressure range. The numbers used to be more liberal. If you have a systolic reading of 120-139 or higher, and a diastolic reading of 80-89, you may be classified as hypertensive. With a blood pressure of 140 over 90 repeatedly you most certainly have hypertension. Medicine may be the answer in part, but also diet and exercise are important. Calcium and magnesium, found in low fat dairy foods, and potassium, found in fruits and vegetables as well as some breakfast cereals, have a positive effect on blood pressure. Cutting back on saturated fat and total fat can help as well.

For years experts have run an ongoing debate about the role of sodium in blood pressure control. The newest research indicates that people with lower amounts of sodium in their diets tend to have lower blood pressure, regardless of whether or not they suffer from high blood pressure. Then there are those who have been told to restrict salt that have done so to such an extent that they start feeling like "night of the living dead," wondering why they have no energy. This of course is no good either. Listen to your body signals and monitor your pressure closely if you are feeling like this. And let up on your salt restriction a bit.

Salt-free herbs and spices are good substitutes for the saltshaker. It is all a matter of adjusting your habits. Salt substitutes such as potassium should only be used with a doctor's approval. Such amounts of potassium could be harmful to some individuals.

High blood pressure influences your heart function. It can cause a stroke or heart attack. Fortunately, it is one of the simpler conditions to detect and is treatable in most people. So if your doctor tells you have high blood pressure, heed his advice and follow the program. You could be adding years to your life.

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Arthritis Sufferers Need To Exercise

Arthritis is becoming more and more common and not just among the very old. The American Council on Exercise (ACE), America's non-profit fitness advocate, suggests the following 10 reasons for arthritis sufferers to start an exercise program.

"Unfortunately, many arthritis sufferers mistakenly believe that exercise will worsen their condition," said Dr. Cedric Bryant, chief exercise physiologist for ACE. "The reality, however, is that a well-rounded physical activity program of stretching, strength training and aerobic exercise can help minimize many of the adverse affects of arthritis and improve overall functional capacity."

1. Flexibility training helps improve range of motion and reduces stiffness in afflicted joints, particularly the early-morning stiffness often associated with arthritis.
2. Aerobic exercise, particularly low-impact activities such as walking, not only improves overall fitness, but also helps reduce the psychological and emotional pain that often accompanies arthritis.
3. Strength training exercises help build muscle strength, enhance joint stability, and improve mobility making it easier to perform activities of daily living.
4. Weight-bearing (e.g., walking) or weight-loading (e.g. strength training) exercise positively affect bone mass, helping to reduce the risk of developing osteoporosis, a degenerative bone disease that is often seen in people with arthritis due to their reduced levels of physical activity.
5. Arthritis can negatively affect posture, balance and coordination, all of which may be improved by regular exercise.
6. Excess weight (especially in the form of extra body fat) places additional strain on the joints so maintaining a healthy body weight is very important for individuals with arthritis. Along with a sensible diet, exercise plays a key role in helping individuals maintain normal body weight levels.
7. Exercise has been shown to help manage stress, which can take its toll on the whole body, including the joints.
8. Because it is a chronic degenerative disease, people with arthritis often become depressed and develop a poor self-image. People who exercise, however, are less likely to be depressed and tend to possess more positive mental outlooks.
9. Painful joints can make getting a good night's sleep difficult, if not impossible. Regular exercise has been shown to improve overall sleep patterns and may help lessen this problem.
10. Because arthritis frequently leads to a more sedentary lifestyle, individuals with this condition are often at an increased risk of developing other significant health problems, such as heart disease or diabetes. Staying active and exercising regularly is an effective means of not only controlling the affects of arthritis, but also of minimizing or eliminating the risk of developing a variety of other lifestyle-related diseases.

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Funds To Combat West Nile Virus

Area health departments will receive $796,126 in state grants to combat the West Nile virus due to a law sponsored by State Rep. Kevin Joyce.

"As summer nears and our families begin to spend more time outdoors, it is important that we are doing everything possible to ensure no one else has to suffer from the West Nile virus," Joyce said. "I am confident these funds will help our local health departments aggressively fight the mosquito-borne West Nile virus."

Funding for the grants comes from a special public health emergency fund created in 2003 when Joyce's Senate Bill 361 was signed into law by the governor. The grants are to be used for prevention and control of the West Nile virus as well as collection of dead birds and mosquitoes to detect the virus' presence. The Chicago Department of Public Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health will receive $423,826 and $372,300 respectively.

In 2002, Chicago and suburban Cook County experienced 634 cases of West Nile resulting in 41 deaths, with a disproportionate number of those fatalities occurring in the Southwest Community. Statewide, there were 884 total cases, leading to 66 deaths. The number of West Nile cases dropped in 2003, with Chicago and suburban Cook County experiencing 20 cases and one fatality. In total, Illinois experienced 54 cases with one fatality.

Last week the West Nile virus surfaced in Illinois for the first time this year. A dead bird and two batches of mosquitoes in DuPage County have been identified as carrying West Nile.

"Everyone needs to remain vigilant when it comes to the West Nile virus no matter the number of reported cases," Joyce said. "I urge everyone to take the proper precautions this summer. Make sure you have no standing water on your property, a primary breeding ground for mosquitoes, and if you are outside during prime mosquito hours, dusk and dawn, please wear long sleeve clothing and use an insect repellent with a high concentration of DEET."

Long-Term Sun Exposure Causes Eye Damage

Some soft contact lenses and rigid lens materials on the market block harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays from passing through the pupil. These lenses are helpful since long-term sun exposure – even in small amounts – can cause serious damage. But UV blocking contact lenses alone cannot provide necessary protection.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) encourages contact lens wearers to also wear sunglasses – even if their lenses are among those that block UV rays. Carmen Castellano, O.D., chair of the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section, adds the UV blocking contact lenses should not be seen as the end of the story. "They do nothing to protect the conjunctiva (where growths may form) or the eyelids (where skin cancers may form). "Sunglasses protect the delicate skin around the eyes and other areas of the eye not covered by the contact lens.

Wearing sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat or cap are excellent prescriptions for protecting one's eyes while soaking up the sunshine. AOA recommends that to be effective, sunglasses must: block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation; screen out 75 to 90 percent of visible light; be free of distortion, imperfection, and variation in color. Neutral gray lenses are the best for maintaining color perception.

Consumers should look for lenses that have met the AOA Seal of Acceptance for Ultraviolet Absorbers/ Blockers, providing substantial protection of the eye from naturally occurring environmental UV radiation. The AOA Seal of Certification and Acceptance Program provides for voluntary, impartial product evaluation in order to inform the purchasers and users of eye-and vision-related products that those products meet generally accepted specifications. For more information, log onto www.aoa.org and click on "Clinical Care Center" and "Ophthalmic standards."

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If you are over 65 years old and troubled with breathing problems, call to see if you meet the guidelines to qualify. You never have to wait in line at a pharmacy.

Call 1-800-344-5764 or visit the web site at www.inhomerx.com for more information on the details of this program.

The In Home Rx program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow those who are troubled with severe breathing conditions to remain independent. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase of breathing medications.

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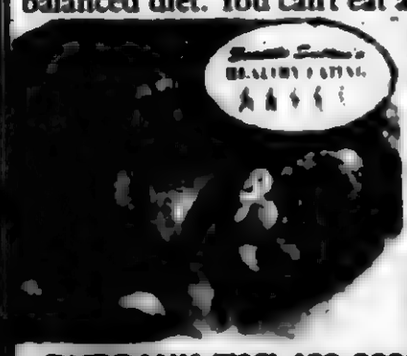

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc, Plaintiff, vs. Daisy M. Ferrell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16553.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8100 W. 87th St., Unit 1C, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $64,549.55.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9652.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
188612C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. PHH Mortgage Services, Assignee of Key Mortgage Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jeffrey Stanley, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-17828.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15529 Tudor Rd, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $178,199.00.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for American Residential Eagle Bond Trust 1999-2, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Rispin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-18769.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9529 S. Minnick Ave., Unit #2A, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $125,561.54.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A543.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188987C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. William P. Muldoon a/k/a William Patrick Muldoon, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03C-7860.

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(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2004.

I, Gerald Nordgren, Special Commissioner for this court will on June 30, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner, Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 9436 S. Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,727.03.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

1954966C

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Tawfiq Sweiss a/k/a Tawfiq Sweiss, Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12654.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5922 W. 126th Place, Alsip, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $237,248.32.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188150C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Macklin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14261.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3615 W. Deer Park Dr., Unit #1, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $115,472.03.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8239.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188496C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dwayne Bradford, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-17946.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3853 W. 80th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

188497C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Adrienne Palmer, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19190.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as. 14522 S. Troy Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200.

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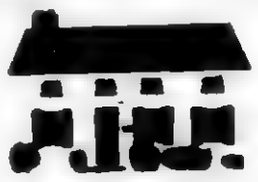

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Micheal R. Ewing, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-10863.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 23, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 5, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 6862 Lode Dr., #3A, Worth, IL 60482.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200.

188156C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Universal Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Calvin Taylor, et al., Defendant. Case No. 04Ch-2851.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 21, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3611 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $95,855.11.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-04-567.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

190411C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sergio Zamora, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17598.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4021 W. 99th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $154,805.09.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9582.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

190412C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee Molton, Allen & Williams Mortgage Co. LLC and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. Howard P. Jebens, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-20155.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 30, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14301 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,805.46.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8869.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188616C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bonnie L. Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Keller a/k/a Bonnie Lee Plambeck, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-160.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 8, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 4681 W. 84th Place, Chicago, IL 60652.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $85,739.20.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

188623C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Robert E. Baker, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19289.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 2, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 9738 Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,732.02.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

189339C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated 5/1/01 among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC; Ace Securities Corp., Litton Loan Servicing LP and U.S. Bank National Association, C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, SR 2001-CB2, without recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Stanley R. Marek a/k/a Stanley Marek, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18357.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14756 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 story brick construction separate (2 car) garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,266.10.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0308603.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188820C

CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor by Merger to BA Mortgage LLC Successor in Interest by Merger of Nationsbanc Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Philip M. Spencer, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16809.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as. 14600 S. Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $54,997.63

Sale Terms. 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9867.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188614C

GRADUATION... THE END OF A FINE BEGINNING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of New York, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Debbie L. Vanderwarren-Scholl a/k/a Debbie Vanderwarren-Scholl, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12241.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on December 18, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 3812 W. 86th Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $96,237.33

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0305910.

189914C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a national banking association f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3, Plaintiff, vs. Gregory Jackson n/k/a Gregory Buhari, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3303.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on June 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10.30 a.m. on June 24, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4129 W. 93rd Place, Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $120,761.18.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

189800C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Charter One Bank, NA, f/k/a Charter One Bank, FSB, Successor by merger to Liberty Federal Bank, Successor by merger to Southwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Michael A. Roche, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19047.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 25, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 7003 W. Avon Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $99,990.10.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

190296C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kenyetta Covington, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17142.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 16616 Knottingwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,552.45.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-7715D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188813C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Leon E. Jokubauskas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7463.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9100 S. 51st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $188,805.12.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
File No. PA0303154.

189299C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Ivan Hernandez, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19994.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 25, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4500 W. 115th Place, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $210,999.81.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8691.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188886C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dia C. King, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16984.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 9, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3038 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $102,810.68.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A059.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

189290C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Katrina A. Edwards, et al., Defendant. No. 01Ch-12269.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4825 W. 109th St., Unit 6-301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $92,804.44.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125

188486C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. First Midwest Bank, as Successor in interest to Heritage Bank and Trust Company, Plaintiff, vs. Edward Zielinski, an individual, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-14885

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 4, 2003, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 150th & Kilpatrick, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Stephen G. Daday at Plaintiff's Attorney, Sott, Klein, Daday & Aretos, 121 S. Wilke Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. (847) 590-8700.

191371C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. James F. Cloney, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-12830

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 22, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 21, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as 9624 S. Troy Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $122,226.11.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

189921C

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jamesetta Rowls, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19832.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8115 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $149,163.35.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8556.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

188988C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

189442C

NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Daily Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to list those home which jobs have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for the job advertised.

Price Is Appointed Inspector General

The Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Joseph Price as the County's Inspector General, a position created by Board President John Stroger to investigate allegations of employee misconduct and inappropriate use of County facilities and equipment. The appointment goes into effect immediately. Price replaces James Whigham who was promoted to President Stroger's Chief of Staff.

"The mission of this office will remain the same-to serve as the public's watchdog by investigating potential conflicts and improprieties among County employees," said Stroger. "This position requires a top-quality, experienced individual who will work relentlessly to safeguard the investment each and every taxpayer has in County government." Mr. Price brings a wealth of experience and has already established a solid record of accomplishment in his most recent position as Deputy Inspector General.

Prior to joining County Government, Price served as Deputy Chief of Investigations for the State of Illinois' Office of the Attorney General where he directed the daily field operations of the division's investigative initiatives. Price also worked more than 27 years for the Chicago Police Department. He was promoted to sergeant after having worked for more than seven years as an investigator in the department's Office of Municipal Investigations. Price is a graduate of Northwestern University's Traffic Institute.

Army Reserve Unit Returns From Iraq

The 308th Civil Affairs Brigade, an Army Reserve unit located in Homewood and part of US Army Special Operations Command, has returned from one year of combat support, reconstruction, and stability/support operations duty in Iraq.

The unit, commanded by Col. Timothy Regan, arrived at its Homewood reserve base earlier this spring from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The soldiers that deployed overseas, over 110 strong, won numerous awards, including over 50 Bronze Star Medals. The unit accounted for and managed millions of dollars in rebuilding contracts in support of the Iraqi people and the Iraqi infrastructure, including schools power plants, pipe lines, sanitation plants, police and fire stations and other local governmental buildings.

The unit supported the US Army's active-duty V Corps, the Germany-based combat organization that commanded all US Army ground forces during the war. The 308th has a long history of supporting the V Corps as the unit did so in Operation Desert Shield/Storm, as well as operations in Bosnia and Kosovo. The 308th has also supported V Corps and other European-based active-duty Army units through hundreds of training exercises since the early 1980s.

A full welcome home celebration including a parade and block party is scheduled for 12 noon on Sunday, July 18th on Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park. The celebration and parade are jointly sponsored by the villages of Homewood and Tinley Park as well as the 308th Family Readiness Group, an organization of soldiers, spouses, former soldiers, and loved ones that supported the unit throughout its deployment.

For more information about the parade and block party, contact Staff Sgt. Tom Cave at (708) 957-2035.

Win A Dream House

Would you like to win your very own dream home? There are only a few weeks left before one lucky winner will be drawn to win the St. Jude Dream Home!

The Dream Home is valued at more than $300,000 and is located in the Terra Springs community of Volo, IL. This spacious 2,500 square foot, two-story home features two bedrooms, three and one-half baths, a den with a separate dining room and a living room open to a second story loft. The master bedroom, decorated by Hancock Fabrics, includes its own luxurious bath. Full upgrades include a fireplace, entertainment center, attached two-car garage and a fully-finished walk-out basement.

Residential Homes of America, Inc., in partnership with Hearthstone, Inc., its subcontractors and suppliers built and donated the home and land to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Dream Home will be given away in a live televised drawing on Sunday, June 27 on NBC5-Chicago.

The $100 tickets may be purchased through June 27 at the Terra Springs sales center, the Volo Auto Museum, the Volo Village Hall, or by visiting www.stjudedreamhome.org or calling 1-800-378-5386.

Odds are great! One in every 500 tickets will win a prize. Additional prizes includes a 1966 classic Ford Mustang convertible, furniture packages from Bay Furniture, an Alaskan Cruise for two including airfare and gasoline for a year.

"All the money raised through ticket sales will benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital, and that's why this is so heart-warming," said Ann Danner, President of Residential Homes of America.

Since being founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude has treated more than 20,000 young cancer patients without regard to race, creed or their ability to pay.

Dredge For Chicago's Mud-To-Parks Project

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, Congressman Ray LaHood (R-Peoria), Chicago Park District General Superintendent Timothy J. Mitchell and others celebrated as the first scoop of sediment was dredged from the Illinois River at Peoria Lake destined for Chicago as part of the innovative "Mud-to-Parks" project.

Through the Mud-to-Parks project, 105,000 tons of sediment will be dredged from Peoria Lake, loaded onto 70 barges and shipped 163 miles up the Illinois River to Chicago's old U.S. Steel South Works facility, now a slag-covered site devoid of life. There, it will be unloaded and spread atop the slag, covering 17 acres to a depth of 2-3 feet. Native grasses will be planted and the rich, fertile sediment will soon turn into a green park on the Lake Michigan shore.

"The Mud-to-Parks project is a great victory for the environment, both in Central Illinois and Chicago," said Quinn, who chairs the Illinois River Coordinating Council. "We're reducing sediment build-up in Peoria and simultaneously transforming an industrial slag field into a green park."

Firefighters Take Part In BIG EVENT

Firefighters from two dozen suburban departments as well as several companies from the city of Chicago converged upon the Tinley Park Convention Center on May 15th during Sertoma Centre Inc. Foundation's BIG EVENT. Would-be chefs participated in a cook-off for a good cause that sparked a heated competition and ended up with winners all around.

The firehouse cooks competed against each other in four categories – ribs, chili, chicken and ethnic samplings. Celebrity judges, including WTMX 101.9's Dave Fogel, Daily Southtown publisher Mark Hornung, columnist Phil Kadner, and food editor Eloise Valedez; Mayor of Tinley Park Ed Zabrocki; John Coletta from Carlucci's; Tom Roos from Buca di Beppo; and Charlie Orr from Maple Tree Inn cast their votes for the "best of" in each category. Winning recipes that earned traveling trophies for their firehouse include Frankfort Fire Department's ribs; Lansing Fire Department's Mexican lasagna ethnic entry; Alsip Fire Department's chili; and Leo Saey from Chicago Fire Department's Truck #7 southern fried chicken.

Stopping by to enjoy the food and cheer on the many fire departments were Second City alumni George Wendt, best known for his portrayal of "Norm" on Cheers; and city of Chicago Fire Commissioner Cortez Trotter.

After much taste testing by the 750 plus who attended the fundraiser, a popular vote was cast. Recipes in each category voted most popular include Crestwood Fire Department's chili; Lansing Fire Department's ribs; New Lenox Fire Department's ethnic beef sandwiches; and Chicago Fire Department's Truck #7 (Leo Saey) southern fried chicken.

Other activities part of the BIG EVENT that yielded big winners included a Texas Holdem poker tournament (hosted by Action Sertoma Club). Pat Donohue do-si-do'd away with the $1,800 first place prize; John Young with the $1,080 second place prize; Bruce Urban with the $720 third place prize; and Ed Mortimer with the fourth place consolation prize.

BIG EVENT raffle 2004 winners include Bill Jones, $5,000 first place prize; Diana Sterkowitz, $500 second place prize; and ten $100 third place prizes, some of which was quickly donated back for the cause.

Executive Director Gus van den Brink said, "Some of our ticket holders donated a portion of their winnings right back in the spirit of what we're trying to do here today, and we thank them!"

Sertoma Centre is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit agency that provides services to more than 650 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, and/or mental illness. Communities served include 45 south and southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Two primary facilities are located in Alsip – Administrative Office & Inside Training Systems at 4343 W. 123rd St. and the Martha Polacek facility at 4100 W. 127th St. Sertoma Centre also operates several community group and foster-care homes located in the south suburbs.

For more information, call (708) 371-9700 or click on www.sertomacentre.org.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Ashley Hurt

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roseland Christian Reform Church, Chicago, with interment in Chicago Burr Oak Cemetery for Ashley Hurt, 16 months, of Beverly.

Ashley was killed in a Midlothian strip mall rampage last week.

Brett Carlson, 26, with a history of mental illness, has been charged with first-degree murder in Ashley's death.

Prosecutors said Carlson, wielding a knife, stabbed Ashley and four adults, including Ashley's mother, as he tried to get people to give him their car keys outside a strip mall in Midlothian last week.

She is survived by her parents, Mabelyn and Steven "Panama" Hurt, a brother and three sisters.

James E. Burns

Services were held Tuesday at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for James E. Burns.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Kevin (Ramona), Janet DeBevec, Dennis (Katie) and David (Karin); six grandchildren; and his brothers, Ed (Jean) Burns and Robert Bruns.

Stanley J. Chlopek

Mass was said Monday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery for Stanley J. Chlopek, 99, husband of the late Antoinette.

He is survived by his children, Nancy (F. Clifton) Hill and Shirley (Tom) Miller ; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Murphy.

Evelyn J. Dineen

Services will be held at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, June 10th, at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave., Orland Park, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Evelyn J. Dineen, 59, wife of the late John "Sean."

Mary Hammerschmidt

Mass was said Monday at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery for Mary I. Hammerschmidt, 87.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond H. Sr.; her children, Maridel (Nick) Siegele, Raymond H. Jr. (Janet) and Irene Durrant; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Anthony Bublich

Mass was said Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Anthony Bublich, husband of the late Rose.

He is survived by his brother, Frank Bublich, and his sisters, Anna Lustig and Manda (Lando) Maggio.

Lillian Grachen

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery for Lillian Grachen, wife of the late George Sr.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn (George) Tasefsky, George Jr. (Vivian), Frank (Helen) and Shirlee (Alfred) Garcia; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Mildred Hrouda, Marie Webb and Delores LaFavor; and her brother, Frank Filips.

Edward F. Barry

Mass was said Monday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with interment at Mount Carmel Cemetery for Edward F. Barry, 50. He was an executive board member of Local 143, Operating Engineers.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his mother, Jane B. Hibberd; and his sister, Marianne Barry.

Jerome P. Bonkowski

Mass was said Saturday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Jerome P. Bonkowski. He is retired from Belt Railroad, where he worked for 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; his children, Susan Schott, Michael (Nancy) Bonkowski, Deborah (Ron) Taylor and Colette (Robert) Nichols; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Leroy and Byron Bonkowski.

George J. Osier

Services were held Monday at McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for George J. Osier, husband of the late Dorothy V.

He is survived by his children, Mark (Donna) Osier, Barbara (Randy) Davis, Jerry (Kari) Osier and Desiree (Edine) Kedjour; six grandchildren; his brother, Bob (Judy) Osier.

Willard R. Cook

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 10th, at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, 2929 W. 87th St., Evergreen Park, with interment at Mount Greenwood Cemetery for Willard R. Cook, 47.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandy Cook; his brother, Ralph (Tom) Cook; and his sisters, Claudia (Terry) Tremblay, Sharon Cook and Karen (Richard) Juvinall.

Leokadya Lozny

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery for Leokadya "Leah" Lozny, 94. She was a U.S. W.M.C. veteran of World War II and retired civil service employee. She was a member of St. Michael Leisure Plotters.

She is survived by her sisters, Virginia Lozny Bowshier and Lucille Lozny Wrobel.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Beatrice D. DuClos

Services were held Tuesday, May 25th, at John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Beverly Cemetery for Beatrice D. DuClos, 84, wife of the late Raymond J.

She is survived by her children, Tim (Carolyn) DuClos, Dr. Terry (Carolyn) DuClos, Susan Sosin and Carol DuClos; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Speros A. Pallis

Services were held Tuesday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Lawn, with entombment at Evergreen Mausoleum for Speros A. Pallis, 86, of Chicago, husband of the late Virginia. He was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and the Masonic Lodge. A U.S. Army veteran, he was self-employed in the restaurant business.

He is survived by his brothers, Gus, Nicholas (Beatrice) and John (Betty), and his sisters, Theodora "Lola" Mihaleas and Maria Aspras.

Elizabeth T. Phipps

Service were held Wednesday at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery for Elizabeth T. Phipps, 81, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Chicago. She was a longtime member of the St. Petersburg Chapter, Salvation Army.

She is survived by her son, Robert Ellitch, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her sister, Helen Bullock, and one brother, Leo Krenn.

Michael O'Callaghan

Services were held Monday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with a private interment for Michael O'Callaghan.

He is survived by his parents, Francis and Joann O'Callaghan, his sister, Diahn (Phillip) Hassett; and his grandmother, Blanche O'Callaghan.

Arletta M. Zwiers

Services were held Tuesday at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, with interment at Bethania Cemetery for Arletta M. Zwiers.

She is survived by her children, Arletta (Ron) Thiele and Robert (Jan) Zwiers; and eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

William A. Delanzo

Mass was said Friday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery for William A. Delanzo.

He is survived by his wife, Carmella.

Barbara A. Driscoll

Mass was said Friday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery for Barbara A. Driscoll.

She is survived by two grandchildren and her brother, Robert (Charleen) Reimer.

George C. Eckl

Mass was said Friday at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at St Mary Cemetery for George C. Eckl, 82. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie; his children, Gail Eckl Daniels; Jill Eckl Pertchi and Janis (Sid) Eckl-Grossman; three grandchildren; and brothers and sisters.

Charles T. Gullo

Services were held Friday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Charles T. Gullo.

He is survived by his wife, Carole; his children, Charles S. Gullo and Susan (Jerry) Wazio.

Elizabeth Jongsma

Services were held Friday at Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for Elizabeth "Betty" Jongsma, 96, wife of the late Cornelius "Neal" Vander Laan and the late Raymond Jongsma.

She is survived by her children, Alvin (Terry) Vander Laan and Ronald (Jean) Vander Laan; her stepchildren, Ruth (Ted) Beenes, Marilyn Drenth and Joan (Alvin) Ipema; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and her sister, Bernice Medema.

Henry B. Buksa

Services were held Monday at Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum for Henry B. Buksa, 75, husband of the late Anna. He was a World War II U. S. Navy veteran.

Mary A. Oliver

Mass was said Saturday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Mary A. Oliver.

She is survived by her husband, George Oliver; her children, Diane Ceglarski, Charles (Karen), Victoria (Edwin) Schumal, George (Sharon), Michael (Colleen) and Keith (Sue) Oliver; 22 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn F. Boersma

Mass was said Monday at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Marilyn F. Boersma, 52.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin C.; her children, Martin, Kevin and Jonathan; stepchildren, Amanda and Scott; her brothers, Richard (Joyce) Hurth and Michael Hurth; and her sister, Barbara (Robert) Crosby.

Francis E. Julien Jr.

Services were Monday at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemtery for Francis E. Julien Jr., 71. He was a district manager for Ameritech before retiring and a Korean War U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Marrs-Meyer Post 991, American Legion. He also was a retired board president of School District 111 and founding board member of Moraine Valley Community College.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his children, Michael (Gretchen), Jean Marie Foyle, Theresa (Bob) Reed, Thomas (Melaine), John and Catherine (Jeffrey) Padilla; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchildren; his sister, Peggy (Bart) Davis; and his brother, Gary (Judy) Julien.

Stella A. Obuchowski

Services were held Tuesday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery for Stella M. Obuchowski, 84, wife of the late Chester John.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn (Leo) Kucia, William (Gale), James (Carolyn) and Marian (Michael) Zylo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Stephanie Kovach

Services were held Saturday at John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery for Stephanie Kovach, wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children, Mary Ann (Don) Ochs, Joseph (Marlene) and Rose (Michael) Palka and six grandchildren.

Grace M. Sennese

Services were held Saturday at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South for Grace M. Sennese, 88.

She is survived by her sisters, Helen and Elsie Sennese.

Maureen Tinley

Mass was said Saturday at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Maureen Tinley, wife of the late James B. "Seamus" Tinley.

She is survived by her children Toni (Arthur) Noone, Elizabeth, Philip (Vickie), James ""Barry" (Eileen), Gerard (Svetlana), Veronica, Brian (Marianne) and Robert "Alan" Tinley; 11 grandchildren and her sister, Kathleen Byrne.

Mathew G. Waller

Services were held Saturday at Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for Mathew G. Waller, husband of the late Margaret.

He is survived by his children, Gerald (Joyce), Barbara (Mike) Hutter, Shirley (Donald) Yudis and Tom (Laura) Waller; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren;

Dorothy Prendergast

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Dorothy A. Prendergast.

She is survived by her husband, Richard F.; her children, Ellen T. (Michael) Quinlan, Maria A. (Thomas) Moran and Richard A. (Carrie) Prendergast; 11 grandchildren; her sister, Marian I. McDermott; and her brother, Arthur J. (Ruth) Caraher.

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State Surplus Property Sale

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) announced that an international 270 Paycomputer, three Joint Boxes, two Honda CB 125s, large Bench Grinder, portable 3 inch water pump, canoes, sailboats, medical equipment, exercise equipment and computer equipment including laptops will be auctioned off at its State Surplus Property sale Wednesday, June 16 at the Illinois State Surplus Warehouse, 1924 S. 10 ½ St., Springfield.

"This is a good opportunity for the public to obtain reasonably priced, state property and other equipment that has its usefulness to the state," said Curtis Howard, manager of CMS Property Control Division.

Merchandise will be available for inspection on Monday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and beginning at 7 a.m. on auction day. Registration will start at 6:30 a.m. and the sale will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on June 16. There are no warranties or guarantees implied or expressed and all sales are final.

Bidders may pay for purchases with cash, cashiers checks, money orders, or traveler's checks in increments of $100 or less. Other acceptable forms of payment are cash, Cashier's Checks, Money Orders, Travelers Checks and now accepting MasterCard and Visa. Business or personal checks are also accepted, but these checks must be supported by a letter of credit from a financial institution that includes the maximum amount of credit approved through a specific date. These letters should also state that they cover the purchase price of State of Illinois property only. All letters of credit must be approved prior to the sale. Two types of identification must also be provided, including one with a photograph.

The State reserves the right to reject any payment or identification of a bidder if it appears it may not be in the best interest of the state. All buyers must take possession of property purchased immediately upon conclusion of the auction. The State of Illinois is not responsible for accidents or loss.

Those interested in the auction can contact Curtis Howard at (217) 785-6903.

Show Outdoor Movie

"Monee Movie Night," a free, all-age outdoor showing of a recent movie, will be on Friday, June 25th at 8 p.m. at Monee Reservoir.

Enjoy with your family watching a movie under the stars on a large screen on the Monee Reservoir lawn. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, bug spray, and your favorite movie snacks and get ready to watch the Hollywood stars.

The film to be shown is *Fly Away Home*, rated PG. *Fly Away Home* tells the story of a 13-year-old girl, who goes to live with her father following the death of her mother. At first withdrawn and reclusive, she finds renewed happiness when she adopts an orphaned flock of baby geese and teaches them to migrate using an ultra-light plane. The movie features flying sequences that are astonishing. Anna Paquin and Jeff Daniels star.

In the event of poor weather, the movie showing will be cancelled. Snacks, popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase at the concession building.

Monee Reservoir is located on Ridgeland Ave., west of Route 50 and south of Pauling Rd., 2.0 miles south of Monee.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Electrical Safety Package Available

Summer is a good time to check for indoor and outdoor electrical hazards. Keep yourself and family safe with a new, free package of publications from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the National Electrical Safety Foundation and the Federal Citizen Information Center.

Unsafe conditions, such as overloaded circuits and the misuse of extension cords and electrical products, cause many injuries in and around the home. Prevent problems by using the handy checklist to conduct a thorough inspection. Get tips on how you can correct potential hazards in just a few minutes. It doesn't take long to move an appliance away from water, check for correct wattage light bulbs, or replace frayed cords.

Electrical accidents can also occur outdoors. When used properly, safety devices, such as circuit breakers, ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and three-pronged outlets and plugs, can reduce or prevent hazardous conditions. In addition, read and follow the safety guidelines on common electrical products, such as power tools, grills and lawnmowers that are used outdoors.

Make your indoor and outdoor life safer this summer with the **Electrical Safety** package. There are three easy ways to get your free publications:

- Call toll-free 1(888) 878-3256 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the **Electrical Safety** package.
- Send your name and address to, Electrical Safety, Pueblo, CO 81009.
- Visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free.

On Track Singles Events

On Track Singles is offering several events this month.

The club will go to Cracker Barrel and a movie Saturday, June 19th.

The group will meet at 4 p.m. at the south parking lot of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 6435 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago.

Or, one can meet the group at 4:45 p.m. at Cracker Barrel, 1295 Lakeview Dr., Romeoville. Afterward, participants will go to Loews Woodridge Theaters, 10000 W. Woodward Ave., Woodridge.

To register, call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239 after 7 p.m. or Erin at (773) 719-0349.

A trip to Taste of Chicago is planned for Saturday, June 26th.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. at the south parking lot of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and travel to the Orange Line.

Afterward, the group will decide whether to take a trolley, boat tour or just head back home.

To register, call John Bobek at (773) 585-8242.

The group will travel to 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., on Wednesday, June 30th.

Participants will meet at 7 p.m. at the bar and restaurant to take advantage of its outdoor seating.

Bobek will be at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church's south parking lot at 6:40 p.m. if anyone needs a ride.

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On June 1st Loay Nakhleh, 25, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with the sale of cannabis after police responded to a report of a man in a wheel chair selling pot at 108th and Lacrosse. When police arrived they observed Nakhleh in a wheel chair and observed the strong odor of burning cannabis. During the search, police discovered two bags of leafy substance. One of the bags contained 82 individual plastic bags of leafy substance. The contents of both bags field tested positive for cannabis.

On June 4th Daniel Schadt, 27, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, criminal damage to property, and battery. A witness observed Schadt driving erratically on Ridgeland towards 95th Street, when they were stopped for the light the witness asked Schadt what he was doing driving. Schadt then threatened to bash the victim's head in and blocked the lane to keep the witness from making his turn. The witness drove around him and completed his turn. Schadt followed him and at 95th and Melvina the victim stopped for a red light, Schadt, who had also stopped for the light then drove his truck into the rear end of the victim's car. Schadt and the victim both exited their vehicles and Schadt attempted to hit the victim but another driver intervened and helped subdue Schadt until police arrived. The officer noted a strong odor of alcohol, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech as he questioned Schadt, who admitted to having a few beers.

On June 5th Judy Gabrielle, 19, of Burbank was arrested and charged with fleeing and eluding police and numerous traffic violations after an officer observed Gabrielle in the 9200 block of Ridgeland, frequently changing lanes without using her turn signal. The officer turned on his flashing lights in an attempt to stop her. The car accelerated and ignored stop signs as the driver cut through the area in her attempt to avoid being stopped. When the car returned back onto Ridgeland heading north-bound it veered into southbound lanes to pass slower moving traffic. As the driver attempted to pass through the intersection at 87th and Ridgeland against the traffic signal, it struck a car in the intersection and came to a stop and the officer was finally able to arrest Gabrielle, who did not have a driver's license.

Special Oak Lawn Board Hearing On TIF Funding

A special Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, a public hearing in regard to the proposed Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Tax Increment Financing District, was held on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:30 p.m. The creation of the special financing district will fund a project anchored by a new Metra station, a five-story parking deck, 84 condominiums, and 11,000 square feet of retail space. The expansion of Metra's train station to Oak Lawn in January 2006 and the construction of a new train station is the catalyst for the project.

Under the proposal Metra, Mid America/Morningside Construction, and Oak Lawn will work together on the train station, retail, and housing project. Metra will contribute $2 million, Mid America investment is contributing between $1 and $1.5 million and Oak Lawn plans to sell bonds for the remainder of the $12 million project, that will be repaid by the extra tax revenue generated by the project for up to 23 years, the maximum allowed by Illinois TIF law.

The auditorium, with every seat filled, with people standing and sitting on the floor in the aisles, with people packed out into the hallway and spilling down the stairs and almost everyone of these people there to voice their objection.

Acting Mayor Ron Stancik calls the meeting to order and explains how the meeting will be run, stating that during the public comments section no questions will be answered at that time, however staff will attempt to answer all the questions after the public comments session. Boos and mumbling make it difficult to hear Stancik during parts of his statement.

Village Manager Joe Faber read an opening statement relative to the history of the proposed Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Tax Increment Financing District. Basically what he read was that the village had followed all the rules governing the creation of a TIF District just inserting the correct dates and times. Faber was followed by Ann Moroney of URS-TPAP who spoke on the eligibility study performed to determine if the proposed area qualified for a TIF District and presented an overview of the district redevelopment plan and project. Moroney stated that the study found that the area did qualify to be designated as a conservation area fulfilling that at least 50% of the structures must be at least 35 years old and fulfilling three of the 14 factors for designation as a blighted area and excessive vacancies must be present.

Then audience members were invited to make comments being reminded that no answers would be given to questions until all comments and questions had been heard. Residents' hands shot up and almost everyone who spoke was not in favor of creating the TIF District.

As each resident spoke in opposition to the project the crowd cheered and clapped.

Residents spoke of the financial concerns – why is the village buying real estate when they should be managing the village affairs such as curbs, alleys, etc. Mrs. Adamitis reminded that anyone who has ever built a house or has done any major renovations knows that you never bring in the project at budget, it always exceeds the budget and frequently by almost half. So "when then" was her question.

There were questions and comments about safety issues particularly the increase in traffic- 95th Street is already congested do we really need more traffic in area near schools, a park, and the library. Questions about the safety in the parking garage were also voiced.

The owner of the ExpressLine Fitness for Women, Pam Stoffregan, commented that national chains and condos are not what the residents of Oak Lawn want.

Residents questioned the publication of notices in the Star, according to the same residents a little read newspaper.

Questions about the study abounded. Residents wanted answers to the "but for" clause which says, "When considering an area for TIF designation, municipal officials must ask the question, 'Will the same kind of private investment occur here without an incentive?'"

Maureen Murphy, a business owner on 95th Street and the Worth Township Committeewoman spoke on behalf of residents who for some reason are unwilling to ask the questions. Murphy questioned the necessity of the project, the lack of finished traffic studies, and also the use of the 2002 real estate tax bill market value for the study rather than the 2003 tax bills when the 2003 tax bill reflected a giant increase.

Acting Mayor Stancik ended the comments and the staff was given the opportunity to answer the residents' questions. Stancik was booed immediately when he uttered the word confidentiality and shouts of its our money you're spending were heard.

The trustees then spoke to the proposed project. Trustee Bob Streit received numerous rounds of applause as he spoke too of his concerns about the proposed project. All the other trustees except Trustee Keane, stated that they would think about the comments and questions of the residents. Trustee Keane and those in attendance proceeded to antagonize one another. Trustee Keane was accused of making "snide comments" and Keane demanded the residents bear him out as he had heard them. Keane also requested that anyone who had questions e-mail him or call him and leave a message on his voice mail.

Residents leaving the long public hearing congregated outside and vowed to "fight this proposed project all the way."

SCORE Holds Half-Day Workshop

Attend a half-day workshop on Tuesday, June 15th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Hear a guest banker discuss the financial elements needed to operate a business: Obtaining Working Capital, Balance Sheets, as well as Cash Flow and Income Statements, will be covered. This workshop is the third of four required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, helpful when seeking a loan. Attendees should be in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is $35. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

Math Team Takes First Place

Algebra I and geometry students, members of Brother Rice's APEX Honors Program finished an outstanding season in the Catholic Mathematics League South. At each of three CMLS math contests these young men earned a first place finish in both algebra I and geometry. At the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics regional contest held in February at Chicago State University, their high schools earned them an invitation to the ICTM state mathematics finals to be held at the University of Illinois. The ICTM state final brings together the finest mathematicians from all over the state.

Rose Milkowski Appointed Vice President

Saint Xavier University announced the appointment of Rose Milkowski as Vice President for University Relations. Milkowski has served as Assistant Vice President for Marketing at Chicago's Roosevelt University since 1997 and also served as Saint Xavier's Director of Public Relations from 1993 to 1997.

Milkowski graduated cum laude from Saint Xavier in 1989 with two Bachelor of Arts degrees in mass communication and business. In 1997, she received her Master of Arts degree in English, also from Saint Xavier.

"This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. My experiences with Saint Xavier have been integral in building my personal and professional foundation," Milkowski said. "It's really important for me to be able to promote an institution that's made such a difference in my life."

The new position of Vice President of University Relations was created as part of proposals generated through Saint Xavier University's strategic planning process, which – in one component – examined opportunities and initiatives for enhanced visibility and public awareness of Saint Xavier. Launched in October, the strategic planning process studied all aspects of the university, with teams issuing reports in May. Strategic directions were identified to and approved by the university's Board of Trustees at a board meeting on May 12.

In her new position, Milkowski will head the university's office of public relations and marketing. By overseeing efforts in the areas of public relations, marketing, publications and the Saint Xavier web site, Milkowski will work to synchronize those efforts to craft cohesive messages about the university.

"Saint Xavier University has long embraced academic and institutional excellence, as evidenced by our core values of respect, compassion, service, hospitality, integrity, diversity and learning for life," said President Judith A. Dwyer. "Rose Milkowski's capable leadership will allow Saint Xavier to garner greater recognition from key media and publics that can only benefit from enhanced knowledge of the university's mission, teachings and reputation."

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4984 Wick Dr	Oak Lawn	$166,000	Smolek David	Chicago Title Land Trust Co Tr
10366 S Menard #[illegible]	Oak Lawn	$134,000	Chicago Title & Trust Co Tr	Welch Carolyn
4920 W 87Th St #[illegible]	Oak Lawn	$97,000	Hernandez Sofia P	Prairie B&T Co Tr
6901 W 88Th St	Oak Lawn	$130,000	Graves Chad E,Graves Erica L	Hartigan Heather M Adm,[illegible] Daniel J
6440 W 94Th Pl #[illegible]	Oak Lawn	$103,000	[illegible] Grzegorz	Firdausi Imran M
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Fifth Annual Food Drive Planned To Benefit Pantries

Oak Lawn Municipal Employees, AFSCME Local 601, will be holding its fifth annual Food Drive to benefit local food pantries on Saturday, June 19th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Oak Lawn Masonic Temple, 52nd Ave. & Dunlee Drive.

We encourage residents and families to be as generous as possible in *Caring & Sharing for Our Community.* Volunteers will be collecting food donations, as well as giving balloons to the children.

"Our food drives have been very successful and we were able to help three local pantries. This year we hope to do as well or better, and with the help of our members and residents *we will!* Our union members feel strongly about serving the needs of the community both in our capacity as village employees and in our personal lives. We are fortunate to be working for such a fine community as the Village of Oak Lawn," stated Greg Goetz, AFSCME Local 601 president.

Non-perishable food donations are being sought to assist several local food pantries; suggested items are: canned fruits & vegetables, soup, pasta/noodles, spaghetti sauce, pork & beans, canned prepared meals, boxed prepared meals, rice, juice – cans or boxes, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, baby food and formula. Also dry good items are needed: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, detergents and diapers.

On Saturday, June 19th, bring the items to the Masonic Temple parking lot (across from the Village Green).

Also, we are accepting advance donations at the Village of Oak Lawn Municipal Center through Friday, June 18th. THANK YOU!

Rib Cook-Off Planned

The Village of Oak Lawn will hold its Second Annual Rib Cook-off on Sunday, July 18th at noon at Dunlee Drive and 52nd Ave., adjacent to the Village Green.

"Last year's Cook-off was a delicious success, both in the number of participants and the entries that we judged," said Trustee Bill Keane. "We are looking forward to our local residents putting their barbecuing talents to the test again this year. Hopefully, the 2nd Annual Rib Cook-off will be just as fun, and will turn up the heat on the competition."

Judging will be based on aroma, taste and appearance. First place winner will receive a trophy and grill (courtesy of Home Depot). Awards will be given to the second and third place winners, as well as a special award for Most Colorful Person/Group. All participants will receive a ribbon and apron. Applications and official contest rules are available at the Village Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Ave.

Only 30 slots are available, on a first-come first-serve basis. Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking utensils, tables, chairs, etc. The Village will provide an area for each contestant. You must be an Oak Lawn resident and at least 18 years of age to participate. An entry fee of $25 is required at time of application and you can register as an individual or as a group. For more information, call (708) 499-7821 or e-mail [illegible]@oaklawn.com, be sure to put "Rib Cook-off" in the subject line.

Outdoor Flea Market Scheduled

The Oak Lawn Community Church 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, is holding their annual Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, June 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Rummage Sale will be inside of the church. Food and beverages will be available and there will also be a Bake Sale.

For an application or more information call 708/599-4025

Concerts On The Lawn

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road, announced its schedule of Sunday Evening Concerts on the Lawn. All of the concerts will be at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 11, the West Suburban Concert Band will be performing rousing marches, patriotic favorites and symphonic standards.

On Sunday, July 25th the church presents a concert with "Half Day Blue Grass Band," a five piece band performing Blue Grass and Southern Gospel music.

On Sunday, Aug. 1st the concert will feature the "Fred Simon Jazz Trio." The trio will be performing contemporary jazz led by recording artist Fred Simon.

The community is invited to enjoy all of the concerts. A free will offering will be taken at each concert.

Vacation Bible School

Mount Zion Lutheran Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, June 21st to 25th, at the church at 104th St and Kostner Ave., Oak Lawn.

For registration, call (708) 423-6554.

PARK DISTRICT NOTES

As part of its summer selection of programs, the Oak Lawn Park District is offering four new classes, designed for a special population. For more information on these programs, call (708) 657-2200 or visit www.olparks.com.

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Gymnastics Exploration is a full hour of tumbling, balancing, jumping, climbing and swinging in the gymnastics arena of the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastic Center, 10444 S. Central Ave. This program, offered on Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m., July 1 through Aug. 5, will offer a fun and safe introduction to gymnastics for special-recreation participants, ages three to 18. Fee is $30 for residents, $40 for non-residents.

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Music and Movement is a special-recreation, low-impact fitness program, offered at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m., June 21 through Aug. 16, for ages 16 and older. Exercise with music to increase your range of motion, endurance and strength. Fee is $40 for residents, $50 for non-residents.

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Music Makers is a music-creation program for special-recreation participants ages 16 and older. Held at the Oak View Center on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., June 21 through Aug. 18, this class will include time to make music and lyrics as a group, plus time to perform together. The fee is $40 for residents, $50 for non-residents.

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Music for All Performance Group is offered for special-recreation participants ages 16 and older who would like to perform in a community choir. The basics of singing, music and performing will be taught on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oak View Center, June 21 through Aug. 16. The fee is $40 for residents, $50 for non-residents.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 21-25 – Vacation Bible School, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th and Kostner Ave., 9:15 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 21 – Monday – Nifty Fifties Senior Meeting, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, 1 p.m.

JUNE 21 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 22 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, 7 p.m.

JUNE 22 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JUNE 22 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JUNE 24 – Thursday – Picnic in the Park, Lawn Manor Park, 108th and Kostner Ave., Celebrate 1980's, Come dressed as your favorite 80's character or celebrity.

JUNE 24 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

JUNE 24 – Thursday – Legal & Ordinance Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 24 – Thursday – Worth Township Regular Board Meeting, 11601 Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 26 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 27 – Sunday – "Ask Anything Sunday," Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th and Kostner Ave., 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

JUNE 28 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 29 – Tuesday – Public Auction, Green Oaks Shopping Center, Southeast Corner of West 95th St. and S. Cicero Ave., 1:30 p.m.

JUNE 30 – Wednesday, Farmer's Market, Yorell Driver between 52nd Ave. and Cook Ave., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garden Club To Host Pot-Luck Picnic

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual pot-luck picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Center on Thursday, June 24th at 12 noon. There will be an auction after lunch. Members are asked to bring their white elephants.

For further information, call (708) 424-4846.

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

REVENUES

911 SURCHARGE TAX 481,138; 911 WIRELESS FEES 391,818; ALARM PERMITS 88,580; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE 132,248; AMORTIZATION BOND PREM/DISC 3,221,948; AMUSEMENT LICENSES 36,180; AUTO RENTAL TAX [illegible]; BOND ESCROW DISTRIBUTION 32,882; BUILDING PERMITS 203,755; BUSINESS REG PENALTIES 900; CABLE FRANCHISE FEE 468,943; CDBG PROCEEDS 327,887; CHARITABLE GAMESTAX 7,828; COMMUTER LOT TRANSFER 75,000; COOK COUNTYHEALTH DEPT 10,608; CORP PP REPLACEMENT 220,877; CURRENT LEVY VOL 11,746,968; CURRENT LEVY RD/BRIDGE 138,408; DAILY PARKING FEES 60,277; DCCA GRANT PROCEEDS 326,438; DELIVERY LICENSES 1,703; DEVELOPMENT BD FEES 3,782; DIVIDEND EARNINGS 307,542; DOG LICENSES 2,578; ELECTRICAL PERMITS 54,980; ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS 26,510; EMPLOYEE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS 1,177,818; EMPLOYEE TESTING FEES 2,600; FAMILY COUNSELING 72,327; FARMERS MARKET FEES 2,250; FEMA GRANT PROCEEDS 2,008; FIRE DEPT TRAINING 38,100; FIRE HYDRANT USER FEES 3,046; FIRE INSURANCE REBATE 32,448; FIRE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT 3,907; FORFEITED COUNTY FUNDS 23,811; FORFEITED FEDERAL FUNDS 91,986; FORFEITED STATE FUNDS 27,268; GAIN ON SALE OF INVESTMTS 98,312; GENERAL FUND TRANSFER 1,947,882; HEALTH & SANITATION 22,328; IDOT GRANT PROCEEDS 298,046; INTEREST EARNINGS 1,881,947; LEAF BAGS 28,170; LLEBG PROCEEDS 61,856; MANUFACTURING LICENSES 1,130; MARKET VALUE ADJUSTMENT 8,437,807; MERCHANDISE LICENSES 33,838; MISCELLANEOUS FEES 480; MISCELLANEOUS PRMTS 1,596; MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 137,088; MOTEL TAX 302,328; MOTEL & TRAILER LICENSES 18,970; MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT 1,587,888; MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND 900,000; MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES 831,884; MOTORBIKE LICENSES 5,237; OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES 33,083; OTHER FINES & PENALTIES 9,900; OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS 2,474,208; OTHER SERVICE CHARGE 6,977; PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE FEES 446,151; PARKING FINES 318,619; PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS 28,114; PLUMBING PERMITS 13,168; POLICE SERVICES 97,938; POLICE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT 4,823; PRIOR YEARS LEVY 88,831; QUARTERLY PASSES 62,830; RADIO SERVICES 709,820; R&B CORP RPLCMT OTHER 3,332; REAL ESTATE TRANSFER 1,174,878; REFUSE FUND TRANSFER 26,000; RENTALS 171,980; REZONING 2,678; SALE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY 1,608,110; SERVICE CHARGES 2,227,311; SERVICE TRADES 41,028; SEWER CHARGES 2,056,540; SEWER TAP-IN FEES 13,250; SPECIAL EVENTS FEES 110,304; SBA SALES TAX REVENUE 282,528; SBA TRANSFER 315,521; STATE HIGHWAY MAINT 129,690; STATE INCOME TAX 3,394,478; STATE SALES TAX 11,849,475; STATE USE TAX 497,736; SUBDIVISION FEES 3,890; TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX 364,305; TOBACCO LICENSES 6,929; TRAFFIC FINES 259,718; TRANS/INIT LIQUOR LICENSES 250; US DEPT OF JUSTICE 4,757; U.S. E.P.A. GRANT 55,262; VEHICLE REPLACEMENT 7,456; VENDING 22,328; WATER & SEWER FUND 856,059; WATER FOR CONSTRUCTION 5,267; WATER SALES OAK LAWN 4,477,367; WATER SALES OTHER COMMUNITIES 13,991,284; WATER TAP-IN FEES 57,158

DISBURSEMENTS

3M YAA2252 25,686.61; 911 SOFTWARE, LLC 5,350.00; 95TH & PULASKI, L.L.C. 62,499.09; A-AWESOME AMUSEMENTS 11,550.00; A.E.C. FIRE-SAFETY, INC. 19,202.67; A.F.L.A.C. 4,034.52; A.I.D. RADIATOR SERVICE 7,005.54; A.T. KULOVITZ & ASSOC. 7,837.75; ADLER ROOFING 42,253.00; ADMIRAL STEEL CORP. 3,624.19; ADVANCED PUBLIC SAFETY 48,559.26; ADVOCATE OCCUPATIONAL HLT 14,198.00; AETNA HEALTH PLANS 3,957.56; AETNA TRUCK PARTS 3,177.03; AFSCME COUNCIL 31 52,010.20; AHDAN & DANA ZAHDAN 4,800.00; AIR ONE EQUIPMENT 4,551.78; AJ UNIFORM 13,657.38; ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORP. 2,912.75; ALLDATA 3,990.00; ALSIP LAWNMOWER INC. 4,250.15; AMALGAMATED BANK 2,474,932.54; AMERICAN COMPUTER 7,298.45; AMERICAN TOPSOIL INC. 19,435.00; AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN 3,326.50; AMERITECH 32,615.37; AMIKUS RESCUE SYSTEMS 3,030.00; ANDREW CARROLL 3,733.80; ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE 3,837.00; ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER 407,865.14; ARTLYNN PHOTO SERVICE 4,476.63; ASC PUMPING EQUIPMENT 2,529.74; ASSOCIATED PROPERTY 3,500.00; ATTORNEY JEFFREY S. VOLLEN 3,850.00; AUTOMATION SERVICES 9,202.95; AVALON PETROLEUM 30,496.00; AWESOME AMUSEMENTS 4,635.00; AZA CONSTRUCTION 3,178.00; BARNES DISTRIBUTION 38,426.10; BEATTY LUMBER CO. 8,367.48; BECHSTEIN CONSTRUCTION CO 4,500.00; BENEFITS SYSTEMS&SERVICES 51,434.00; BEST TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS 20,055.00; BILL JACOB JOLIET 2,808.49; BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION 4,143.90; BRETT EQUIPMENT CORP. 9,687.24; BRUNSWICK ARENA 5,756.00; BUCKINGHAMS MUSIC LTD. 3,250.00; C & L ELECTRICAL SUPPLY 24,975.21; CALVIN BOLZ 3,684.21; CAR REFLECTIONS 4,075.00; CARL & GINA COURTWRIGHT 3,200.00; CARQUEST OF BURBANK 29,199.31; CARSON PIRIE SCOTT & CO. 6,000.00; CARY E. GLOODT 3,743.00; CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. 40,632.71; CED-EFENGEE 77,624.78; CENTRAL BLACKTOP CO. INC. 663,534.23; CENTRAL PARTS WAREHOUSE 11,055.32; CERTIFIED FLEET SERVICES 37,604.96; CHARLES EHRENHAFT 7,368.72; CHEMICAL PUMP SALES 5,931.14; CHERI P. TOBOLSKI 18,500.00; CHICAGO BADGE CO. 8,346.64; CHICAGO BANDAG 25,548.17; CHICAGO BEER DISTRIBUTORS 2,505.00; CHICAGO SOUTHLAND 71,550.17; CHICAGO TRUCK SALES & 2,898.10; CHICAGO WHITE SOX 14,357.50; CHIEF SUPPLY CORP. 6,045.59; CHRISTINE MAGUIRE 3,426.60; CHUCK CAVALLINI 30,201.70; CHUCK SHANE, AMERICAN 34,860.00; CIMCO COMMUNICATIONS INC. 34,573.06; CINGULAR WIRELESS 16,018.48; CINTAS CORPORATION 13,656.71; CINTAS CORPORATION #030 2,812.74; CITY INT'L. TRUCKS INC. 3,389.01; CITY OF CHICAGO 16,394,018.75; CITY OF OAK FOREST 4,134.32; CIVIC SYSTEMS, LLC 49,877.50; CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL 22,684.06; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT CT. 566,619.00; CLERK OF WHITE CIRCUIT CT 7,886.76; COAST TO COAST 7,617.68; COMMONWEALTH EDISON 1,115,098.52; COMMUNICATIONS DIRECT INC 4,920.75; COMPLETE PLUMBING CO INC 4,598.00; COMTECH GROUP USA, INC. 28,382.00; CONCENTRA MEDICAL SERVICE 11,685.44; CONSERV 6,073.80; CONTINUOUS GRAPHICS INC. 11,084.00; COOK CO BUREAU OF I. 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Oak Lawn's Fourth Of July Celebration

Fun, freedom and culture are on the agenda at this year's Oak Lawn Park District Star Spangled Fourth of July celebration to be held on Sunday, July 4th in Memorial Park, 102nd St. and Major Ave.

This annual free event will feature classic family activities, including the Seemore the Eagle Children's Bike Parade, the Kid's Fishing Derby, petting zoo and pony rides. The event will also be the showcase for the 3rd annual Children's Clothesline Art Festival. The art festival is a display of patriotic posters made by kids with crayons, markers, paints or other media under the theme, "Time Flies When You're Having Fun." The contest is open to all children ages 6 through 12; contest deadline is Monday, June 28th.

New this year at the event is an inflatable slide, a bean-bag tournament, a treasure hunt, plus a midway festival design with arts and crafts vendors on one side and family games on the other.

Once the daytime festivities end at Memorial Park, free evening entertainment will be offered at the football field at Richards High School, 106th St. and Central Ave. Gates will open at 6:30. The park district's gymnastics group – the Pirouettes – will put on a demonstration at 7:30, followed by American music from the band, City Lights Orchestra.

Following the concert there will be a spectacular freedom fireworks show set to patriotic music. The fireworks – designed by Melrose Pyrotechnics – are co-sponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn.

Admission is free to both Memorial Park and Richards High School. The rain date for the event is Monday, July 5th. For more information on the Fourth of July festivities, or to receive an entry form for the Children's Clothesline Art Festival, or to reserve exhibitor space for the arts and crafts fair, call (708) 857-2200 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

The complete schedule is as follows:

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Miniature golf at the Stony Creek Golf Complex (half-price fees).

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Arts & crafts fair; concessions.

9:15 a.m. – Seemore the Eagle Children's Bike Parade decorating and lineup at the Stony Creek southwest parking lot; kickoff at 9:30.

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Petting zoo ($1); pony rides ($1); inflatable slide (50 cents); face painting (75 cents); tattoos (25 cents).

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Kids' Garage Sale; Water Wars ($1); Bubble Table; 3-on-3 basketball tournament ($10/team); Hot Shot Free-Throw Contest ($1); carnival games (25-50 cents); dunk tank (25 cents); Games Galore (25 cents).

10:30 a.m. – Kids' Treasure Hunt.

11 to 11:45 a.m. – Circus Boy.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Bean-bag Tournament (50 cents); Nature activities; Family games; Kid's craft (50 cents); Adult bingo; Sand-castle building.

11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. – Open swim at Memorial Children's Pool ($1).

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Kids' Fishing Derby.

Noon – 3rd annual Children's Clothesline Art Festival award presentation.

Noon to 2 p.m. – Big Wheel Races; Mud Obstacle Course.

1 to 1:45 p.m. – Walk on the Wild Side Animal Show.

1:30 to 4 p.m. – Long-drive contest at Stony Creek Golf Complex.

7:30 p.m. – Pirouettes Gymnastics Demonstration at Richards High School.

8 p.m. – Live music by the City Lights Orchestra at Richards High School.

Dusk – Fireworks at Richards High School (co-sponsored by the Village of Oak Lawn).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where Have All The People Gone

The world prison population stands about 8.75 million people, according to the Home Office, a government office in the UK. The United States accounts for over 2,000,000 of the incarceries, boasting the highest rate of incarceration in the world. The U.S. incarcerates 686 of every 100,000 people, or about one in every 75 adults. Respectably high prison rates are also found in other tar-and-feather jurisdictions, including South Africa at 404 per 100,000, Bermuda at 447, the U.S. Virgin Islands at 414, Dominica at 420, the Ukraine at 406, Belarus at 554, and the Cayman Islands (land of Offshore Banks and Enronites) at 664 per 100,000 – people that is.

Softie countries include France with 75 people behind bars per 100,000, Colombia coddles 153, and Fidel Cuba 297 per 100,000 (when Guantanemo Bay is not in session).

Understandably, most people don't give a thought about the world's prison population. Neither do I. But people behind the iron curtain hardly think of anything else. Incarceries are miserable. This freedom hurts, that freedom hurts. All inmates do is complain that their freedoms are sore.

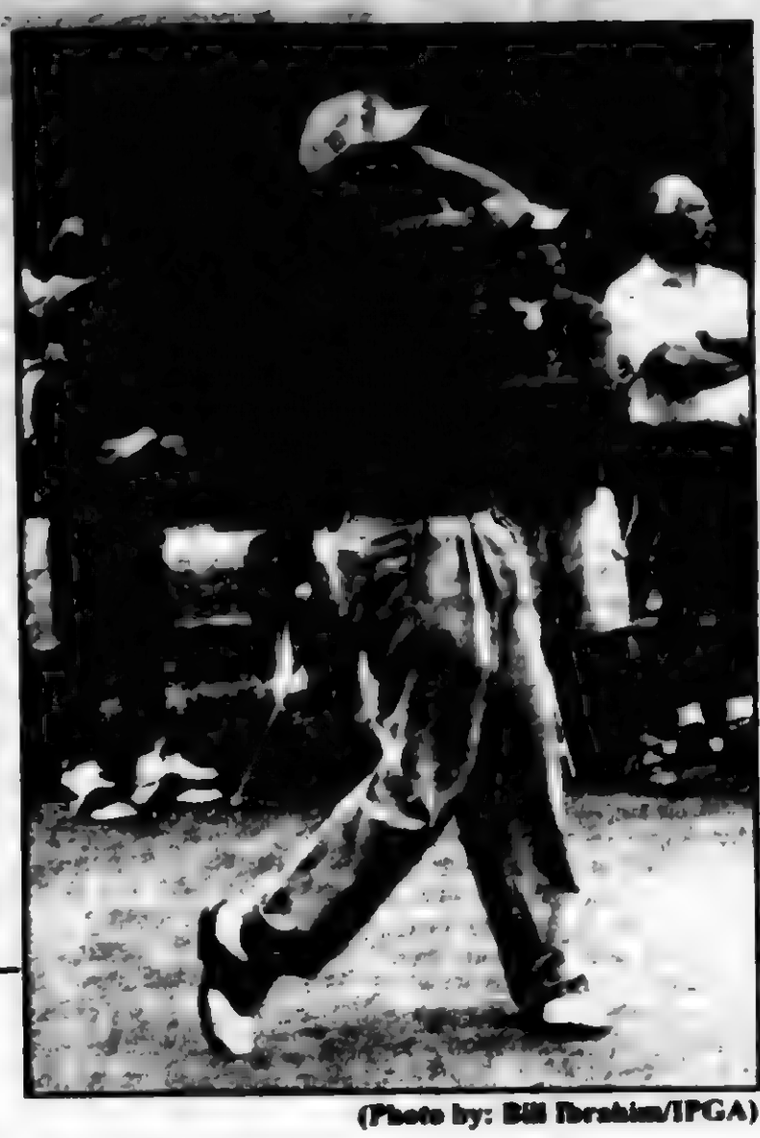
In more civilized times, incarceries were gladiators like Spartacus. They could fight and die with honor in the arena. Vikings and pirates had fewer incarceries. But this is the 21st Century, a neo-Dark Age with crusades and prohibitions – a time when one's hand holds a mouse, and one's mind holds mush and Internet stew. Or is it the 22nd Century. Never mind.

s/s James E. [illegible]
Oak Lawn

Brett Melton Qualifies For 100th Western Open

Midlothian Country Club assistant golf professional Brett Melton recently qualified to play in the 2004 100th Western Open at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club June 28 to July 4. Brett has been a golf professional at Midlothian for three years. He qualified for the Open as a result of his recent second place finish in the Illinois Section Championship, at one under par for three rounds at Royal Melbourne Country Club in Long Grove. In 2003, Brett won the PGA Assistant's Championship and the Illinois PGA Assistant Player of the Year, and was the Illinois PGA Fall Classic Champion. This will be his first PGA Tour event. At Midlothian, Brett has the reputation of being a top-notch golf professional with a personality to match. A large Midlothian Country Club cheering "brigade" plans to be on hand to follow Brett at the Open.

Brett is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana. He and his wife Tanya and their two year-old son, Brock, reside in Monee.



(Photo by: Bill Ibrahim/IPGA)

Retired Reporter Joe Hurley Walks Across America

Joe Hurley, a retired newspaper reporter from Danbury, CT, who is walking across America on U.S. 6 (Torrence Ave., 159th Street, and Southwest Highway), crossed the Indiana/Illinois State Line on Wednesday, June 16.

After taking several days off to meet with family and friends in Chicago, Joe will resume his walk on Monday, June 21 near the state line, continuing west along U.S. 6 through the Southland to Joliet.

Joe Hurley can be reached for interviewww at (cell)203-731-1745, and his e-mail is japhurley @hotmail.com.

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by James C. Liang, M.D. -Retinal Specialist

AN EYE TOWARD THE FOURTH OF JULY

While Independence Day is certainly good cause for celebration, fireworks should be viewed with great caution. Each Fourth of July, approximately 11,000 individuals visit emergency rooms with fireworks-related injuries, 18 percent of which involve eye injuries. Young people under the age of 25 account for two-thirds of all firework injuries, and an estimated 10 percent of these injuries are permanent, such as the loss of an eye. It should be noted that even such seemingly harmless fireworks as sparklers account for three-quarters of all fireworks-related injuries to children under age five. Sparklers, which have bright sparks that are irresistible to children, burn hot enough to melt gold. Enjoy the Fourth, but leave the fireworks to trained professionals.

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Spider-Man Visits The Field Museum

Marvel's Amazing Spider-Man will be "swinging by" The Field Museum's Underground Adventure exhibition from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Thursday, July 1 and Friday, July 2. Spider-Man will meet and greet visitors and pose for photos. A ticket to Underground Adventure is required for the Spider-Man event. Tickets are $17 for adults, $14 senior citizens and students, $8 for children 3-11 (tickets include general Museum admission). Visitors should bring their own cameras.

Spider-Man will feel right at home in the Underground Adventure exhibition, where soil-dwelling animals are shown 100 times their life size – including a giant animatronic wolf spider. Underground Adventure is celebrating its fifth anniversary and has attracted more than two million visitors. It creates an environment where visitors are "shrunk" to the size of a bug and experience the vast diversity of plant and animal life just below the Earth's surface.

Bradley University Reception At Hilton

The Bradley University Admissions Office will host a reception on Monday, June 28th for area high school students interested in attending Bradley.

The reception will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling (800) 447-6460. Information on summer receptions may be found on the Bradley web site at www.bradley.edu/admissions/student.

The reception will include a formal program with information about admissions, financial assistance and scholarships.

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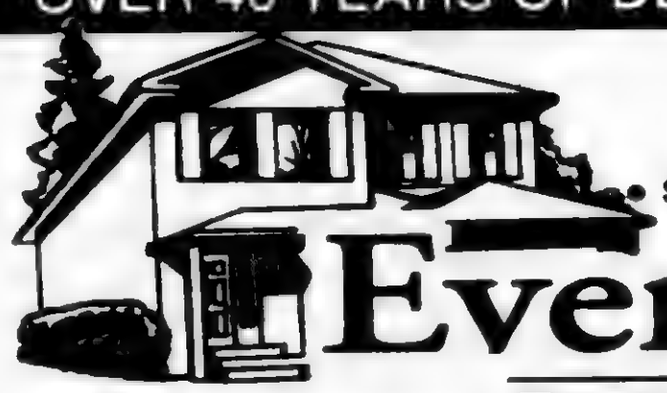

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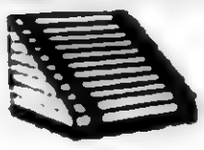

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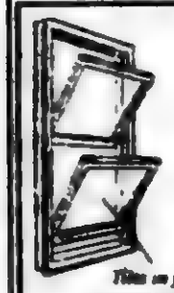

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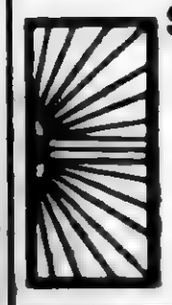

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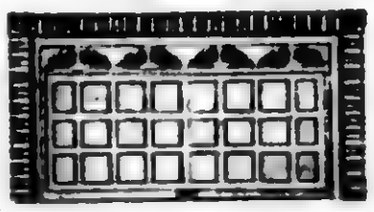

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EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

Tourism Funding Cuts

Even as counties, cities, regional government associations, local and statewide business associations are passing resolutions representing hundreds of Illinois cities and sending them to the governor to ask for reconsideration of the proposed cuts in tourism funding in the 2005 state budget, newly issued statistics by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce show the largest loss of overseas traffic to Chicago and the state on record in 2003.

The loss to the $20 billion a year Illinois tourism industry of 221,000 overseas travelers, or 23% of its most valuable visitors, represents tens of millions of dollars in lost spending, according to Visit Illinois, the state's public/private sector tourism association.

"The 27% loss in traffic from Germany alone is estimated as a $13 million loss in revenue and equates to the loss of nearly 200 jobs," said Visit Illinois Chairman Russ Salzman. "And the loss of visitors from Japan to Illinois was three times that of the decline to the U.S."

The decline from 1,001,000 overseas visitors in 2002 to 780,000 in 2003 occurred following a cut in state international tourism funding last year, and further cuts are proposed in the administration's 2005 state budget.

Overall cuts of approximately $25 million to the state tourism marketing budget this year with additional cuts of another $25 million proposed for next year may cost the state as many as 30,000 jobs and $1.2 billion in visitor spending – and a $100 million loss in state taxes, according to Visit Illinois forecasts.

In a flurry of activity, counties, individual cities and local government and business associations representing some 300 communities across the state have been passing resolutions and sending them to the governor and legislative leaders asking retention of the existing base tourism budget from fiscal 2004.

Illinois counties, including such disparate entities as Cook County representing Chicago and many of its suburbs to Joe Daviess representing Galena, have sent resolutions to the governor as well as regional mayors and managers associations, local and regional chambers of commerce, and individual corporations.

Adding to the outcry are resolutions from the statewide tourism associations, such as the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Assn., the Illinois Restaurant Assn. and the Illinois Council of Convention & Visitors Bureaus, as well as tens of thousands of individual letters and emails on a grassroots level across the state.

"There is no question that these proposed cuts have touched a nerve across the state," said Salzman in addressing the issue. "We are most hopeful that the legislature and the Administration will realize the losses in dollars and jobs that will result if such action is taken."

"This is not just about this year. We are sacrificing significant market share to our competitors at the worst possible time for the State of Illinois and its hospitality industry."

Proud To Be A Fellow Illinoisan

Following is a statement from Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr. as America mourns the death of President Ronald Reagan: "As a citizen of this great country, I have witnessed and participated in the political process both locally and nationally. And while philosophical differences will always exist, I believe that all American Presidents have shared the same basic philosophy – the welfare of the American people is first.

That philosophy, combined with his incredible ability to connect with the American people, was what allowed President Reagan to enjoy such immense support across the country. From his humble beginnings right here in Illinois, his rise to the Presidency is a true demonstration that with hard work and determination, anyone can do anything.

At this time of great sadness, we should be filled with immense pride that one of our own had the honor to lead our great nation. I would encourage all residents to take a moment out of their day to reflect upon the accomplishments of a fellow Illinoisan."

"Under God" Remains In The Pledge

U.S. Senate candidate Jack Ryan, responding to news that the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals which struck the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, released the following statement:

"Thank God for giving this Supreme Court the common sense to overturn a ridiculous ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. To demand that the two words, 'under God' should be stricken from the Pledge of Allegiance as 'unconstitutional' is simply absurd, and I'm pleased that wiser heads prevailed.

"What this case points out more than anything else, of course, is the need to appoint and confirm judges to the federal bench who have some basic common sense. The federal bench has too many judges whose views simply don't reflect the American experience, or the common bonds that tie us together as a community What we need instead are judges who understand the Constitution, believe in it, and are committed to strictly interpreting it – not rewriting it."

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Tuesday evening, June 22nd, the 7:30 public meeting scheduled by the Village of Oak Lawn promises to be one of the more animated and contentious exercises in recent memory. The primary issue revolves around the proposed building of a regional five-story parking garage on 95th St., to be used primarily by Metra riders commuting from neighboring municipalities.

Members of a group calling themselves the "Cook County Tax Watch" contend that Oak Lawn taxpayers have had no appreciable input in selecting the 95th Street site, yet will be expected to cough up about 14 million dollars for the project.

The "Tax Watchers" contend that at a previous meeting earlier this month (June 8th) over 200 observers expressed their dissatisfaction to said project. They have also suggested that an open house should be scheduled so that supposed changes in village planning, expansion of the TIF district, the potential congestion on 95th Street and the need for more parking be addressed. Some citizens have even suggested that this program be decided by letting the taxpayers consider a referendum.

The elected Oak Lawn Village officials look to have their hands full and with a municipal election on the horizon (April '05) we expect them to move judiciously in allaying any fears that rumors or innuendoes may have ignited.

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Congratulations to Cook County Board President John Stroger on his being honored by the United Negro College Fund Saturday (June 12) with the Fund's Legacy Award. The awards ceremony took place at the Fourth annual Black & White Ball, held in the Sheraton Hotel and Towers Chicago Ballroom.

President Stroger, a longtime supporter of the College Fund, is a graduate of a UNCF-member institution, Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This annual event benefits the College Fund and seeks to "pay tribute to the exceptional efforts of those who have uniquely supported the UNCF and who have made a positive and lasting impact on our college-bound youth and future leaders."

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It's about time! After months of negotiations, Governor Rod Blagojevich has announced that the state and AFSCME Council 31 have reached a tentative agreement on a four-year contract. Over the next several weeks, AFSCME's 85 local unions will vote on ratification of the agreement, before the new fiscal year begins on July 1st.

According to the governor's spokesperson, the Governor stated "we're pleased that together, we arrived at a contract agreement that is both fair to state workers and responsible, given the state's financial difficulties. We look forward to the contracts ratification."

Details of the tentative agreement will not be available until it is ratified by union members. AFSCME Council 31, the state's largest employee union, represents about 37,000 state workers.

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Running For Kicks, located in Palos Heights, is pleased to announce that the "Pink Ribbon 5K Run/Walk" to benefit Breast Cancer Research will be held Saturday, June 26th. The run/walk will start at 8 a.m. behind the Palos Heights Recreation Dept., 6601 W. 127th St. (2 blocks west of Ridgeland). Thirteen age-groups will be recognized with trophies for the winning finishers (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Preregistration is $20 per entrant; $23 on race day. For more information call Mel Dieb at (708) 448-9200.

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Looking to get that car clean for Dad this weekend? This Saturday, June 19th, Burbank Boy Scout Troop 683 is holding a car wash fundraiser from 9 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. at the Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church, 80th and Central. The cost is your generous donation. The troop is raising money for new camping equipment. Let's support these ambitious youngsters.

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A benefit will be held Saturday, June 26th from 2 to 6 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park for 33-year-old Beverly native Dennis Moster. In July, Dennis suffered a tragic accident, a 10 foot fall which left him a quadraplegic. This benefit, organized by friends and neighbors of Dennis, is being held to help his family defray some of the costs associated with his care. Tickets at $25 include food, beverages and entertainment. Raffle tickets will also be available for prizes including two round trip tickets anywhere within the continental US; an evening downtown with hotel and dinner; a $500 gift certificate to Bloomingdales, and more. Winners need not be present.

For information on the fund raiser or to make a donation, call (773) 447-9413 or visit the Web site, www.dennismosterbenefit.com.

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A variety of events are going on in the upcoming weeks in Oak Lawn which readers should find enjoyable. Initially, the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation will be hosting their "11th Annual All You Can Eat & Drink" pig roast (with beef and lamb also) on Saturday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Stony Creek Golf Course. Feast on salads, corn, potatoes, the works, including an open bar. Don't miss the first big picnic of the summer which includes dancing, music, raffles and more. Tickets for the picnic dinner are $40 each.

The golf and dinner ticket, still just $90, includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and dinner. Golf reservations are necessary. Call Julie Ryan at (708) 857-2200 for reservations.

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On Sunday, June 27th, the Village of Oak Lawn will treat residents and their friends to the music of "Now & Then," from 7 to 10 p.m. on the Village Green. The entertainment is free. Bring your own blankets and chairs as seating is not available.

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The Village will open its Farmers' Market Wednesday, June 30th, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh fruit and vegetables, flavored oils, vinegar's & cider, bedding plants, potted flowers and a variety of house plants will be featured. The Farmers' Market is located at Yourell Drive, between 52nd and Cork avenues.

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Congratulations to Little Company of Mary Hospital on the Blessing and Dedication Ceremony of their latest neighborhood health facility. The new 5,400-square-foot adult medical facility was opened to address the disparities in access to health care that exist for the population in the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood. The facility is located at 95th St. and Halsted Ave. For more information call (708) 422-6200.

Kevin Joyce Sponsors Teens Trip

State Rep. Kevin Joyce, in conjunction with TAPZZ, will be sponsoring a trip for high school teens to Great America on Friday, July 9th. The bus will be leaving from the Beverly Art Center (2407 W. 111th St., Chicago, the west side of the parking lot) at 10 a.m. sharp. Expected time of return to the B.A.C. is estimated at 9:45 p.m. Permission slips are required for this event. They can be obtained either at the Representative's offices: 3017 W. 111th St. in Chicago or 6965 W. 111th St. in Worth.

The cost of the event is $30, which covers transportation as well as entry into the park. The permission slips are due on or before June 30, at either of the offices listed above.

For additional questions feel free to phone (773) 298-0035.

Mayor Richard M. Daley was joined by other elected officials and community leaders during a recent press conference where he urged lawmakers to pass common-sense legislation that would protect gun owners' rights and public safety. On display were some of the 3,710 firearms the Chicago police have confiscated so far this year. The police have seized more than 180,000 guns in the last 10 years, including 10,033 last year.

"I've been fighting for years to get guns like these off the streets of Chicago," Daley said. "But at the same time, I've also upheld the rights of legal gun owners in Illinois. I believe reasonable people can find a middle ground on an issue that is so important to our state. We can protect our citizens from gun violence while also protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners."

Daley Urges Common-Sense Law

Mayor Richard M. Daley recently called on the General Assembly to pass legislation that protects both the rights of gun owners and the safety of the public, and to defeat bills that would put more guns on the streets of Illinois cities.

The mayor spoke at a news conference at Chicago Police Headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., next to a display of some of the 3,710 firearms the Chicago police have confiscated so far this year. The police have seized more than 180,000 guns in the last 10 years, including 10,033 last year.

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The mayor decried the fatal shooting that took place recently near Wrigley Field when a passenger in an SUV killed a pedestrian during a traffic altercation.

"Under any other circumstances, a dispute like this would have ended in a shouting match, or at worst, a fistfight," he said. "But because a gun was handy, one man is dead and another is being held for murder."

Daley called for passage of bills that would:

- Close the gun-show loophole, by requiring background checks on those who buy guns at shows.
- Limit handgun sales to one per person per month.
- Ban assault weapons.
- Require gun dealers to be licensed by the state.
- Increase criminal penalties for felons who are caught with handguns.

He also called for the defeat of bills that would:

- Permit retired military police and retired peace officers to carry concealed firearms.
- Allow 18-year-olds to buy rifles and shotguns without parental consent.
- Undercut local ordinances banning handguns in Chicago and several other communities. The bill allows those charged with violating a handgun ban to use as an affirmative defense that they were protecting a home or business.

"There are already far too many guns on the streets of our cities," Daley said. "We don't need to open the floodgates to even more of them. That's the responsible point of view in this debate."

Servicemember's Group Insurance Program

Members of the military are covered by insurance under a program called the Servicemember's Group Life Insurance, more commonly known as SGLI.

Available to those on active duty as well as in the reserves, it is purchased by the government from private insurers and is partially subsidized by the government.

Service members are automatically insured for up to $250,000 unless they opt out in writing. Otherwise, a part of the premium is deducted from their paychecks. Insurability is guaranteed when first given the opportunity to elect SGLI. After that, military personnel who want to acquire coverage may be subject to insurability determinations.

As of June 2001, SGLI coverage was extended to insurable dependents, including spouses and all unmarried children under the age of 18, plus those over 18 but younger than 23 who attended an approved educational institution.

A spouse is eligible for up to $100,000 of coverage or for the same level as the military member's SGLI if coverage is less than $100,000. Every dependent child of the military member is eligible for $10,000 of coverage.

SGLI coverage includes 120 days following separation or release from duty. No premiums are required during the additional period.

Service members may lose entitlement to SGLI based on their duty status at the time of death (i.e., death occurs during extended absence without leave, better known as AWOL, or while serving a term of confinement) or other miscellaneous facts (i.e., following refusal to serve due to conscientious objector status or following the conviction of certain serious crimes).

Any area military base can provide assistance to service personnel and their families through the Legal Assistance Office. Further information is also available in a free brochure from the Illinois State Bar Association entitled "Called To Duty."

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association-member lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

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Sponsor Kayaking Workshop

"Kayak Kollege," an introduction to kayaking workshop sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Saturday, June 19th with two workshops offered, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration and a fee of $25 per person are required for these workshops for persons at least 10 years of age.

"Kayak Kollege" will be led by Northwest Passage, an American Canoe Assn. certified instructor. Basic instruction and safety are covered, and participants will have plenty of time out on the waters of Monee Reservoir to try out new skills. All equipment is provided, including life jackets. Youngsters between 10 and 14 years old must be accompanied by a paying adult. The workshop is offered in partnership with Erehwon Mountain Outfitters.

To register, call (815) 727-8700.

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8th Annual Chicago SummerDance Festival

Get ready to dance at the eighth annual *Chicago SummerDance* festival of public dancing to a variety of live music outdoors in Grant Park. Preceded by dance lessons, *Chicago SummerDance* kicks off on Thursday, June 17th with the Mediterranean rumba sounds of the popular local ensemble *Bandoleros* and continues through Sunday, Aug. 29th in the Spirit of Music Garden, 601 S. Michigan Ave. Admission is free.

The 11-week festival features one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors, followed by two hours of live music and dancing on a 3,500 square foot open-air dance floor, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, 6 to 9:30, and Sunday after-noon, 4 to 7 p.m., weather permitting. *Chicago SummerDance* is organized by the Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs. For more information, call the hotline at (312) 742-4007 or visit www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalAffairs/SummerDance/.

This year, *Chicago SummerDance* expands with the addition of the DJ Series that will feature local and international DJs spinning three hours of various styles of electronic dance music. Legendary local DJ Derrick Carter kicks off the inaugural week of the new 10-week-long Wednesday night series running June 23rd to Aug. 25th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Unlike the other nights of the *Chicago SummerDance* program, there will be no dance lessons offered on Wednesday evenings.

The festival is grouped into themes featuring the DJ Series and electronic dance music on Wednesdays, world music ensembles on Thursdays, "popular nights" featuring jazz, Latin, country and funk on Fridays and Saturdays, and ballroom on Sundays.

Opening weekend also features dancing to the big-band sounds of the Chicago Jazz Orchestra featuring Frieda Lee, preceded by swing dance lessons on Friday, June 18th; classic salsa from Angel Melendez and Orquesta Arallue following salsa and merengue lessons on Saturday, June 19th; and Franz Benteler's Royal Strings Orchestra plays ballroom music after samba lessons on Sunday, June 20th.

Throughout the rest of the summer, visitors can mambo, cha cha cha, tango, rumba, jitterbug, fox trot, 2-step and more. *Chicago SummerDance* features an eclectic and international selection of dance instruction and music. The popular standards of Latin, ballroom, big band, and swing are scheduled as well as a wide variety of international folk and world music.

In the event of rain, performances will be cancelled for that afternoon or evening. Updates are announced on the hotline.

Parade Queen Contest

Joanne Spata, President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans announces that the committee is seeking young girls, between the ages of 18 and 23, to join the Columbus Day Parade Queen Contest. The contest will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19th in the Empire Room of the Palmer House beginning at 8 a.m.

Participants must be single, of Italian descent and reside in Chicago or Chicago's metropolitan area.

The lucky girl to be selected as queen will receive a cash prize of $1,000, two complimentary round-trip, main-cabin promotional tickets on American Airlines or American Eagle to any destination in the continental United States.

For applications, call (708) 450-9050 or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, 3800 Division St., Stone Park, IL 60165.

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Clare de Montefalco School class of 1971 is seeking alumni. Contact class 1971reunion@yahoo.com.

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St. Agnes School class of 1954 is planning a 2004 reunion. Contact Barbara Lupien at (708) 747-9194.

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Lindblom High School class of January 1954 seeks alumni. Call (708) 687-6179.

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Wentworth High School class of 1955 seeks alumni. Call (630) 789-6803.

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Most Holy Redeemer Grammar School class of 1954 will meet next year. Call (847) 827-5688.

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Hometown Elementary School class of 1980 seeks alumni. Call (408) 288-4458.

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St. Benedict School – looking for all alumni. Call (708) 371-5519.

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Kelly High School, classes of January and June 1954, plan a 50-year reunion for Oct. 3rd. Call (708) 460-7150.

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Argo Community High School, classes of 1954 and 1955, will meet in the fall of 2005. Call (708) 598-4460 or (708) 458-4067.

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Bloom High School class of 1939 seeks alumni. Call (708) 756-2315.

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Amundsen High School class of 1974 – 30th reunion – Sept. 4th – Indian Lakes Resort. Call (630) 369-8121.

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Heritage Theatre Will Present "Fools"

Heritage Theatre Company (HTC) will present the comic fable "Fools" by America's favorite playwright, Neil Simon, for two weekends, June 18 and 19 and June 25 and 26.

Performances will be given on Lewis University's outdoor Terrace Stage located on the lawn behind the Philip Lynch Theatre on Lewis University's main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville.

The lawn opens at 7 p.m. for picnics and the show begins at 8 p.m. The comic fable, family-friendly fare will run approximately ninety-minutes.

Reservations are not necessary. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. If the weather turns inclement, call (815) 836-5480 for cancellation updates or check the HTC Web site at www.heritagetheatrecompany.com.

Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, food and beverages. Concessions of hot dogs, popcorn, candy, soda and coffee will also be available.

Two-Day Beverly Arts Fair

One of the city's most esteemed cultural institutions, the Beverly Arts Center, located in Chicago's historic and diverse Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood, will host the two-day Beverly Arts Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20.

The fair will be held in the Center's parking lot at 2407 W. 111th Street and include an eclectic mix of fine arts & crafts works as well as music and food. Hours are 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

For fair information and updates, visit our website www.chicagoevents.com or call (773) 868-3010. Among those performing at the fair's outdoor stage are: Saturday, June 19th, Carey Ott (4:30 p.m.) and Anne Harris and Mike Himebaugh (from Hello Dave) at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20th , blueprintmusic (2:30 p.m.) and the Mighty Blue Kings' Jerry De Vivo (4:30 p.m.).

In addition, the Center will host an indoor evening concert on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. featuring legendary Chicago electric blues artist Corky Siegel. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased in advance by calling the Center at (773) 445-3838 or on our website as follows www.beverlyartcenter.org. If not sold out in advance, they will also be available at the door.

Program Offers A Movie Camp For Kids Who Love Movies

The Young Chicago Critics program is an intensive "movie camp" for kids who love movies and love sharing their thoughts and opinions. This summer, kids ages 7-14 from all over the city will have the opportunity to explore the art of really "seeing" a movie as the Chicago International Children's Film Festival presents Young Chicago Critics 2004 at Facets Multi-Media, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., Wednesday, June 23rd through Thursday, July 2nd.

"The YCC program is an extraordinary experience for children," said Nicole Dreiske, Director of Children's Programs. "It offers them the chance to analyze and discuss films, from around the world, with their peers." Using cutting-edge technology support, kids write scripts, perform, learn visual techniques, and complete the camp by filming their own mini-movie. Led by filmmakers, teachers, critics and producers, the YCC program will give children the skills they need to make their own short films, and think critically about what they see in films, on television and the Internet. The 5th day of camp, gives children the chance to get on-camera with another Young Critic, and talk about films using the skills they have acquired.

"Kids have a great time learning how to 'read' the messages that filmmakers put into movies," said Kerensa Peterson, Camp Director. Young critics who complete all parts of the program will receive special film critic's "credentials" at a graduation and screening on July 2nd. Graduates of the program will be invited to participate in the Festival's Children's Jury in August. Four Young Chicago Critics will also be selected as delegates to the prestigious Giffoni International Children's Film Festival in Italy.

Two sessions, one for kids 7-10 and one for 11-14 year olds, will be held daily at Facets Multimedia. With support from the Illinois Film Office, the Best Buy Children's Foundation and the Elizabeth Morse Genius Trust, almost 75% of the children attending the camp receive full scholarships.

For more information or to arrange interviews, contact Kathleen Beckman at (773) 281-9075 or kidsfest@facets.org.

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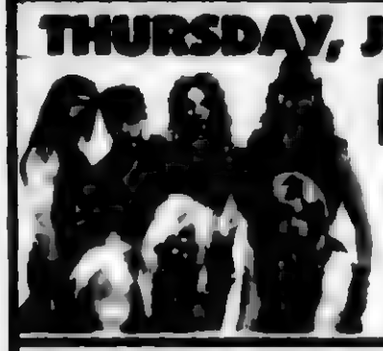

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Some Bands Appearing In Crestwood's Look Out Summerfest

The Country Roads Band originated in Crete, Illinois in 1981, and in the words of band leader and owner Tom Gurney "We have been southern rockin ever since."

The Country Roads Band was started in 1981 by Tom Gurney and his sister, after three years in the music industry, they added Al Joseph, Travis Fugate, and Fred Shelby to the band. Soon after that in 1985, they became the back-up and road band for country artist Freddy Fender. In the 80's and 90's, they opened several shows for Dave Allen Coe over the years, and became the backup band for the late great US99 DJ John "Katmen" Katzbeck, and sold over 50,000 CD's and cassette's as his band, until his unfortunate death in 1994.

All through the 80's and 90's the Country Roads Band opened for hundreds of stars in rock, country, blues, pop, even working with such politicians as Mayor Richard Daley and Jerry Springer.

Toby Keith, Joe Stampley, Charlie Daniels, Alabama, Confederate Railroad, Kentucky Headhunters, Molly Hatchet, have all used the Country Roads Band to help with their show. In 2003, marking their 22nd year in the music industry, the Country Roads Band joined forces with the great talent of Mister Bernie Glim. Now just watch as the New Bernie Glim and Country Roads Band put the midwest under their musical charm, playing everything from Hank Williams to Frank Sinatra, they will leave you wanting more from any of their shows.

The Marshall Tucker Band, 30 years and counting... "The buying public never really cared whether we were country or rock and roll," says founding member Doug Gray. "They called us a Southern rock band, but we have always played everything from country to blues and all things in-between. We're still playing all of the classic songs, but we are moving ahead into other styles as well. We're also playing for a younger audience than we have in the past, perhaps to the kids of the fans we played in front of in the 70's and 80's." Gray also notes that people have gotten "married and buried" to classic MTB songs like "Desert Skies" and "Can't You See." After nearly 30 years, The Marshall Tucker Band continues to be labeled classic rock and country radio, and they have never stopped touring.

Years of rigorous tour schedules earned the band the respect of critics and countless dedicated fans. With hit singles like "Heard It In a Love Song," "Fire On The Mountain," "Can't You See," and "Take The Highway," The Marshall Tucker Band earned seven gold and three platinum albums while they were on the Capricorn Records label.

With a two minute recording called "Kind of a Drag," five teenagers from Chicago's west side, found themselves propelled into the national spotlight. Neighborhood kids drawn together by music, they had landed a spot on a local teen showcase and managed to record a song on USA Records. In 1966, the single swiftly climbed to the #1 spot on the national music charts.

All hit the top 10 nationally and The Buckinghams were proclaimed a pop phenomena. Television appearances on Ed Sullivan, Jerry Lewis, Dick Clark's American Bandstand, and the Smothers Brothers, as well as extensive coverage in magazines, confirmed The Buckinghams' stardom. Their succession of hits led them to being named "The Most Listened To Band In America" in 1967. The Buckinghams have evolved to remain one of today's most popular acts. The appeal of The Buckinghams' music and the consistently high level of performance have earned the band rave reviews and a loyal following throughout the country.

The Buckinghams have a fresh approach to their music that fuses their classic sound with a punch and rhythm for today. They have not only rediscovered their loyal fans from the heyday sixties, but now appeal to a new generation of Buckinghams' enthusiasts. The Buckinghams have helped forge new links with yet another generation.

The wide appeal of The Buckinghams can be attributed to their high-energy concerts packed with vocal versatility, spontaneity, spirit, humor, and musical strength! Despite their wholesome image, they play no nonsense Rock-n-Roll, performing each song as if it were the first time, with that infectious zeal and pop that grabs attention.

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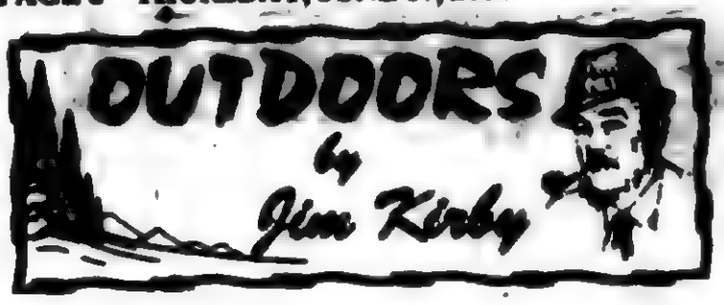

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: The Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program, designed for women who are interested in learning or expanding their expertise in outdoor skills, is offering hundreds of different classes in 2004. New programs include an expanded survival course, bowhunting education, additional kayaking classes and a wider range of options for those who want to participate in actual hunting situations.

The programs are available in 46 states (including Illinois). BOW classes are usually taught by women. Program fees include all or most all equipment, hands-on instruction, and information to assist participants who wish to continue in that sport. For more information: http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/boe/sched04.htm. Or contact Mary Allen at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at (217) 782-4080.

■FOURTEEN MUSKIES RAISED IN EIGHT HOURS OF FISHING: Todd Kent of Peoria and Mark Coons of Mapleton, Illinois were fishing McMaster Lake in the Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area when it happened: A huge muskie slammed Coon's Ghosttail lure.

When the fish was finally netted, it measured 50½ inches, truly a trophy fish. After quickly measuring the fish, Coons released it to fight again another day. Coons and Kent raised 14 muskies plus a few bass that memorable day, and landed three muskies, a 39 and 30 incher in addition to the 50½ inch fish.

It doesn't surprise me that Coons caught the "big one" on a **Hirsch's Ghosttail,** one of my favorite muskie and northern pike lures. A tip 'O' the hat to Mark for releasing that fish. He said, "I would have liked to weigh it, but I don't like killing a fish that big, I'll just get a replica made."

■DEER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HEADS NORTH: The 2004 Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) National Convention and Whitetail Expo will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 24th to 26th. This is the first time in the QDMA's 16-year history that their National Convention will be held in the North and it promises to be the biggest and best ever.

The event will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids on the banks of the Grand River. The Whitetail Expo will include more than 100 exhibits on Friday and Saturday and two series of seminars on Saturday. The famous Think Tank Session, featuring nearly 20 of the nation's leading deer experts, will begin Friday at 1 p.m. World class taxidermy entries from across the nation will be on display in the Grand Master's Taxidermy Competition, and the awards will be announced on Saturday at 4 p.m.

You don't have to be a member of QDMA to attend. For additional information, contact QDMA, P.O. Box 227, Watkinsville, GA 30677, or call (800) 209-3337. You can also visit their web site at www.QDMA.com.

■FUNDING FOR ILLINOIS RIVER: Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced the release of $5 million for conservation projects on floodplain and other highly erodible land as part of the Illinois River Conservation Enhancement Program (CREP).

CREP is a federal-state conservation program that provides financial incentives and technical assistance to farm owners who plant grasses and trees and restore wetlands to reduce top soil loss, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat along the Illinois River and its tributaries.

■RECORD TURKEY HARVEST: Hunters in Illinois wrapped up another successful spring wild turkey hunting season, with a record-setting harvest, taking a preliminary statewide total of 45,066 turkeys, compared with a statewide harvest of 14,627 birds during the 2003 spring season.

Hunters in the north zone counties and special hunt areas harvested a preliminary total of 9,278 wild turkeys, compared with the 2003 north zone harvest of 8,979, while the harvest in the south zone was 5,788 turkeys, compared with the 2003 zone harvest of 5,648.

■THINK ABOUT IT: Anglers spend $36 billion annually. *Americans fish 557 million days per year. *Anglers support more jobs than GM, Ford and ExxonMobil, three of America's biggest companies. *Five million more Americans fish than play golf. *Try something small, say ice. How much do you figure fishermen spend on it per year? Try $290,917,000. *Data from the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and National Shooting Sports Foundation.*

Waterfowl Hunting Blind Sites

Waterfowl hunting blind sites at several public hunting areas will be allocated by random drawings to be conducted this summer.

Duck and goose hunters must register in person for blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing (held immediately after the registration period) to claim their blind sites. Mail registrations are not accepted. Blind allocations are good for one year. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all sites, except for Meredosia, where registration is from noon to 2 p.m.

To participate in a drawing, applicants must present a 2003 or 2004 hunting or combination sportsman's license and an Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp at the time they register, unless exempted by law. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the date of the drawing. Participants should save their 2003 stamps in case they have difficulty purchasing new stamps. At some but not all sites, hunters may be able to purchase 2004 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamps.

Registrants must also possess a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card from the Illinois State Police. Although a FOID card that has expired within a year of the drawing is acceptable for the registration, hunters are required to have a current FOID card before they can hunt a site in the fall. Applicants under the age of 21 do not need a FOID card if they are accompanied by an adult who has one. If you don't have a card in your possession, law enforcement officers will not be able to validate your FOID card status for you on the day of the drawing.

Out-of-state residents must have a 2003 or 2004 nonresident hunting license for Illinois and an Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp.

Saturday, July 24th (Blinds allocated for one year)

Blanding's Landing Wildlife Area (Savanna Army Depot), Jo Daviess County: Registration at Blanding's Landing public use area, 7 miles west of Hanover, off Ill. Route 84 on W. Blanding Rd.

Chain O'Lakes State Park and Redwing Slough/Deer Lake Natural Area, Lake County: Registration for both sites at Oak Point day use area, 1/5 miles east of the Fox River on the south side of Ill. Route 173. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.

Des Plaines Conservation Area, Will County: Registration at the site office, two miles northwest of Wilmington Exit 241 on Interstate 55.

Kankakee River State Park and Momence Wetlands, Kankakee and Will Counties: Registration for both sites at the Kankakee River State Park office, five miles northwest of Bourbonnais on Ill. Route 102. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.

Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area, Grundy County: Registration at the site office just off Ill. Route 53, two miles southeast of Braceville.

Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, DeKalb County: Registration at the park office. Go 2½ miles south of Shabbona on Shabbona Rd., turn east on Shabbona Grove Rd. and go ½ mile, office is on the left side of the road.

Sinnissippi Lake, Whiteside County: Registration at Harry Oppold Marina, on Stouffer Rd. on the east edge of Sterling.

William Powers Fish and Wildlife Area, Cook County: Registration at the boat launch, 12600 Ave. O, Chicago.

Sunday, July 25th (Blinds allocated for one year)

Anderson Lake Conservation Area: Registration at the check station area, 20 miles south of Havana, IL on Ill. Route 100.

Clear Lake at Sand Ridge State Forest, Mason County: Registration, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Forest City on County Road 2800E.

Lake DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Bureau County: Registration at Oak Grove Park, ¾ mile west of DePue on Ill. Rt. 29.

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area, Marshall County: Registration at the area check station, 5 miles south of Lacon on Ill. Route 26.

Meredosia Bay in Morgan and Cass Counties: Registration at the USFWS shed on the east side of the bay approximately one-half mile north of Meredosia (2227 Beech Rd.).

Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area: Registration at the check station area, 3 miles south of Banner on Ill. Route 24.

Sangamois Conservation Area, Cass and Mason Counties: Registration on the east side of the maintenance building, two miles north of Chandlerville on Ill. Route 78, then eight miles west.

Sparland Unit of Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area, Marshall County: Registration at the Brick Yard boat launch, 1½ miles south of Sparland on Ill. Route 29.

Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and Pekin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Tazewell County: Registration at the South Park office area, 2 miles north of Manito on County Road 16 (Manito Rd.) and 8 miles west and south of Spring Lake Rd.

Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County: Registration at the Point Shelter day use area on Ill. Route 71, about 4 miles east of Ill. Route 178 or 5.5 miles west of Ill. Route 23 in South Ottawa.

Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area, Woodford County: Registration at the area check station, 9 miles south of Lacon on Ill. Route 26.

Mississippi River Unclaimed and Unregistered Blinds

Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18 (second year of two year allocation). Pool 16 – unregistered blinds and blinds not passing inspection may be claimed on a first-come, first-served basis by calling the District Wildlife Biologist between 8 a.m. and noon at (815) 244-3655, two weeks before the opening day of duck season. Pool 17 and 18 – use the same procedure except phone (309) 344-2617.

Volleyball Camps

Therese Boyle-Niego's All American Volleyball Camps will be held at Mother McAuley High School.

July 5th to 8th, 1 to 3 p.m., volleyball 1st-4th grade (Boyle-Niego).

July 19th to 22nd, 1 to 3:30 p.m., volleyball 5th-8th grade (Boyle-Niego).

July 29th, 4 to 8 p.m., volleyball setting clinic (Boyle-Niego).

July 30th and 31st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., volleyball high school (Boyle-Niego).

Call (773) 238-4859 for more information.

Variety Of Camps At De La Salle Institute

De La Salle Institute will be hosting a variety of camps for grammar school students this summer. Football camp will take place from June 28th to July 2nd from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each day. The cost is $50. The wrestling camp will be held from June 14th to 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of $40.

Other camps that will be held this summer include boys & girls golf (July 12th to 16th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., $75); boys & girls basketball (July 12th to 16th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., $75 for students in grades 6-8) and (July 12th to 16th, 2 to 4 p.m., $40 for students in grades 3-5); boys & girls soccer (July 12th to 16th, 10 a.m. to noon, $45); boys & girls band (Aug. 2nd to 5th, 10 to 11:30 a.m., $65); baseball (July 19th to 23rd, noon to 2 p.m., $60; boys & girls track (June 14th to 18th, 9 to 11 a.m., $50); girls volleyball (July 26th to 30th, 10 a.m. to noon, $50); girls softball (July 19th to 23rd, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., $50; and boys & girls bowling (June 21st, 23rd and 25th, noon to 2 p.m., $50).

For more information, call Chuck Kuhn at (312) 842-7355, ext. 150, or via e-mail at kuhn@dlls.org.

Summer Soccer Camp

Moraine Valley Community College will host a summer soccer camp for girls and boys entering second through eighth grades. The camp will be structured to assist campers in their individual development while making it enjoyable for everyone.

The camp will take place Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 15th from 3 to 5 p.m. on the college's soccer field located on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. The cost is $75 per person and includes a camp T-shirt. Reservations are limited, so register early.

The camp will be under the direction of Jim Harkness, now in his sixth year on Moraine Valley's soccer coaching staff.

For more information, call (708) 974-5727.

Look Here Weekly For All The Sports Results

Star-Studded Autograph Lineup At Fest

Former Chicago Blackhawks superstar Bobby Hull plus four of the NFL's biggest names – Priest Holmes and Trent Green of the Kansas City Chiefs, Ricky Williams of the Miami Dolphins, and Marvin Harrison of the Indianapolis Colts – are part of the star-studded autograph lineup for the seventh annual SportsFest collectibles show from June 25th to 27th at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Other athletes who have committed to the show thus far are current Cubs Corey Patterson, Matt Clement, Carlos Zambrano and Francis Beltran; former Chicago Bear William "The Refrigerator" Perry; new Bears running back Thomas Jones; former American League MVP and Cy Young award winner Vida Blue; former NBA star and 2004 Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler of the Portland Trail Blazers and Houston Rockets; St. Louis Rams wide receiver Isaac Bruce; former baseball stars Sam McDowell, Monte Irvin and Luis Tiant; former NBA player Spud Webb; and former Chicago ballplayers Ron Santo, Bobby Thigpen, Dave Kingman and Minnie Minoso.

Also being held during the same weekend under the same roof will be the 23rd annual MidAmerica Coin Expo. This show will feature dealers offering rare and collectible coins, paper money and numismatic-related collectibles, as well as two major auctions from American Numismatic Rarities of Wolfeboro, N.H. and Stack's of New York City.

Get Your ThunderBolts Tickets Today!!!!!!
Call: 708-489-2255

Double Header June 18th

The Windy City Thunder-Bolts have scheduled a double-header for Friday, June 18th, against the Springfield/Ozark Ducks. The games will begin at 6:05 p.m. with gates opening at 5 p.m. The double-header will be played because the ThunderBolts and the Ducks were rained out on May 30th, and the opener will fill in for that cancelled date. Friday's game will be the first of a three-night set against the Springfield/ Ozark Ducks.

Fans make sure to come out to Hawkinson Ford Field, June 19th, where the first 2000 fans will receive a Windy City ThunderBolt hat courtesy of Marquette Bank. Also don't forget that the ThunderBolts put on fireworks shows following every Saturday home game and June 19th is no different with a post game pyrotechnics display.

The Windy City Thunder-Bolts will be honoring all fathers on Sunday, June 20th. The ThunderBolt's will be selling family packages which include four tickets, four hotdogs, and four drinks for $24. Also, in appreciation for Father's Day, there will be a fireworks show following the ballgame.

For more information check out the ThunderBolts website at www.thunderbolts.com or call (708) 489-BALL.

Sports Collectibles

One of the hottest trends in sports collectibles today is game-used equipment. The seventh annual SportsFest collectibles show June 25-27 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, is addressing the topic with a two-hour seminar geared toward informing collectors about game-used equipment, including research methods, authentication, values and how to go about purchasing it.

Scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at the SCD Authentic booth (Booth No. 204), the seminar will be conducted by hobby experts Dave Bushing, Dan Knoll, Zane Burns, and Major Dave Grob. A question and answer period will conclude the seminar.

"This seminar is not only a great opportunity for a novice to learn all about collecting game-used equipment, but also for the more experienced collector to learn a lot of nuances that go into this fascinating branch of the hobby," said SCD Authentic Director of Authentication Troy Kinumen.

Among the game-used equipment that will be discussed and on exhibit at the seminar will be bats, jerseys, caps, gloves, batting helmets, cleats and a variety of other items from various sports.

Former Chicago Blackhawks superstar Bobby Hull plus four of the NFL's biggest names – Priest Holmes and Trent Green of the Kansas City Chiefs, Ricky Williams of the Miami Dolphins, and Marvin Harrison of the Indianapolis Colts – are part of the autograph lineup for SportsFest.

Other athletes who have committed to the show thus far are current Cubs Corey Patterson, Matt Clement, Carlos Zambrano and Francis Beltran; former Chicago Bear William "The Refrigerator" Perry, new Bears' running back Thomas Jones and New England Patriots' running back Corey Dillon; former American League MVP and Cy Young award winner Vida Blue; former NBA star and 2004 Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler of the Portland Trail Blazers and Houston Rockets; St. Louis Rams' wide receiver Isaac Bruce; former baseball stars Sam McDowell, Monte Irvin and Bobby Richardson; former NBA player Spud Webb; and former Chicago ballplayers Luis Aparicio, Ron Santo, Bobby Thigpen, Dave Kingman and Minnie Minoso.

In addition, former Green Bay Packers' defensive back LeRoy Butler and co-author James Keller will exhibit at the show, with Butler signing his new book, *The Leroy Butler Story*. Also expected to be on hand at SportsFest will be approximately 15,000 collectors, 300 dealers and 10 manufacturers. The top selling and buying dealers in the country, a first-time gaming area, a live auction conducted by Regency-Superior Auctions, and giveaways from prominent exhibiting manufacturers such as The Upper Deck Company all contribute to SportsFest's reputation as one of the world's largest and best sports collectibles events.

One of the SportsFest exhibitors, Legend Sports Marketing, will feature athlete appearances at its booth (No. 144/146). Those athletes will include former Cubs outfielder Andy Pafko, who played on the 1945 World Series team, and former Bears Dave Duerson, Dennis McKinnon and Emery Moorehead from the 1985 Bears Super Bowl team.

Tickets are $10 for a One-Day ticket to SportsFest and $25 for a Three-Day ticket. A Three-Day ticket for the MidAmerica Coin Expo is $5. Tickets are available at www.collect.com or by calling toll-free 877-746-9757.

SPORTS ROUND UP

BOYS BASEBALL
Class AA Supersectionals
Monday, 6-7-04
Crestwood
St. Rita 13, Hinsdale South 11
Lewis
Joliet Catholic 8, Sandburg 1
Schaumburg
Carmel 6, Maine West 2
North Central
Batavia 9, Downers Grove North 7 (8 inn.)
UIC
Notre Dame 4, Oak Park 3
Illinois
Normal 20, Morton (IL) 7
NIU
St. Charles East 7, Harlem 2
Sauget
Edwardsville 4, Sacred Heart-Griffin 1
Friday, 6-11-04
Class AA Quarterfinals
At Elfstrom Stadium, Geneva
Joliet Catholic 2, St. Rita 1
Carmel 7, Batavia 1
Notre Dame 13, Normal 7
St. Charles East 4, Edwardsville 2
Saturday, 6-12-04
At Elfstrom Stadium Geneva
Notre Dame 6, Joliet Catholic 4 (title)
Carmel 13, St. Charles East 3 (3rd)
Semifinals
Notre Dame 11, Carmel 10
Joliet Catholic 7, St. Charles East 4
Hitting Derby Results
Finals
Jim Kulovitz, Joliet Catholic, 22, (wins tie breaker); Jordan Comadena, Normal West, 22; Todd Schultz, Hinsdale South, 19; Bryan Riegest, Edwardsville, 19.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Class AA Supersectionals
Monday, 6-7-04
NIU
Rockton Hononegah 3, Glenbard North 2
UIC (2)
Oak Park 2, New Trier 1
Illinois Wesleyan
Normal 3, Geneseo Darnall 2
Edwardsville
Belleville East 1, Mattoon 0
UIC (1)
Sandburg 10, Lyons 0
Hinsdale South
Lake Park 2, Benet 1, 11 inn.
Thornwood
Lockport 4, Marian Catholic 0
Friday, 6-11-04
Class AA Quarterfinals
Oak Park 6, Rockton Hononegah 0
Belleville East 1, Normal 0
Barrington 2, Sandburg 1
Lockport 6, Lake Park 0
Saturday, 6-12-04
At East Side Centre, East Peoria
Lockport 8, Oak Park 6 (title)
Barrington 4, Belleville East 1 (3rd)
Semifinals
Oak Park 1, Belleville East 0 (8 inn.)
Lockport 9, Barrington 0
Hitting Derby Results
Finals
Anna Olson, Sandburg, 69; Laurie Siebert, Kaneland, 52; Lynley Louzensky, Tinley Park, 50; Chrissy Fisher, Metamora, 48.

One-Day Baseball Camp Set

The White Sox Training Centers are offering kids ages 7-14 years old a one-day baseball camp that will give attendees a chance to experience what it's like to be a player at U.S. Cellular Field.

The Summer Experience Camp will take place on the same field where the White Sox play. The camp has two session, the first on Tues., July and the second on Fri.: Aug. 6 from 9:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

Cost for the Experience Camp is $199 for each one-day session.

The camp will begin with players walking through the tunnels and into the dugouts followed by instruction sessions using the underground batting cages and bullpens at U.S. Cellular Field.

Each camper will have a chance to meet current or former White Sox players and coaches who will instruct in the finer points of hitting and fielding.

Camp is limited to the first 100 boys and girls who sign up.

For more information, call Chad Sheley at 630/324-8227 to register online. Please visit us BullsSoxAcademy.com.

Catholic League

2004 Chicago Catholic League Volleyball All-Conference

Brother Rice: Joe Bara, middle hitter, senior; Robbie Coughlin, right side hitter, senior; Pat Niersbach, defensive specialist, senior; Jordan Vidovic, setter, junior.

St. Rita: Brian Hagen, middle hitter, senior; Gavin Hutchinson, outside hitter, senior; Nick LoMaglio, setter/ right side, senior; Matt Ryan, setter/right side hitter, senior.

Loyola: Brian Le Baron, outside hitter, senior; Dave Rozjuszka, setter, senior; Steven Tasch, outside hitter, senior.

Mt. Carmel: Jack Carlson, outside hitter, senior; Dave Gonzalez, middle hitter, senior; Bryan Rogers, defensive specialist, senior.

Providence: Dan Blabes, outside hitter, junior; Matt Connor, middle hitter/setter, senior; Pauli Liepouis, outside hitter, senior.

St. Ignatius: Bryce Homyk, setter, senior; Keith Willert, outside hitter, senior.

St. Laurence: Ryan Denson, middle hitter, junior; Joe Ficker, outside hitter, senior.

Fenwick: Chris Cortese, middle hitter, senior; Brian Mitchell, middle hitter, senior.

Gordon Tech: Aaron Giannoni, outside hitter, senior.

De La Salle: Josh De La Rosa, outside hitter, sophomore.

Lawless Award for Outstanding Senior Player: Robbie Coughlin – Brother Rice.

Lawless Award for Outstanding Coach: Br. Paul Ickes, CFC – Brother Rice.

Outstanding CCL Tournament Championship Players: "1-6 Pool" Nick Lo Maglio – St. Rita; "7-10 Pool" Ryan Denson – St. Laurence.

Windy City ThunderBolts Defeated Grizzlies 5-3

In the first game of their three game series with the Gateway Grizzlies, the Windy City Thunderbolts defeated the Grizzlies by a score of 5-3. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Chris Reilly pitched another strong outing, scattering 4 hits, 3 walks, and one run over 5 innings, earning his second win of the season.

Grizzlies starting pitcher Brandon Kellbach pitched a strong games as well, however faltering and giving up 5 runs, 4 earned, and five hits in the bottom of the fourth inning.

This spurt of offense proved to be the offense needed to carry the ThunderBolts to the victory over the division leading Grizzlies as the Thunder-Bolts moved to 12-7 on the year. P-Nut Williams extended his hitting streak to 15 games, going 3 for 3 with a double and two singles.

The official attendance for the game was 2042.

In the second game of their three game series with the Gateway Grizzlies, the Windy City ThunderBolts continued their winning ways defeating the Grizzlies by a score of 7-3. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Brett Stephens had a spectacular outing, scattering 2 runs, 2 hits, and 2 walks over 7 innings while striking out 10. Grizzlies starting pitcher Brandon Smith started off strong but in the bottom of the sixth loaded the bases and was relieved by Gene DeSalme, who was tagged for a grand slam by Brian Baker.

The ThunderBolts offense provided seven runs and 10 hits, as they moved to 13-7 and extend their 6-game winning streak. P-Nut Williams extended his league-leading hitting streak to 16 games on an RBI double in the bottom of the fourth.

The official attendance of the games was 1,124. The ThunderBolts finished up their three-game series with the Grizzlies Monday and go west to Springfield, Missouri to play the Mid-Missouri Mavericks on Tuesday.

In the final game of their three game series with the Gateway Grizzlies, the Windy City ThunderBolts swept the Grizzlies with a 7-1 victory in Monday's day game. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Aaron Bolton effectively shut down the Grizzlies, limiting them to just one run and six hits over seven innings while striking out 3 and earning his first win of the season. Grizzlies starting pitcher Kevin Lee was roughed up early and often, as the ThunderBolts scored all seven runs in the first four innings of play. The ThunderBolts offense provided seven runs and 13 hits, as they move to 14-7 and extend their 7-game winning streak. P-Nut Williams extended his league-leading hitting streak to 17 games going 1 for 3 on a single in the bottom of the third. The official attendance was 1,697. The Windy City ThunderBolts return Friday for a weekend series.

Agbaje-Williams Wins

Track and field standout Kolade Agbaje-Williams recently won the Arthur C. Denney Trophy at the 2004 Honors Celebration at Lawrence University.

Agbaje-Williams, a sophomore from Evergreen Park, won the award that goes to the male track athlete who was outstanding in team spirit and leadership and who has scored the greatest number of points during the season.

The former standout of Evergreen Park High School won the triple jump and took second in the long jump at the Midwest Conference Indoor Championships this season. He was also named the meet's Most Outstanding Field Performer. At the league's outdoor championships, Agbaje-Williams won the long jump and took fourth in the triple jump.

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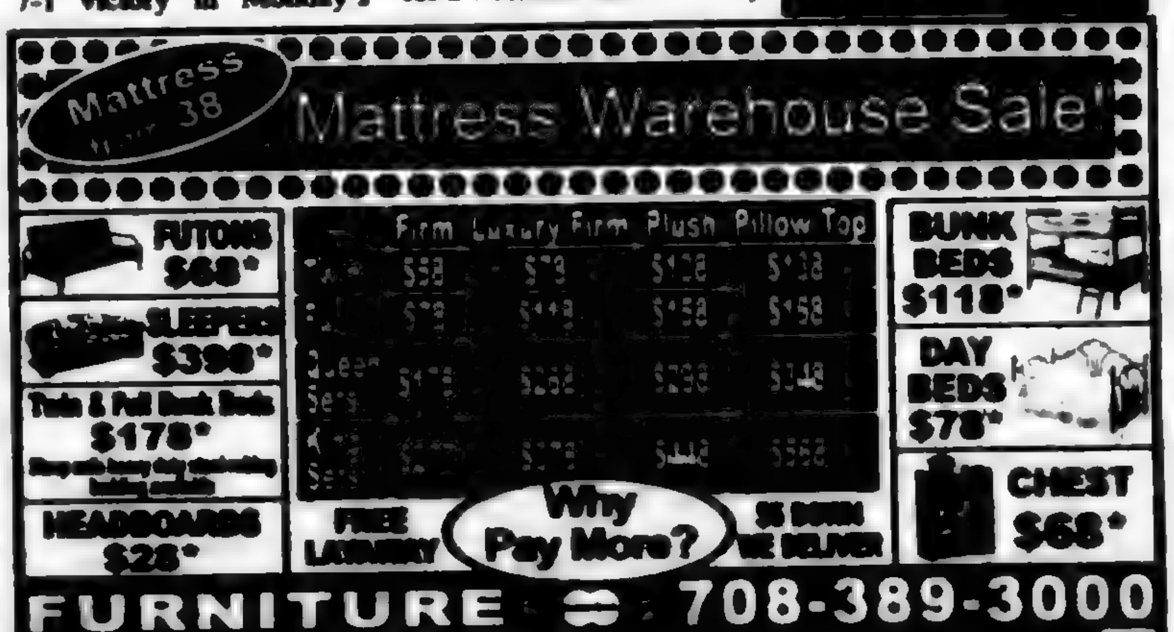


Hayden Gets Degree

Pat Hayden is a woman who believes in finishing what she starts. The 77-year-old great-grandmother completed her bachelor's degree in Social and Community Studies in May at Lewis University after more than a 50-year hiatus from college studies.

An accomplished business owner, Hayden worked for more than 40 years in real estate, owning one of the largest agencies in the Chicagoland area. With great success in her career and four grown daughters, Hayden could have been happy just to sit back and enjoy her retirement. But the grandmother of 11 and the great-grandmother of nine had a task to finish. "I felt as if I had left something undone," she said of her interest in returning to college. "It is a completion of something I started, and something that I wanted."

Hayden attended St. Xavier College (now University) in Chicago for two years in the mid-1940s before getting married and having children. Her plan at the time was to earn a bachelor's degree in community affairs. But, once she was married, her husband and then children became the focus of her attention. "My family, my children were and have always been my first priority," she explained.

At age 21, the newly-married Hayden worked in the legal department for Sears Roebuck and Company but left her position after her first daughter was born. By 1957, at the age of 30, she decided to work in real estate, a business that would allow her to earn an income but also to spend time with her children. "I never missed a field trip with them," she said. "and that is something I don't regret."

After just two short years of working in the real estate field, Hayden opened her own business, first serving her local community of Oak Lawn and then as her business grew, the Hometown area, and Evergreen Park. Starting her business with a staff of five sales people, she had tripled the number of employees working for her by the time she closed the business in the 1990s.

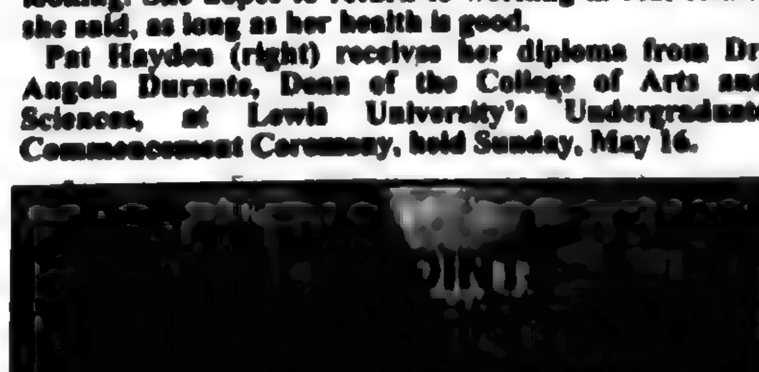
In the late 1950s, few women owned their own businesses. Professional organizations that did admit women often separated the genders into two different groups, Hayden explained. She said she passed on membership in her local Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Real Estate Board at that time, because of this practice. "I was nominated to be the President of the Chamber of Commerce, but I turned it down for this reason," she recalled.

As a result, she co-founded Women in Real Estate in 1961, a Chicago-based organization that still is active today to support and promote women in the commercial real estate industry. Hayden will be named the President of this organization in May of 2005.

Throughout her real estate career, Hayden had three different office locations in the Oak Lawn area. When her children were young, she organized her work space to allow her daughters to be with her as she worked. The third and last building she purchased served as both her office and her home. "The office was located downstairs, while the living quarters were upstairs," she said. "I always wanted my children close to me. When they grew older, the last building allowed them to be nearby and also to bring their friends home too."

While her children are now adults with their own families, Hayden remains very close to them. Today, the long-time Oak Lawn resident lives in Naperville. Along the way toward her earning her degree, she experienced a number of personal hardships, but remained steadfast in reaching her goal. Her husband John, who had been ill throughout their marriage, passed away on May 3. Hayden, too, suffered from health concerns – a stroke last year and a heart attack about six months ago. Still, she is positive and forward-looking. She hopes to return to working in real estate, she said, as long as her health is good.

Pat Hayden (right) receives her diploma from Dr. Angela Durante, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, at Lewis University's Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, held Sunday, May 16.



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ACKE, MICHAEL 72,008.80; ADAMCZYK, BARRY 12,864.00; ADAMCZYK, CHERYL 4,632.50; ADAMS, JEFFREY 66,876.00; AKIN, RITA 1,050.00; ALBERTSEN, ARTHUR 451.00; ALLEN, EILEEN 52,404.97; ALLEN, SCOTT 80,214.38; ALMANZA, ALICIA 15,221.10; ALTENBURG, KYLE 3,392.00; AMMERMAN, LELAND 40,454.52; ANDERSEN, KENNETH 41,501.16; ANDERSON, FREDERICK 26,137.72; ANDERSON, JAMES 21,366.00; ANDREWS, ORSINNA 41,256.52; ANHALT, EDWARD 40,237.56; ANNERINO, CHARLES 18,492.80; ANNERINO, MICHAEL 54,170.40; ANTON, SCOTT 11,025.00; ARDEN, MICHAEL 33,076.08; ASHE, GERALD 61,023.12; BACKSTROM, BRIAN 792.00; BALE, RODGER 53,970.23; BALL, JAMES 60,841.41; BANAS, ROBERT 57,560.52; BANASIAK, TERRY 47,738.42; BARR, KAREN 11,987.50; BARRETT, BRYAN 18,840.00; BARRETT, STEVEN 67,126.00; BARRETT, WENDY 9,882.80; BARRON, PATRICK 64,638.40; BARROWS, CURTIS 45,912.00; BARSEVICK, CHARLES 81,602.80; BASILE, BEVERLY 7,386.84; BASTYS, ALEX 29,233.68; BEAUVAIS, ARMAND 45,268.92; BECOLA, RICHARD 45,[illegible].46; BEHERNS, JASON 52,844.77; BELL, MILLARD 36,066.12; BENDOTTI, ALDO 67,800.47; BENES, GEORGE 56,066.46; BENSON, BLAKE 4,536.00; BERAN, WAYNE 59,577.82; BERG, ANTHONY 19,662.32; BERGHS, KARA 1,700.00; BETTENHAUSEN, GARY 68,727.52; BIEL, DONALD 34,680.48; BLUME, DOROTHY 6,192.00; BODNAR, WILLIAM 60,380.00; BOECKER JR. 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SBC Granted Increase In Wholesale Phone Rates

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) completely ignored the recommendations of its own impartial, expert regulatory staff and hearing officers when it granted SBC a 30 percent increase in local wholesale phone rates. Last month, ICC regulatory staff, responsible for reviewing thousands of pages of testimony and evidence, determined SBC deserved no more than a $0.26 increase per line, per month. The ICC hearing examiners who presided over the case recommended a rate increase ranging between $1.50 and $1.81. The ICC approved a $4 wholesale increase.

"The ICC earned a dubious distinction in history, when it approved the highest wholesale rate-hike ever granted by state regulators since the inception of local phone competition," said Melia Carter, Director of the Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications. "The ICC was once considered a pro-consumer, deliberative body — but their blatant disregard of recommendations made by expert staff and hearing judges who presided over the case is proof those days are over. Consumers should be outraged."

Carter also took issue with statements made by SBC, and parroted by ICC Chairman Ed Hurley, that the massive wholesale rate-hike would not lead to higher retail rates for Illinois consumers – noting such statements defy common sense and basic economics.

"The claim that wholesale rate-hikes 'will not result in higher retail prices' is absolutely ludicrous, defies logic and runs counter to basic economic principles," Carter said. "Competitors offers $16/month local calling plans that are very popular with Illinois consumers, especially those on fixed-incomes. The ICC raised wholesale rates to nearly $17 per line, per month. To suggest competitors will continue to offer a $16 per month calling plan at a loss, when they're forced to pay SBC $17 to access the network is totally absurd and a shining example of SBC" typical, misleading monopolistic double-talk."

"This decision undermines the competitive environment in Illinois that has provided more than $600 million in consumer savings and created nearly 7,000 local jobs. This anti-competitive ruling guarantees fewer choices and higher bills for Illinois consumers and small businesses," said Carter

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SUMMARY BY FUND

FUND	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE/ EQUITY	REVENUES, ADDITIONS & OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	EXPENDITURES, DELETIONS & OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	ENDING FUND BALANCE/ EQUITY
GENERAL	6,208,150	34,145,888	35,499,139	4,854,879
E.T.S.B.	1,488,080	1,046,967	352,457	2,182,540
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE TAX BD	55,274	32,885	15,181	72,978
MOTOR FUEL TAX	2,337,585	1,927,795	2,106,708	2,158,652
C.D.B.G.	7,507	344,118	327,807	23,818
I.M.R.F.	66,844	1,254,836	1,181,990	139,690
CAPITAL EQUIPT. RESERVE	2,578,857	66,056	502,212	2,142,701
TIF TRIANGLE PROJECT	(1,039,681)	141,604	43,981	(942,058)
POLICE INVESTIGATIONS	1,004,989	128,672	296,405	837,206
POLICE GRANT	5,318	4,792	2,389	7,721
TRAIN STATION TIF	(9,782)	30	678,506	(688,258)
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA	480,181	321,193	317,728	483,646
CICERO AVENUE TIF	(1,080,229)	61,249	1,080,841	(2,099,821)
WATER & SEWER	15,749,276	22,281,636	22,689,702	15,327,210
REFUSE DISPOSAL	504,978	2,269,194	2,196,627	577,545
COMMUTER PARKING LOT	77,730	167,807	173,556	71,981
STRTS., LGHTG. & SDWLKS.	2,197,028	21,324	335,288	1,883,059
PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT	665,736	1,231,741	300,953	1,596,524
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	3,588,105	17,325	3,282,925	323,505
CENTER OF TOWN REDEVELOPMNT	8,926	328,520	337,888	(380)
POLICE PENSION	52,182,385	5,881,825	2,792,340	55,271,884
FIRE PENSION	51,587,280	6,989,225	2,985,299	55,542,286
REVOLVING ESCROW	0	88,145	88,145	0
COMP. BOND & INTEREST	128,181	3,527,886	3,516,722	139,346
KOLB MEMORIAL FUND	0	69,560	66,185	3,375
TOTAL	130,742,836	92,302,229	91,148,688	130,896,017

SOURCE: The Village of Oak Lawn's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2003, which include 2003-04 adjustments.

/s/ Robert Duggan, Treasurer
VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Announce Candidacy Of Jane O'Neil Quinlan

The Unity Party, led by mayoral candidate Dave Heilmann, officially announced the candidacy of Jane O'Neil Quinlan for Oak Lawn Village Clerk on Tuesday, June 15.

Quinlan, was born and raised in Oak Lawn, and is a lifelong Oak Lawn resident of 48 years. She has worked for the past 11 years as a business manager for the World of 2nd City volleyball organization. She has been an extremely active member of St. Catherine's Church and School, a volunteer and 11 year committee member for Mother McAuley and Marist High Schools, and in that capacity would consult on the proper handling and administration of issues facing Catholic schools today.

Quinlan has been married to Walter (Pat) Quinlan for 29 years and has raised four children in Oak Lawn – Colleen, Walter, John and Timothy. Mr. Quinlan has been a funeral director at Blake-Lamb Funeral Homes in Oak Lawn for the past 16 years.

Jane O'Neil Quinlan will be running as a member of The Unity Party of Oak Lawn. The Unity Party is a newly formed non-partisan group of Oak Lawn parents and homeowners who are getting together, much as parents did 30 years ago, to form a party to protect the values of Oak Lawn and provide strong, positive and stable leadership for Oak Lawn.

Will Taxpayers In Oak Lawn Foot The Bill

The Cook County Tax Watch is gathering – you too should express your concerns and disagreement of a process that lacks public involvement but expects public money to pay for it. It's your money! Your opinion counts!

The Cook County Tax Watch issues an Oak Lawn taxpayer alert. Shall Oak Lawn taxpayers foot the bill to the tune of 14 million dollars for a regional five-story parking garage to be used by METRA commuters from all around Cook County?

Join your neighbors to rally in opposition to this costly plan being railroaded at the Public meeting Tuesday, June 22. We will rally in advance of the meeting at the Village Hall at 7:15 p.m. We must speak up and ask the village to delay any formal action until proper notice and zoning changes are approved. Good public policy includes the public in such major changes in our downtown area.

We are asking for the village to have an open house to explain the change in the village plan, the expansion of the TIF district (Tax Increment Financing), the proposed zoning change to allow a five story parking garage and a five story 85-100 unit condo development. All taxpayers should be aware of the long term financing of what is now the fifth TIF district in Oak Lawn. Bonds principle and interest will be spread out over 10-23 years. Serious questions abound on the legality of the TIF district, the need for more parking, safety and congestion of 95th Street.

At the public meeting on June 8th, the only public hearing on this development, over 200 people attended and expressed opposition. Many questions went unanswered and avoided by the temporary mayor and his staff or consultants.

Numerous citizens demanded a referendum stating that more people need to participate in such a decision that has a major impact on changing the face of Oak Lawn forever. From a bedroom community to an urbanized center of town with high rise parking garage and high rise multiuse condo developments. All changes using incentives paid for by the taxpayers and eroding the heart of Oak Lawn.

For more information about the rally call Cook County Tax Watch at 425-9307.

55 Alive Course

The Worth Township Seniors would like to have AARP sponsor a 55 Alive review course. If you or anyone you know would like to attend one of these classes in the evening, call the Senior Room and register. When we have enough for a class, everyone will be informed of the date and time. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28, for more information.

Thoughts On Health • Nutrition

by

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

THE STORY ON ACESULFAME POTASSIUM

Acesulfame potassium--you see it on the labels of products more and more frequently (sometimes under the brand name Sunett)-- but what exactly is it? Acesulfame potassium, also known as "acesulfame K," is a calorie-free sweetener that is 200 times sweeter than sugar. The sweetener is used in a wide variety of foods in the United States and around the world including candies, baked goods, frozen desserts, beverages, dessert mixes and table top sweeteners. Its purpose is to provide sweetness without calories for those attempting to manage caloric intake.

Acesulfame K can be used alone, but is often blended with other low calorie sweeteners to produce a more sugar-like taste than that of any of the low-calorie sweeteners alone. Because of its stability, it retains its sweetness at normal baking temperatures and in combination with acidic ingredients in foods and beverages. It is made from a process that involves the transformation of acetoacetic acid and potassium into a highly stable crystalline sweetener.

Acesulfame K is not metabolized or stored in the body. It is absorbed by the body quickly after consumed, and then rapidly excreted unchanged. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other leading health organizations have found the ingredient to be safe for all segments of the population, including pregnant women. It is ideal for diabetics and weight control patients. It does not cause tooth decay. There have been no known allergies associated with its consumption. For those watching potassium intake, it has about 10 milligrams per packet of tabletop sweetener. (A banana, in comparison, contains 400 milligrams.) More than 90 studies have demonstrated the safety of acesulfame K.

I first recognized acesulfame K in the south of France when I was attending a nutrition conference in 1997. I purchased a can of diet soft drink and upon tasting it, I thought I was drinking a regular soda. It was an eye-opener to me! At about the same time, the US was trialing it. In 1998, it became approved for consumption by the FDA in our country. The taste is a success as far as I can see from all those who use it. There is no doubt that the future is bright for this product and for those of us who crave sugar but shouldn't have it.

For more information on acesulfame K, you may contact the International Food Information Council Foundation in Washington DC at http: ificinfo.health.org. And when you check your list of ingredients on products containing sugar substitutes, don't be surprised when you see it.

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Radiation For Liver Tumors

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is the first in Illinois, and one of about 15 hospitals across the country, to offer new radiation treatment for inoperable liver tumors. The technique uses tiny radioactive glass beads--or microspheres--carrying high doses of radiation (yttrium-90) to kill cancerous tumors within the liver.

"This technique represents a novel way of delivering radiation therapy to liver tumors. Which may prolong and improve the quality of life for the growing number of people who are diagnosed with liver cancer," said Riad Salem, M.D., M.B.A., and Director of Interventional Oncology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Northwestern Memorial's departments of radiology, hepatology, and medical and surgical oncology at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University coalesce to offer this procedure to patients.

This new treatment consists of injecting millions of tiny microspheres into the artery supplying blood to the liver. The interventional radiologist guides a small catheter into the liver's hepatic artery and then delivers the microspheres that carry the radioactive yttrium directly to malignant cells in liver tumors.

"The secret to the bead's success is their ability to deliver bigger more potent doses of radiation of the tumor," explains Eric Russell M.D., chair of the Department of Radiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "Because the radiation travels only 2.5 mm in tissue, healthy tissue is spared despite this high concentration of radiation.

The beads are 15 to 35 microns in diameter, smaller than a human hair. When the beads are placed inside a nuclear reactor for several days, the yttrium becomes radioactive. The radioactive beads are then injected into the liver, where they irradiate the liver for a period of approximately 12 days after which they are no longer radioactive.

"While surgical removal of liver cancer offers the best chance for a cure, fewer than 15 percent of patients are suitable surgical candidates, either because their cancer is too far advanced upon detection or because of other medical considerations," explains Dr. Salem.

For other patients, this outpatient procedure offers a chance to be treated without facing radiation's other possible side effects--loss of hair, weakness, burns or nausea. "This offers patients with liver cancer a new option that has few side effects and is well tolerated," adds Mary Mulcahy, M.D., a gastrointestinal oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "While systemic chemotherapy continues to be the frontline treatment for most cancers in the liver, directed radioactive therapy may provide additional benefit and shows great promise. For primary liver cancer, systemic chemotherapy has been very ineffective and liver directed therapies are our main treatment."

The therapy has been used to treat hundreds of patients with liver cancer in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand.

"There is the potential for this technology to be applied to other organs, such as the brain or kidneys, but much more research in this field is required," said Steven Rosen, M.D., Director of Oncology at Northwestern Hospital and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Hold Annual ALS Walk4Life Chicago

The Les Turner ALS Foundation's annual ALS Walk4Life Chicago has quickly become one of the organization's largest fundraising events. Through last year's walk, the Foundation raised more than $500,000, and this year's event is expected to be an even bigger success, surpassing last year's record.

On Wednesday, July 14th, the Foundation and Peggy Kusiniski of NBC 5 Sports will host a kick-off luncheon to inform potential walk teams and individuals about how to get involved with this exciting event. Guests will watch a video highlighting the warm spirit of the event, past participants will share testimonials, and fundraising kits will be supplied.

Kickoff luncheon details are as follows: Wednesday, July 14th at 12 noon at Maggiano's Little Italy (Amarone Room), 516 N. Clark St. in Chicago (enter at 111 W. Grand). RSVP requested by July 7th at (847) 679-3311.

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Alzheimer's Association Joins Mourners

The Alzheimer's Association joins the world in mourning the loss of former President of the United States Ronald Reagan. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Reagan family.

President Reagan's legendary sense of hope and optimism were a source of inspiration, especially to the 4.5 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease and their families and friends, and the many millions more around the globe. We are grateful that President and Mrs. Reagan worked with courage and generosity to increase public awareness of this terrible brain disease, and of the need for increased and accelerated research for effective treatments, prevention and a cure.

The Alzheimer's Association is proud of our long partnership with President and Mrs. Reagan, starting in 1983 when the President designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Month, and continuing through the creation of the Alzheimer's Association's Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute in 1995. Mrs. Reagan has long been an honorary member of our national board of directors and Maureen Reagan was an active board member until her untimely death.

With the aging of the baby boom generation, it is projected that the nation will witness a 70% increase in those affected by the disease in 2030, with 7.7 million afflicted. However, the rapid progress in research is making it more likely that there will be scientific breakthroughs in the next 10 years, leading to prevention and the possibility that the baby boomers could be the first generation in history to NOT have to face Alzheimer's in their future – IF we act now to accelerate progress.

The Alzheimer's Association is asking Congress for a $40 million increase in federal funding this year to help carry out large-scale clinical trials to identify treatments able to slow or halt the onset and progression of Alzheimer's disease. Past federal investment in Alzheimer's research has been rewarded by phenomenal progress in science, but we remain far short of the $1 billion necessary to ensure these imminent breakthroughs will happen.

The Alzheimer's Association is honored that the Reagan family has designated the Association as one of three organizations they recommend to receive contributions in his name. Those who wish to donate to the Alzheimer's Association's Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute, or to family support services, may call (800) 272-3900 or visit www.alz.org. A fitting tribute to Ronald Reagan, his life and legacy, would be to join with the Alzheimer's Association to create a world without Alzheimer's disease. It is within our reach.

Offer Seniors Free Vision Screening

The Worth Township Seniors will offer free vision screening on Wednesday, July 21st from 9 a.m. to noon. This screening is done at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. Appointments are necessary. Call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

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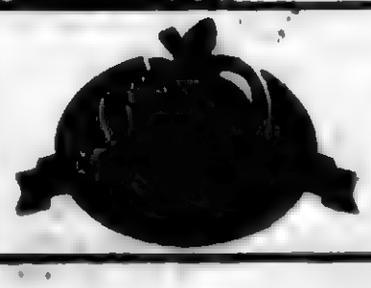

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One Day Only Sertoma Centre Dock Sale

For one-day only, garage sale-goers are invited to check out Sertoma Centre's "Shop at the Dock" sale and cart off fantastic finds like this vase displayed by shopper Leah Quaid.

Upscale treasures and unbelievable bargains are to be found one-day only at Sertoma Centre's dock sale. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, the sale features the same famous brand-name items found at fine department stores and kitchen specialty outlets, but at a fraction of the price!

Shoppers, collectors, and prospectors are sure to strike it rich at the sale held at the truck shipping dock of the Administrative Offices and Insite Training Systems site located at 4343 W. 123rd St. in Alsip, between Kostner and Pulaski. Treasure hunters are asked to park on the east side of the building and enter through the third door, then follow the balloons to the dock area.

Cash, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards will be accepted on all purchases.

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Patricia Jankowski, president of Gaston City, Illinois and National President and National Drum and Bugle Corps winner. Co-Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be the National representative at the annual state convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Department of Illinois, to be held in Springfield June 24th through 27th. She is a life member of Northville Auxiliary #012. As 2003-04 National President she led the membership with the theme Today-Tomorrow-Always-Remembering Yesterday, to signify the organization's ongoing goal of helping those who have fought for our country.

Patricia Martyn, state president of the Department of Illinois of Orland Park and a member of Hometown Murray Auxiliary 9773, will preside at the Council of Administration meeting on Thursday morning and at her convention beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25th. Reports will be given by the program chairmen, and awards will be presented to the auxiliaries at these sessions.

Highlights of the convention will include a joint memorial service with the VFW Thursday at 7 p.m.; Patriotic Rally at 6 p.m. on Friday; and the banquet honoring state commander Terry Vance and state president Patricia Martyn on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The convention will end with the election and installation of officers on Sunday morning, June 27th at which time Martyn will receive her past president's jewel and turn the gavel over to Nancy Adams of Evanston who is the current senior vice president.

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- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 green onions, chopped fine (optional)

Heat 1-1/2 cups water to boiling in 3-quart saucepan. Add potatoes, salt and pepper, chopped celery and onions (optional). Cover and heat to boiling, reduce heat. Simmer about 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Companion Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff /s/ Dennis J. Doyle a/k/a Dennis Doyle, et al Defendants. Case No. 02C-263.
NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 48067
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on July 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A:- 11713 S. Kedvale, Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $164,208.23.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor by Merger to BA Mortgage LLC Successor in Interest by Merger of Nationsbanc Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Philip M. Spencer, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-16809.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14600 S. Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445

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The judgment amount was $54,997.63

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9867.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dwayne Bradford, et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-17946

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Claudia De Leon, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-1193.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was $95,421.23

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 02-6565D

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. James R. Provenzano, et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-18853

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 6827 S. Roberts Rd., Bridgeview, IL 60455

The improvement on the property consists of a multi-unit building with a two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $192,396.67.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0107886.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kenyatta Covington, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17142.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 16616 Knottingwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,552.45.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-7715D.

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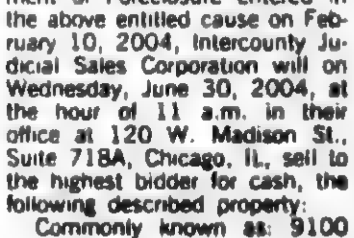

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs. Leon E. Jokubauskas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-7463.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 9100 S. 51st St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence with an attached 2 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $188,805.12.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Ivan Hernandez, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19994.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 25, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4500 W. 115th Place, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $210,999.81.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-B691.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a national banking association f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3, Plaintiff, vs. Gregory Jackson n/k/a Gregory Buhari, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-3303.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on June 19, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 24, 2004 in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4129 W. 93rd Place, Oak Lawn, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $120,761.18.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Adrienne Palmer, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19190.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.

Commonly known as: 14522 S. Troy Ave., Posen, IL 60469.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. William E. Dutton, Jr. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Dutton & Dutton, P.C., 10325 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL 60423, (815) 806-8200.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juanita A. Love a/k/a Juanita A. Burks, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19948

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 5, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13801 S. Kedvale, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence which may be made available for inspection by arrangement with Jeff Uldrych at (708) 210-2001. The Judgement amount is $86,904.20.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Louis A. Weinstock at Plaintiff's Attorney, American General Finance, Inc., 20 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 263-0794

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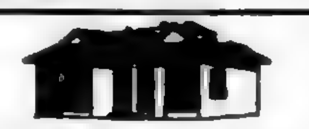

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, Assignee of Unity Savings Association, Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19182.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 23, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 S. Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. The Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $53,170.35.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dave K. [illegible] at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc, Plaintiff, vs. Daisy M. Ferrell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16653.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8100 W. 87th St., Unit 1C, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $64,549.55.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9652.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dia C. King, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16984.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 9, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3038 W. 83rd Pl., Chicago, IL 60652

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $102,810.68.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A068.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for American Residential Eagle Bond Trust 1999-2, Plaintiff, vs. Paul Rispin, et al., Defendent. Case No. 03Ch-18769.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 9529 S. Minnick Ave., Unit #2A, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $125,561.54.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-A543.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Tawfiq Sweiss a/k/a Tawfio Sweiss, Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12654.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5922 W. 126th Place, Alsip, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $237,248.32.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Katrina A. Edwards, et al., Defendant. No. 01Ch-12269.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4825 W. 109th St., Unit 6-301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgement amount was $92,804.44.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

188486C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated 5/1/01 among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, Ace Securities Corp., Litton Loan Servicing LP and U.S. Bank National Association, C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, SR 2001-CB2, without recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Stanley R. Marek a/k/a Stanley Marek, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18357.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14756 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 story brick construction separate (2 car) garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,266.10.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funts, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0308603.

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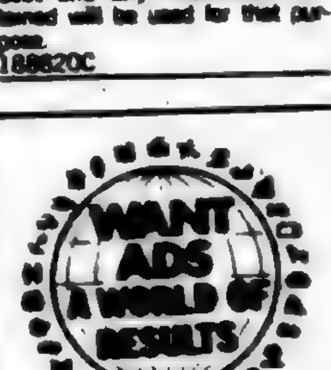

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. James W. Gibson a/k/a James Gibson, Kimberly Gibson a/k/a Kimberly D. Stout a/k/a Kimberly D. Gibson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-20399.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4104 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a multi-family residence with 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $121,713.64.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com between 3 p.m and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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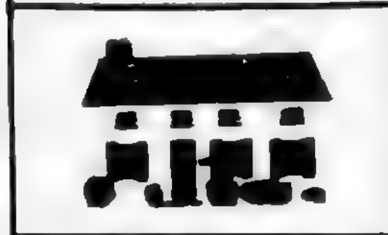

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. John M. Wolfe, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-19459.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4915 W. 138th Ct., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $79,975.46.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 31459.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel T. O'Malley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-13461.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3616 W. 123rd Pl., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $102,161.36.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-6494.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sergio Zamora, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17598.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4021 W. 99th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $154,805.09.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9682.

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188619C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee Molton, Allen & Williams Mortgage Co. LLC and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. Howard P. Jebens, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-20155.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 30, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14301 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,805.46.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8869.

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188616C

IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Home Equity Asset Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. William McNulty, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7387

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57562
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 24, 2004.

I, Marc Siegel, Special Commissioner for this court will on July 22, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at 118 N. Clark, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3133 W. 102nd St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $220,890.04.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

195074C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Robert E. Baker, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19289.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 26, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 2, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 9738 Albany Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $127,732.02.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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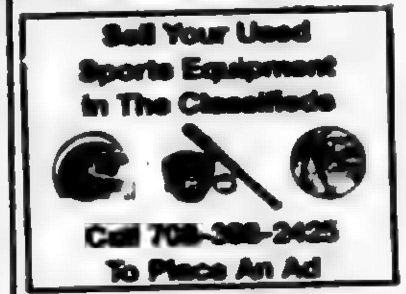

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Aurora Loan Services, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Kimberly Macklin, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-14261.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on June 29, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3615 W Deer Park Dr., Unit #1, Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $115,472.03.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8239.

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CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citimortgage, Inc., successor by Merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, assignee of James F. Messinger and Company, Plaintiff, vs. Christina M. Skalon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-13455.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 9525 S. Kedzie Ave., Unit 1-A, Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $65,339.30.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL. 312/357-1125.
189442C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. Jamesetta Rowls, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-19832.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 6, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8115 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $149,163.35.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8556.

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Legislators Support Borrowing Plan If Precautions Are Met

State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) said Republican legislators would support a short-term borrowing plan to help pay down state Medicaid bills, if certain precautions are met.

Illinois lawmakers returned to Springfield June 9 to address the proposal, which would involve short-term borrowing to take advantage of a federal match rate of 53 percent, which ends June 30. The proposal would result in $25 million in additional dollars for state government, if approved.

Radogno said Republican lawmakers would be inclined to approve the borrowing if certain safeguards were met, including:

- The $850 million can only be used to pay current Medicaid obligations and must be deposited in a newly created Medicaid Provider Relief Fund. None of the proceeds from the short-term borrowing can be placed in the General Revenue Fund.
- The $25 million in additional federal funds must not be spent until lawmakers have agreed on a Fiscal Year 2005 budget.
- The money must be repaid within three months.
- A Medicaid Task Force must be created to determine the best way to manage the anticipated growth, and skyrocketing costs to taxpayers, of the Medicaid program.

Radogno said the precautions are needed, given the Governor's poor track record on borrowing and debt. Since the Governor has taken office, the state's general obligation debt has doubled to more than $11 billion. Most of that debt is backloaded, meaning billions of dollars in payments won't have to be made for decades, and long after Blagojevich is out of office.

The Lemont senator also said the safeguards proposed by Republicans would ensure the current Medicaid borrowing plan is done in a fiscally responsible manner, because the debt would be paid off quickly instead of passed on to future generations. In addition, the restrictions would force the borrowing to go solely toward paying off Medicaid bills, instead of being spent on the Governor's pork projects.

Madigan Announced Settlement Agreement Reached With Illinois Telemarketing Firm

Having won a victory for residents who make charitable donations and those in need of charitable assistance, Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that her office has reached a settlement agreement with an Illinois telemarketing firm whose controversial fundraising tactics spawned litigation that spanned more than a decade and reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

The settlement permanently prohibits the defendant telemarketers in the original lawsuit from soliciting on behalf of Illinois charities or directing solicitation campaigns to Illinois residents. Under the agreement, Madigan's lawsuit against two for-profit fundraising companies – Telemarketing Associates, Inc. and Armet, Inc. – and their owner Richard Trovia, was dismissed on May 25. Troia and Telemarketing Associates also must pay $70,000 in fines pursuant to the settlement.

The lawsuit, originally filed in Cook County Circuit Court in 1991, charged the defendants with falsely representing to the public that donations solicited on behalf of VeitNow, Inc. would be used to provide Vietnam War veterans with assistance such as food baskets, physical rehabilitation and job training. In reality, the telemarketers kept 85 percent of the money they raised and turned over only 15 percent to the charity.

"This case is a victory for consumers and the people they are hoping to help through their charitable donations," Madigan said. "The First Amendment does not guarantee to telemarketers the right to commit fraud. Our goal is to ensure that members of the public are able to make wise choices about giving and can be comfortable in knowing their donations will reach the people they intended to help."

After the lawsuit was dismissed by the state courts, the Attorney General's office sought review by the U.S. Supreme Court and then prevailed in arguing that the First Amendment does not shield intentionally misleading statements about how charitable donations are used.

In a decision that reaffirmed the government's ability to protect against unscrupulous fundraising practices, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Madigan's Telemarketing Associates, Inc.* declared that "fraudulent charitable solicitation is unprotected speech." That ruling, which sent the case back to the Illinois courts for further proceedings, led to Telemarketing Associates' agreement to the consent order.

Madigan said that Troia further agreed to settle separate charges pending against another fundraising corporation he operated. The second suit, which names Community Programs, Inc., Motivated Telemarketing, Inc., James Tieri and Carmen Dipini, charged the defendants with violations of the Illinois Solicitation for Charity Act for failure to file the legally-required financial documents.

Autograph Back Of Licenses

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White along with Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle, White Sox infielder Jose Valentin and White Sox announcers Ed Farmer and John Rooney were at the James R. Thompson Center signing the backs of drivers' licenses and giving autographs to encourage people to become organ donors. Over 150 people signed up to give the gift of life by having the backs of their licenses signed at the event. To become an organ donor, you can call the organ donor registry at (217) 782-6258.

Mercy Home For Boys & Girls Reaches Out To At-Risk Youth

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls is reaching out to identify at-risk youth in the greater Chicago metropolitan area that are in need of out-of-home care. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 19, who may be experiencing trouble in school, are depressed or have been the victim of violence or neglect can find help and healing in one of Mercy Home's 14 residential programs.

The expansion of residential services to more hurting youth is the culmination of a multi-year project led by Mercy Home's long-time President, Father Jim Close. "We help create a better life for a struggling child and in some instances, we literally save their life," stated Father Close. Every day, more children have their world turned upside-down by family dysfunction, depression, exposure to violence and alarming degrees of abuse. "With fewer structured places for these hurting young people to turn for help, the impact on society during the next generation could be devastating," said Father Scott Donahue, Associate President of Mercy Home. "That's why we're reaching out to more youth than ever before."

Mercy Home's program services provide at risk youth with a safe and caring home, an education and assists with job placement. Their approach is unique in that youth who come to live at Mercy Home participate in a "Therapeutic Milieu Community Program." This approach helps hurting youth overcome emotional, behavioral and educational barriers to healthy life development. The program is highly clinical – a credentialed therapist works with an average of 10 to 12 youth residents and direct youth care advocates have a case load of four to five youth residents.

Mercy Home receives 99.2% of all funds through the generosity of private donations, which also allows the program to be structured around a youth's long-term success. Youth come to live at the Home and can remain in the program until they have made steady, solid progress and have achieved sustainable success. If you know a young person in need of a place like Mercy Home, contact Mercy Home's Admissions Office at (877) 24-START (877-247-8278) or visit their website at www.mercyhome.org.

Young 6 Year Old Hero Dies

The Chicago Ridge 6-year-old boy who jumped into a pool June 8 to save another child has died.

Donald Houser-Richerme was pronounced dead at 10:41 a.m. Monday in Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, six days after the accident. The Cook County medical examiner's office classified his death as an accidental drowning.

The boy was hailed as a hero by city officials, family members and others.

A 5-year-old girl was showing Donald and his 4-year-old brother around the Woodland Terrace Apartment complex in the 10500 block of Brooks Lane, witnesses said. Donald's family recently moved in.

The three went to the pool behind a building. The 9-foot-deep pool had been closed all winter and was filled with about 5 feet of murky rainwater, branches and other debris. The fenced-in pool is usually locked when closed, but a maintenance worker trying to clean the pool had cut open the lock that day, according to police.

When the girl fell into the pool, Donald jumped in and pulled her out, but sank to the bottom himself, police said.

The girl ran to an adult who called police, but by the time paramedics pulled the boy out, he was unconscious.

Donald was taken to Palos Community Hospital in Palos Heights and later transferred to Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.

According to police, the village plans to present Donald's family with a medal of honor.

Issert Farm Conservation Tour

The Will/South Cook Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service are hosting a Conservation Tour at the Steve Issert Farm located in Wesley Township. The 246-acre farm will serve as a conservation-education site for the public on Wednesday, June 23rd beginning at 8:45 for registration and 9 a.m. with opening comments and introductions. Lunch will be served around noon. The tour is designed for farmers, non-farmers, urban planners and engineers. The tour will provide an opportunity to learn about conservation practices, such as wildlife and wetland restoration, wildlife habitat management, woodland establishments, grass waterways, terraces, streams and ponds. Actual demonstrations and construction, such as creating wetlands, constructing grass waterways, and conducting a stream macro invertebrate sampling, will be a part of this tour.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend this tour. If you plan on attending, RSVP to the District office at (815) 462-3106, ext. 3, on or before June 16th so we can reserve a seat for you on the tour and confirm your lunch reservation.

Southwest Area Obituaries

Rada Abudayyeh

Mass was said Saturday at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Rada Abudayyeh, 73, wife of the late Salameh; her children, Suhila (Nabeel) Tannous, Elias (Majdolin), Ziad (Magida), Suad (Anton) Hanania, Mazin, Maged, George, Faisal, Sarah (Maher) Ibrahim and Faris; 18 grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Issa and Michael Okla, Kafa Salameh, Nada, Fadwa, Rifqu and Nuha.

Agnes-Inez Brown

Visitation was held Friday at John Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Palos Heights, with a private interment, for Agnes-Inez Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Howard; her children, Clifford and Glenn (Bernadette) Brown; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Jerry, Nello and Anthony Giamberardino.

Margaret Church

Services were held Saturday at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Margaret L. Church, wife of the late Donald.

She is survived by her children, Ronald (Mary), Roberta (Daniel) Swyndroski and Craig (Pamela); three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Gerhard L. Meissner

Services were held Wednesday at Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, with interment at Christ Lutheran Cemetery, for Gerhard L. Meissner.

Sarah "Lynn" Pisano

Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 17th, at Zimmerman & Sandeman-Orland Funeral Home, 9900 W. 143rd St., Orland Park, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Wood Church, Orland Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sarah "Lynn" Pisano of Palos Park. She was a computer operator.

She is survived by her husband, William; her children, Lucy (Tom) Holewinski and Billy (Cheryl) Pisano; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her sister, Mary Kinka; and her brothers, Mike, Sam and Nick LaMonto.

Michael J. Carey

Services were held Tuesday in Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Michael J. Carey, 74.

He is survived by his wife, Angeline; his children, Dawn Ingersoll and Antonia (Nick Palazzo) Carey; and his sister, Therese (Chris) O'Dwyer.

Fred A. Cihon

Mass was said Wednesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Fred A. Cihon, 89. He worked for Burlington Northern Railroad for 43 years before retiring.

He is survived by his sisters, Lee Kuss and Mae (Ernest) Jacobson, and his brother, Joseph (Irene).

John R. DeAngelis

Services were held Tuesday in Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for John R. DeAngelis. He was a veteran.

He is survived by his brother, William (Molly) DeAngelis, and his sister, Virginia (Frank) Trimaco.

Arthur M. DeWig

Mass was said Monday at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Arthur M. DeWig. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his children, Christina (William) Wichert, Judith (Glen) Goyer, Mark Allen (Iris) DeWig and John (Joan) DeWig; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sisters, Evelyn McCarthy, Alice Smith and Marie Shockley; and his brothers, Jack (Lucille), Bob (Connie) and Donald.

Jack E. Olson

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jack E. Olson. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He worked for Campbell Soup Co. for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Jacqueline (David) Konrath, Maggie and Timothy Olson, Kathi Giblin, Mary Pat (Jim) Frantzis, Jack Jr. (Lori) Olson and Cheryl (Charles) Ruffing; seven grand-children; his sisters, Verna (Arthur) Clemes, Roberta and Cheryl Olson; and his brother, Dennis (Terry).

Matthew B. Hassur

Services were held Tuesday at Lawn Funeral Home, Orland Park, with a private interment for Matthew B. Hassur.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; his children, Steven Matthew (Julie) Hassur and Sharon (Lawrence) Ryczek; and two grandchildren.

Paul J. "Jeff" Meier

Services were held Tuesday at Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with a private interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Paul J. "Jeff" Meier, 43, of Worth, form-erly of Bridgeview.

He is survived by his father, William C. Meier; his brothers, William, Robert (Loretta) and David (Sylvia) Meier; and his sister, Debbie Meier.

Carmen A. Monacella

Mass was said Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with entombment at St. Mary Holy Family Mausoleum, for Carmen A. Monacella.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; his children, John (Judith) and Ann (Larry) Peterson; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Joyce Anne King

Services were held Tuesday at Damar Funeral Home, Justice, with interment at Concordia Cemetery, for Joyce Anne King, wife of the late Robert.

She is survived by her children, Dean and Debra Rasmussen; her brother, Paul (Dorothy) Reaber; and her sister, Geri Schuth.

Louise M. Fusco

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Stephen Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Louise M. Fusco, 73.

She is survived by her husband, Roy; her children, Mary (Mark) Abels, Carole (Scott) Sterkowitz and Joan (Joseph) Janachoski; nine grandchildren; and her brother, Robert (Judith) Montesano.

Lloyd B. Thieman Sr.

Services were held Tuesday at Tews Funeral Home, Homewood, with interment at Oakland Memory Lanes Cemetery, for Lloyd B. Thieman Sr., 84, of Orland Park. He was a supervisor for Verson All Steel Press Co. before retiring and a World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor. He served on the U.S. Vestal.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Lloyd B. (Madeline) Thieman Jr., Christy Smolen and Kimberly Kane; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

William J. Hennessy

Mass was said Monday at St. Christina Church, Mount Greenwood, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William J. Hennessy.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Cathy (Gary) Wood, Peggy (Mike) Delis and Lori; six grandchildren; and his sister, Lorraine (Earl) Stuebner.

Virginia L. Herman

Services were held Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Virginia L. Herman, wife of the late William F.

She is survived by her children, William (Gina), Sandi (John) Savarino and Michele (Al) Moskiewicz; five grandchildren; and her sisters, Francesca (Al) Burlini and Mary Jane (Carmen).

Rose E. Michelazzo

Services were held Sunday at Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, with a private interment for Rose E. Michelazzo, 74, a 20-year Palos Hills resident, wife of the late Timo.

She was a 40-year employee of Sherwin-Wil-liams Co.

She is survived by her sisters, Ida (Bruno) Quagliani and Angeline (Joseph) Abrams.

Ronald "Toby" Petzke

Mass was said Monday at Our Lady of the Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Ronald "Toby" Petzke, 69. He was a 40-year member of the Glaziers Union Local 27.

He is suvived by his wife, Joan; his children, Lynn (Michael) Pironti, Ronald Jr. (Catherine) and Mary (Tim) Krueger; and five grandchildren.

Samuel T. Milazzo

Mass was said Monday at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Samuel T. Milazzo, 83, husband of the late Emily M.

He is survived by his daughter, Carol Jean, and his sisters, Katherine Askwith and Mary Kohudic.

Elaine R. Reedy

Mass was said Saturday at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Elaine R. Reedy.

She is survived by her husband, Louis J.; her children, John, William, Patricia (Charles Potnar) Reedy, Maura, Edward and Jean Reedy; and one grandchild.

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Essay Winners Will Go Fishing

The Oak Lawn Police Dept., in conjunction with the B.A.D.G.E. program, the Village of Oak Lawn, the Oak Lawn Environmental Committee and the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, is promoting fishing as an alternative recreational activity.

"We have already distributed fishing poles to nearly 50 essay winners at our D.A.R.E. and E.D.G.E. (gang evasion) program graduations," said Robert V. Smith, Jr. Chief of Police.

The police department is also sponsoring a coloring contest throughout the summer and distributing free fishing poles to 10 winners on Friday, June 18th and each Friday through Sept. 10th. Forms are available at the police department front desk.

On June 12th, all of the essay winners were invited to "Fish with the Police." "We will also sponsor mini-fishing events through the summer not only for the youth but for our senior citizens as well," said Smith.

As part of this community endeavor, Oak Lawn Lake located next to the Children's Museum will be stocked.

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Residents Rally Against TIF District Before Board Meeting

Before the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday approximately 100 residents opposed to the creation of the Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station TIF District held a rally outside the Village Hall. As residents voiced their opposition to the TIF District, a surveillance camera for the Ernie Kolb Memorial was being installed on the north corner of the east side of the building. Police officers were present at the Village Hall entrance, on the stairway leading to the auditorium, and at the entrance to the auditorium. When the rally ended and the citizens entered the auditorium, again the crowd spilled out of the room into the hall and down the stairs.

As those in opposition to the ordinances creating the new TIF District/Project waited, other business was conducted. Past meeting minutes were approved, Dave and Sharon Pawlak, Bob Mauge and Grace Gorka, and Carol Chandler, the Oak Lawn Beautiful Yard Contest winners received their awards from Acting President Ron Stancik. Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss new business and the consent agenda pertaining to routine items were approved.

The buzz from the audience increased, the next items on the agenda were the ordinances needed to create the TIF District Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. Trustee William Keane moved the first ordinance designating the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area be approved, Trustee Jerry Hurckes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five to one with Trustee Robert Streit stating he would have questions after the next motion.

The motion to approve the second ordinance approving the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project was again made by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Hurckes. Trustee Streit stated that one of the conditions for creating a TIF District is lack of private investment and asked if any attempt to market the property for development had been made. Faber answered "No." He was booed. Streit questioned who would be responsible for the financial obligation should the project not succeed financially. The response from the attorney, Michael Jurusik, was dependent on what type of bonds were issued and if they were general obligation bonds then the village i.e. the taxpayers would be liable, again boos and catcalls from the audience. Streit questioned whether this project conformed to the village's Comprehensive Plan and added, "I can state with great certainty that this is not in the plan I have." His statement was thunderously applauded. Streit raised questions about low income housing and was admonished by Trustee Hurckes about always raising this issue. A verbal battle ensued between the two men and audience members shouted you are out of order at Trustee Hurckes. Acting President Ron Stancik, finally regained control and warned Trustee Streit to "wrap it up." The motion was again approved by a vote of five to one.

The final ordinance adopting tax increment financing for the Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station was again moved by Trustee Keane and again seconded by Trustee Hurckes. This motion also passed by a vote of five to one. Shouts of this is the third TIF District in the center of town, elections are coming, we will see you in court were heard.

The meeting then adjourned to executive session.

Those residents who are opposed to the creation of the TIF District met down in the lobby and passed out petitions. According to Maureen Murphy, owner of Shannon Imports and Republican Committeewoman, the goal of the group is to collect 10,000 signatures. The group added that questions still abound about TIF abuse and the lack of environmental studies and both will be looked into. The group is not giving up.

Presentations were made at the Oak Lawn Rotary Club meeting held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on Monday, June 14th.

The Oak Lawn 2004-05 vehicle sticker will display the Rotary International Centennial logo in honor of the 100th anniversary which will be celebrated in Feb. 2005. The idea for the sticker was presented by David Kobak, Blake-Lamb Funeral Home and past president of the Oak Lawn Rotary. Pictured left to right are: Jeanine M. Shotas, president of the Oak Lawn Rotary; Chuck Johnson, Governor of Rotary District 6450; Ronald M. Stancik, Acting Mayor of Oak Lawn; Jayne Powers, Oak Lawn Village Clerk and Dave Kobak, past president of the Oak Lawn Rotary.

Oak Lawn Schedules Meeting

Residents of the 4th District of Oak Lawn are invited to attend a Town Hall Neighborhood Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29th. The meeting will be held at the Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., and is hosted by Trustee Steven Kozenbaum.

The meeting will include an update on current developments in Oak Lawn. There will also be a question and answer session on issues brought forward by attendees.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Bible School Coming

Hero Quest Vacation Bible School is coming to Pilgrim Faith Church for the week of June 28 to July 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Join in for a week of fun and games, singing and laughter, crafts and crazy snacks while on a quest to meet Bible heroes and local kid heroes. Children ages three to sixth grade are welcome.

The church is located at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Sign up today by calling the church office at 422-4200.

AARP To Meet On Monday, July 12th

The AARP Oak Lawn Chapter 3558 will meet on Monday, July 12th at 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. The speaker will be Alice Collins, writer of the column "Love 'N Leftovers" for "The Penny Saver Newspaper."

For more information, call Stan Urban at (708) 422-5635.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 26 – Saturday – District "I" Trustee is Available, Johnston Center, 94th and Oak Park Ave., 9 a.m. to noon.

JUNE 26 – Saturday – Flea Market and Bake Sale, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (inside church).

JUNE 27 – Sunday – "Ask Anything Sunday," Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 104th and Kostner Ave., 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

JUNE 28 – Monday – School District 123 Board of Education Meeting, 4201 W. 93rd St., training center, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 29 – Tuesday – Public Auction, Green Oaks Shopping Center, Southeast Corner of West 95th St. and S. Cicero Ave., 1:30 p.m.

JUNE 30 – Wednesday, Farmer's Market, Yourell Driver between 52nd Ave. and Cook Ave., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JULY 1 – Thursday – Alzheimer Support Group, Christ Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St., 6 p.m.

JULY 1 – Thursday – Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 1 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JULY 1 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center auditorium, 9446 S. Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JULY 3 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

JULY 4 – Sunday – Star Spangled Four of July Celebration, Memorial Park, 102nd and Major.

JULY 4 – Sunday – Evening Festivities, Richards High School, 106th and Central Ave., Gates open 6:30 p.m. (Fireworks show after the entertainment).

Crestwood Hosts "Look Out Summerfest 2004"

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Oak Lawn Police Chief Bob Smith distributes fishing poles to neighborhood children.

Chief Smith and his helpers are stocking Oak Lawn Lake with fish.

Over 800 Fish Are Released Into Oak Lawn Lake

On Tuesday, June 10th over 800 fish were released into Oak Lawn Lake. Largemouth and small mouth bass, some as large as 16 inches, crappies, blue gills, bull heads, and some very large channel catfish were part of the release. The Oak Lawn Police Department in conjunction with the BADGE program, the village of Oak Lawn, the Oak Lawn Environmental Committee, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are promoting fishing as an alternative recreational activity for kids.

Fishing poles were awarded to nearly 50 essay winners at DARE and EDGE program graduations. On Friday; June 12th the essay winners were invited to "Fish with Police." The Police Department will sponsor more mini fishing events throughout the summer not only for youth but for senior citizens.

The Oak Lawn Police Department is also sponsoring a coloring contest throughout the summer and distributing free fishing poles to 10 winners on Fridays through September 10th. The coloring contest forms are available at the Police Department front desk and must be completed and returned by July 1st.

School District 218 Requires Students Proof Of Residency For Next School Year

All parents of students who will enroll in District 218 schools for the 2004-05 school year must present documentation of residency prior to the start of the coming school year. District staff will be available during the summer, including several evenings, for parents to verify residency status.

The Board of Education passed a policy change on May 11th that requires all parents to provide proof of residency for any child who will enroll in District 218 for the coming school year. In the past, only parents of students new to the district or whose home address came into question were asked to verify their residency. This year the district began checking addresses of incoming freshmen.

Now parents of all current and incoming students will need to supply proof of residency over the summer months. Parents must present two different and original (no photocopies) utility bills and one of the following: driver's license or state identification card displaying current address.

If parents fail to verify residency during the summer, the district will drop their student's class schedule. They would then need to meet with a counselor to re-register.

Board members passed the policy change to avoid the high cost of educating non-resident students.

Days and hours when parents may document their residency status differ by school. For summer 2004, parents may present documentation on the following days and times:

Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento in Blue Island, Monday through Thursday, now to July 15th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening hours will be Tuesday, July 6th and Wednesday, July 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Harold L. Richards High School, 10600 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn, Monday through Thursday, now to July 15th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening hours and dates are Tuesday, June 29th; Tuesday, July 13th; and Tuesday, July 27th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Palos Heights, evening hours are Wednesday, July 7th and Wednesday, July 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents of students enrolled at ASPEN High School and Summit Learning Center may verify their residency at registration on Aug. 10th, 11th and 12th from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. each day.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Why is an Evergreen Park resident becoming so active in Oak Lawn?

When Maureen Murphy appeared at a public hearing in Oak Lawn concerning the Metra train station development, she first apologized for the misleading and totally inaccurate pamphlet that she wrote and had distributed throughout Oak Lawn neighborhoods. I wonder why the sudden interest in Oak Lawn.

Did she appear before the Evergreen Park village board to complain about the increase in traffic on 95th St. that will occur when Wal-Mart opens? Did she try to save the Martinique (a south side institution) or did she welcome Wal-Mart? When given the opportunity to move her business to Evergreen Park, she instead chose to relocate in Oak Lawn. Why? Is Oak Lawn better for business?

All communities have issues and problems to deal with, including Evergreen Park. Correct the problems in your own house before coming to ours.

s/s Bill Keane, Trustee
Village of Oak Lawn

Farmer's Market Open

The 20th Annual Oak Lawn Farmer's Market will open Wednesday, June 30 at 7 a.m. All of the farmers will return with fresh vegetables and fruits, homemade jams and sauces and plenty of flowers. The Boy Scouts will be selling hot dogs and the Popcorn Wagon will serve popcorn, shaved ice, and lemonade shake-ups.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will be out in force to welcome the shoppers and offer them a cup of coffee. "Dotsie the Clown" will paint faces from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmer's Market is located on Yourell Drive (along the railroad tracks south of 95th St), 52nd Ave. to Cook Ave. For information, call Jayne Powers at 499-7738.

25th Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament

The Oak Lawn Park District will host the 25th annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th at Richards High School, 106th St. & Central Ave., starting at 8 a.m.

The tournament offers a weekend of outdoor tennis matches for different age groups and skill levels. Sign-up begins Thursday, July 1st at the park district's Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center, 10444 S. Central Ave.

All USTA rules will apply to tournament matches. There is a limited draw and an 8-player minimum for each event. The registration fee is $10 for singles and $20 for doubles. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each division.

For more information, call (708) 857-2215.

POLICE CALLS

On June 3rd Rockland Oiler, 32, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with violation of owner's duties. The animal control officer responded to a report of two pit bulls running loose on 101st St. The officer observed the dogs and captured both dogs from the inside of his vehicle because one of the dogs, a male, was very aggressive. The female dog had lacerations on her head, face, chest, legs and thighs some of which appeared to be infected. Later on that afternoon Oiler called police to see if they had his dogs. When questioned, Oiler stated that he had no idea how the dogs had gotten out and that they were in the house when he left earlier in the day adding that the dog had been injured in a forest preserve by two Rottweilers, he stated he had not taken the dog to the vet but was taking care of her himself. Both dogs had been taken to Animal Welfare, the female received treatment and remained at the shelter, but because of the aggressive nature of the male the director of the shelter requested police find other housing for the dog. It was determined that the male was a vicious and dangerous dog and before the male could be released to Oiler an enclosure would have to be provided for the dog to remain in at all times. The Animal Control Officer and a police officer inspected the enclosure and Oiler was allowed to pick up the dog.

On June 11th Frances Houlihan, 31, and Brian Houlihan, 36, both of Chicago were arrested and charged with armed robbery. As Frances Houlihan entered the Petunia Patch Flower Shop a chime sounded in the back where an associate was working. When the associate came to the front Houlihan responded that she was just looking. Shortly afterwards, Brian Houlihan entered the shop and placed his hand containing a gun on the counter and demanded the clerk lay on the floor. Frances Houlihan added that the woman would not be hurt if she did as he said. They then demanded money. The victim told them to hit the "no sale" key and the register would open. They opened the register and took $100 from the drawer they then ordered the victim to lead them to her purse where they took $20 from it. The victim was then ordered to lay back down on the floor and to not get up or they would come back and hurt her. The victim did as she was told and a short while later the delivery person returned and notified police. The victim was able to give police a description of the car.

On June 11th Sarah Virgilio, 21, of New Lenox was arrested and charged with aggravated driving under the influence after police responded to a report of a traffic accident with injuries at 105th and Kenton. When police arrived they detected the odor of alcohol on Virgilio who admitted to having a few beers earlier. According to witnesses Virgilio was driving at a high rate of speed when she drove through the intersection disregarding a stop sign and hit a car with such force that the car rolled over onto its side. Virgilio claimed to have attempted to stop but there were no tread marks to indicate this. Paramedics took two people to the hospital.

National Dean's List

A total of five students from Hometown are among about 170,000 students included in the 26th annual edition of the *National Dean's List, 2002-2003*.

They are Krystle Adamski, Johnson and Wales University; Melissa Duffy, St. Xavier University; Jean Elam, ECI; Jesse Gubernat, University of South Florida; and Colleen O'Connor, St. Xavier University.

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Rename Stem Cell Research Act

State Sen. Jeffrey Schoenberg (D-9th District) was joined by House Minority Leader Tom Cross (R-84th District) and health care advocates to rename the Stem Cell Research Act (House Bill 3589) to honor the memory of former President Ronald Reagan. House Bill 3589 will now be known as the Ronald Reagan Biomedical Research Act.

Former President Reagan died recently after a protracted 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's is one of the many devastating illnesses that medical researchers believe will benefit from embryonic stem cells.

The bill before the Illinois legislature specifically permits embryonic stem cell research and therapeutic applications in Illinois and establishes review of this research by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health.

President Reagan's widow, former First Lady Nancy Reagan, has been an outspoken proponent in favor of embryonic stem cell research because of its promising medical potential. Her advocacy has reinvigorated the call for expanded research in this field.

"I was inspired by Nancy Reagan's heartfelt and compelling call for embryonic stem cell research and the agony that both she and former President Reagan faced with his disease," said Schoenberg, the chief sponsor of the legislation. Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District) is the chief sponsor in the House.

"Since this bill passed the House last spring, we have made real progress towards helping researchers find cures to many serious diseases and conditions. Illinois is home to premier medical research institutions and it pains me to export talented researchers and millions of dollars in funding to other states and countries," added Schoenberg.

Leader Cross, whose daughter suffers from juvenile diabetes – one of the many illnesses that could benefit from embryonic stem cell research – also spoke out in favor of the Ronald Reagan Biomedical Research Act.

"We need to put partisan politics aside and focus on the real help we can bring to people all over Illinois. In the spirit of former President Reagan, I urge my colleagues to pass this critical legislation – legislation that could save millions of lives," Cross said.

Joining the legislators were Andres Gallegos and Jenny Knauss. Gallegos suffers from a spinal cord injury and Knauss is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Both spoke about the need for embryonic stem cell research to aid their conditions.

"The diseases and conditions that may be treated or cured by stem cells do not discriminate. Any one of us may become paralyzed in an instant, or suffer a long, agonizing decline into the misery of living with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes, or ALS," said Gallegos, founder of Illinois in Motion. "'Trust, but verify' was a mantra of President Reagan. We have to trust the oversight built into this legislation to ensure that the research will be conducted in a responsible and ethical manner. We need now for our legislature to speak for those who cannot speak themselves and who, through no fault of their own, are now or will become imprisoned in their own bodies."

Knauss added, "Those of us who are living now the Alzheimer's know our destiny. And thus we know – as only we can know – how unforgivably cruel it would be to cause others to have to share our fate if only because research and funding is not permitted on potential cures and treatments."

Sunday Scramble

"Sunday Scramble," sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, provides an opportunity for the public to bring their own canoe or kayak for a day of water and fun at Monee Reservoir. "Sunday Scramble" will be every Sunday in July – July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th – from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A launch fee of $7 for one watercraft and $5 for each additional watercraft applies.

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Hamfesters Radio Club Field Day 2004 At Moraine Valley

The Hamfesters Radio Club will again operate their Field Day 2004 at Moraine Valley Community College located at the northwest corner of 111th St. and 86th Ave.

Operations begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 26th and run continuously until 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 27th.

Field Day is Amateur Radio's demonstration of its ability to provide communications in the event of an emergency that knocks out the phone and electrical systems.

More than 2,000 stations in North and South America will be taking part in this event. Ham radio operators will set up generators, transmitters and antennas in an empty field and communicate with other stations around the world.

Hamfesters members will demonstrate various modes including Voice, Morse code, satellite and computer to computer via radio.

All are welcome and admission is free to anyone interested in emergency communications or Amateur Radio. This is the time to take advantage to operate equipment with licensed Radio operators.

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Dr. Pascale's Letter To The Editor

There comes a time when the pace of one's life greatly decreases. When you don't rush to catch the 7:15 train or accelerate to make the green light. The merry-go-round greatly slows down.

This is the time you ask yourself: What have I done over these 80 years. Is there more to do? I have had such a great life. One thing I must still do is thank the thousands of people who have contributed to my joy and pleasure.

As a physician for 50 years, husband and father of 10 children, I must start by thinking of my wife and children who had to sacrifice so much too often in the absence of their husband and father. I love these people. But more importantly, these kids have become respectful citizens who have faith in God and serve their fellow man in a warm and kindly manner.

Thanks to my patients who honored and showed confidence in me by allowing me to serve them. To have entrusted their health and even their life is the most humbling experience. I feel the practice of medicine is among the highest services a person and give. The blind faith patients place in another human for such a critical purpose is beyond measure. This produces a binding relationship.

Thanks to the Medical Network that helped me care for my patients.

To my associates who helped care for my patients, exchange ideas and gave me support.

To the fellow physicians and consultants who gave my patients the best care with promptness and expertise.

To the nurses and their support team who care for my patients. Serving night and day with kindness, compassion, courteousness, extreme dedication and professionalism! When the requirements are frequently demanding and exhausting they are always willing to serve the welfare of the patient. These are the unsung heroes of medicine who are at the bedside 24 hours a day caring, comforting an saving lives of my patients.

To my personal group, which I worked with elbow-to-elbow for providing a warm, cheerful, friendly environment to work in. They were always aware of the patients' needs and comfort, working together in harmony and excellence.

To the many technical and laboratory personnel who provided testing and therapies which enhanced my treatments and sharpened my diagnoses.

To the Sisters of Saint Mary and the hospital administration, which have provided a beautiful, state of the art workplace for me to practice my art.

To the many known and unknown persons and institutions who brought us all the advances over these 50 years through basic and clinical research and technical developments. These discoveries have made my work an exciting experience. It has so greatly benefited my patients in so many ways over the years.

Thanks to my father and mother, personal family and friends for their encouragement, support and demonstration of love. They have given me the psychological base to carry out my responsibilities throughout my life.

Thank God for giving me the optimism, opportunity, health and capacity to have such a wonderful life.

Luke R. Pascale, M.D.
St. Francis Hospital

Court's Decision

Focus on the Family Chairman Dr. James C. Dobson issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to throw out Michael Newdow's challenge that the phrase "one nation under God" is unconstitutional, based on the fact that Newdow does not have legal custody of his daughter, on whose behalf Newdow claimed to have brought the suit:

"I am certainly pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned the decision of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found the phrase 'one nation under God' unconstitutional. Yet again, a ruling of the 9th Circuit – the most overturned circuit court in the nation – has been voided.

"However, the Supreme Court does not emerge from this case the defender of America's moral and Christian heritage – in fact, it showed a lack of principle that is truly appalling. Instead of settling this question once and for all, the Court has left the nation to wonder if God's name will be found unconstitutional if another challenge is brought in a procedurally correct fashion. By refusing to rule on the substance of the case, the Supreme Court has left the door open for additional challenges to our nation's godly foundation – one which is reflected on our currency, in our government buildings – including the Supreme Court's own chamber – and in the oaths we take."

Health Care Rally Held

Gov. Howard Dean, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky led a rally in Lincoln Park Saturday, June 19 as Chicagoans joined thousands of others across the country in demanding decent, affordable health care for American families. The rally, entitled "Bridging the Gap," was one of the largest health care demonstrations in history.

"In the richest, most advanced country in the world, it's simply wrong for sick children to go without seeing a doctor because their parents cannot afford it," said Dean "It is wrong for America to be the only industrialized country in the world that does not guarantee, in one way or another, that all Americans can afford adequate health care. We have to do better."

The ranks of the uninsured are swelling: according to a study published recently by Families USA, as much as one-third of Americans under 65 lacked health insurance for at least part of the years 2002-03. In Illinois, 31.5 percent of the non-elderly population faced the same problem.

Lack of health insurance is also the leading cause of bankruptcy filings, after loss of employment. In fact, in Illinois, four out of five people without insurance have at least one family member working full- or part-time.

All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Monday evening the Orland Park Civic Center served as the lightning rod of cultural and contemporary social conscience. Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Trustees offered to hear from as many concerned citizens as possible before rendering a decision as to the acceptance of a proposed mosque in unincorporated Orland Township...and they did.

There were a variety of opinions expressed including questions about traffic problems, fears about terrorists or extremists and the possible devaluation of property values. There were also speakers who reminded those present about the U.S. Constitution and its guarantee for all to worship in a place of their choice.

Village officials reminded those present that emotions or potential problems would not influence their decision and would confine their considerations to zoning and traffic issues. They also reminded those in attendance that federal and state laws clearly prohibit any municipality from excluding any house of worship because of its beliefs or membership. (Orland Park was notified by letter last week, by the U.S. Justice Department, specifically regarding this matter.)

After hours of emotional discourse, the Orland Park Village Board voted unanimously to approve the construction of the proposed 22,700-square-foot mosque. Located on five acres of property at 16530 S. 104th Ave., the structure is expected to serve the growing Muslim community in the southwest suburbs.

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The Village of Oak Lawn's board meeting Tuesday evening included the passing of three ordinances need to create the TIF District Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. Each of the ordinances passed by a five to one vote. The village will now move forward with the Metra development project. We'll keep you posted on the continued progress.

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Crestwood Mayor Chet Stranczek wants to remind our readers that Crestwood's "Look Out SummerFest 2004" is back this week, "bigger and better than ever," according to the Mayor.

This year's "SummerFest" runs now through Sunday, June 27. Highlights include top flite entertainment, i.e. Hairbangers Ball, the Marshall Tucker Band, The Buckinghams, Five Guys Named Moe, American English, Maggie Speaks and more. The sumptuous beer garden and variety of food vendors, combined with five nights of continual entertainment, offer something for everyone. As an added attraction, carnival rides, bingo, a teen stage and kids activities are also available.

The Crestwood Look Out SummerFest will be held at Caesar Park, 141st and Kenton Ave. in Crestwood. For concert times and ticket information, call (708) 371-4800 or visit their web site at www.crestwoodfest.com.

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The Air Transportation Stabilization Board's (ATSB) decision to deny United Airlines request for a $1.6 billion federal loan guarantee drew the following reaction from Congressman Bill Lipinski: "I think that it is a grave mistake for the ATSB to turn down the United loan application. I believe that United Airlines is in exactly the situation we had in mind when we established the ATSB in 2001. United has and continues to put forth great effort to make significant adjustments at the Board's request. I would hope that the Board would realize this and take the time to review this information, instead of rushing to come to a decision on the matter."

Since the initial rejected request, the airline is seeking a smaller guaranteed package of about $500 million less than the original $1.6 billion. As the hub of United Airlines national operation, Chicagoland has been well served by the commerce and employment opportunities which exist as a result of its location. While we might recognize the ATSB's right to disagree with United's request, we feel that the overwhelming regional impact that the granting of the aforementioned loan would bring to the airline's daily operation, and this region, are strong enough to warrant further consideration.

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Hats off to Gov. Rod Blagojevich on his announcement stating his intent to advance the final two state aid payments to schools for the current fiscal year. This decision is critical for school districts around the state as they try to keep their budgets balanced.

In past years of revenue shortfalls, governors delayed the 23rd and 24th state aid payments until the following fiscal year. This could be problematic for school districts which budget the final two payments as part of their current fiscal year that ends July 1st.

The governor has contacted Comptroller Dan Hynes and Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, asking them to transfer approximately $277 million on June 25th from the General Revenue Fund to the Common School Fund. Payment has to be received by June 25th in order for school districts to receive it by the end of the month. Comptroller Hynes recently alerted the Governor's Office of Management and Budget by letter that it is his belief sufficient funds exist to make the final two payments.

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The Western Open returns to neighboring Cog Hill Golf Club in Lemont...June 28th-July 4th. Owned by the Jemsek Family, this magnificent golfing facility features four 18 hole courses. Their legendary course #4 "Dubs Dread" hosts the Midwest's most fabled tournament, which has documented a great history of champions and memorable moments. Get out and see some of the greatest players in the world test their skills on Cog Hills' deep traps and undulating greens. Tiger Woods, Mike Weir, David Toms, Davis Love III, Vijay Sing, Greg Norman and a host of others will compete for millions in prize money. For information call (630) 257-5872. For tickets call (312) 559-1212 or visit cialiswesternopen.com.

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District 218 seeks information about alumni who died in military service during the Korean War. The district will dedicate a memorial plaque bearing their names around Veterans Day this year.

All would have attended Blue Island Community High School, the only district school in existence during that era. At that time, students from Blue Island, Oak Lawn, Alsip, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Robbins, Calumet Park, Worth, Crestwood and Merrionette Park all attended Blue Island Community High School.

Call Bob McPartland at (708) 424-2000, ext. 2570 if you have information, news clips or photos.

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Surplus Vehicle Sale

The Illinois Dept. of Central Management Services announced recently that approximately 150 Late Model Police and Agency Vehicles are to be auctioned off at its surplus vehicle sale on Saturday, June 26th at the CMS Surplus Warehouse, 1924 S. 10½ St. in Springfield.

"We encourage the public to join us on Saturday as this is the second to last vehicle auction planned for 2004," said Curtis Howard, acting manager of CMS Property Control Division. "This is a great time of year to purchase a second vehicle or graduation present at a very reasonable price."

Registration will open at 7 a.m. and the sale will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The vehicles will be available for inspection on Thursday, June 24th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, June 25th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, June 26th from 7 a.m. to the beginning time of the sale. Keys will only be available on Thursday and Friday during the hours stated and will *not* be available on Saturday.

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition and all sales are final. There are no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied and no refunds or exchanges. Vehicles are sold individually.

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All buyers must adhere to the Illinois Mandatory Insurance Law. All vehicles operated in Illinois are required to carry minimum liability insurance and vehicle operators should be prepared to present evidence of such if asked by law enforcement officers.

For more information, contact Curtis Howard at (217) 782-7786.

Apple River Fort Site

The nation was still young when Apple River Fort was built in 1832, and many of its settlers were part of the first generation of Americans to live in the newly-independent nation. Find out how they celebrated their freedom during a special 1832 Independence Day scheduled for Saturday, July 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Apple River Fort State Historic Site in Elizabeth, Illinois. The event is free and open to the public.

Members of the 1832 state militia will open the festivities with a flag-raising ceremony, and will then recruit volunteers to sign up for the militia and participate in marching and drills. Children's games and fiddle music begins at 1:15 p.m. A Grand Patriotic Rally starts at 2 p.m. featuring singing, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, a "miracle cures" presentation, a temperance speech and song, and a Great Tableau depicting historical scenes from the State of Illinois.

"A townball game, the forerunner of modern baseball, will begin at 3 p.m.," said Apple River Fort Site Manager Susan Gordy, "and visitors are invited to participate.

Apple River Fort State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, web site (www.IllinoisHistory.gov) was the site of a Black Hawk War battle in 1832. It is located in Elizabeth, Illinois and is open Wednesday through Sunday for free public tours. Call (815) 858-2028 for information about Apple River Fort and specific events held there.

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* You must have previously registered to use this option.

Township Seniors Hear Storyteller

The Worth Township Seniors' next general meeting will be on Friday, July 2nd. The meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. and is in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. We will be having a book report and also a storyteller. The program should be very interesting. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Prairie Ramble

A Prairie Ramble, a free, family nature walk sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Wednesday, June 30th at 6 p.m. at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. This nature walk is open to persons of at least 10 years of age.

Summer on the tall grass prairie provides ample opportunities to explore great numbers of prairie forbs, or broad-leaved flowering plants. Most have conspicuous, showy flowers and create fabulous displays for which the prairie is so well known.

Prairie Rambles are planned to visit the prairie landscape over several weeks during the height of the growing season. Over time, participants may become acquainted with the succession of color, shape and form of native flora.

Cameras are welcome, and participants should wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and dress for the weather; the walk will be held unless threatening weather conditions exist.

For additional information, call (815) 727-8700.

Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve is located on the west bank of the Des Plaines River. Take Route 53 south to Division St. Turn east on Division St. and follow to trail head.

For additional information, call (815) 727-8700.

Spring Home Furnishings Sale!

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Annual Old Campground Festival

The 29th annual Old Campground Festival will take place on Saturday, June 26 at the wooded grounds of the United Methodist Church, located just off U.S. Route 30, one mile east of Interstate 80 (Exit 137) in New Lenox. This year's co-chairpersons, Dan Luksetich and Laura Pyles indicate over 100 craft spaces are sold for the popular festival of arts and crafts. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Various items will be sold in the following categories: Clothing, accessories and jewelry; garden items; wall art; florals and paintings; home décor; household items; dolls, toys and animals; glassware, pottery, and metal art; Indian, Folk and ethnic; woodworking, furniture and miscellaneous.

The day long festivities will begin on the outdoor stage with the United Methodist Church Handbell Choir under the direction of Mike Weirman from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Following the bell concert will be songs by the Kids and Company pre-school, directed by Kim Kalnins and Lisa Johnston from 10:30 to 11 a.m

Returning this year will be the Tiger Kwon's Martial Arts Olympic Tae Kwon Do to do their demonstration form 11 to 11.30 a.m.

Mr. D's Magic House Magic Act will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mr. D. has been a long-time favorite of both children and adults. His act is followed by the ever-popular pie eating contest hosted by Bonnie Patrick from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Bill Hoffman's Wild Animals, with audience participation, will take the stage from 1 to 2 p.m. Special attention should also be given to the petting zoo from noon to 4 p.m. on the east side of the grounds. Mr. Hoffman's shows have become one of the more popular events of the festival.

From 2 to 2:30 p.m. members of the United Methodist Church will give a surprise performance. Skiddles the clown will entertain from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

The last performance before Battle of the Bands will be Dayna Malow and Mark Lonsway with live country music from 3 to 4 p.m.

Visitors may wish to bring law chairs for the shows; or sit on the straw bales provided in front of the stage.

The Education Committee of the United Methodist Church will be hosting a Book Fair in the log cabin during festival hours.

Some other daytime attractions include many fun games for children with prizes, children's craft and the always popular face painting.

The New Lenox Police and Fire Protection District will be on hand for public information.

Refreshments sold by the church throughout the day include barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausage, pie, brownies, chips, snow cones, pop and bottled water. An information booth will be centrally located for programs and lost children or parents.

Admission and ample parking for the all day festival are free. Additional free parking will be available at the Lions community Center on West Manor Drive where visitors may park and board the air conditioned shuttle bus to the festival. Free shuttle will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Battle of the Bands will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m on the outdoor stage area. Some of the bands will include "Settle for Nothing," "A New Beginning," and "Backlit Areas."

Refreshments will again be available during the battle and tie dyed shirts can be individually made and purchased.

The rain date for the 2004 Old Campground Festival will be Sunday, June 27 from noon to 5 p.m. For further information, call (8150 744-5569.

The public is cordially invited and welcome!

The Railway Museum

The Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois is open for the 2004 season, with weekend mainline passenger train and trolley rides through October, plus trolley rides on weekdays through Labor Day. Equipment is on display for visitors to enjoy in open yards and car barns. One admission fee [varies $6 – 10 adults; $4 – 8 children ages 5-11 and seniors 62+] includes all rides, displays and parking. Group admission rates and charters are available. Call 1(800) BIG RAIL or visit www.irm.org for information.

On Saturday, June 26th – Civil War Day at IRM, approximately 200 Civil War re-enactors will gather at the museum to participate in a variety of activities, including the 1st Battle of Bull Run [also known as 1st Manassas]. This famous Civil War battle, fought on July 21st, 1861, brought General McDowell's raw, untrained Union troops into conflict with Beauregard's slightly better disciplined Confederates. Troops lined up near Bull Run Creek, along the vital rail line leading to Manassas Junction. This battle demonstrates the critical role played by railroads in the Civil War. Visitors may join the civilian population that came out from Washington and brought picnic lunches to watch the battle!

Live jazz featuring the West End Jazz Band will be on the scene on July 3rd. The Nebraska *Zephyr* Dinner Train returns this weekend as well. And on July 4th, IRM's annual Independence Day Trolley Pageant will entertain visitors by operating pieces of rarely seen electric equipment. Mainline trains will be running too!

Illinois Railway Museum is located at 7000 Olson Road in Union, Illinois [McHenry County] and is easily reached from I-90 by taking the Hampshire-Marengo exit; it is also accessible from US 20 or Illinois 176.

CLASS REUNIONS

Austin High School class of 1949 will meet on Oct. 29th and 30th. Call (708) 386-4133.

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Bowen High School class of January 1955 seeks alumni for a reunion in 2005. Call (219) 322-2543.

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Harper High School, classes of January and June 1955, will meet in fall 2005. Call (630) 427-3636 or (708) 532-8230.

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Lincoln-Way High School class of 1962 will meet on Sept. 25th. Call (815) 485-6856.

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Oak Lawn Community High School class of 1979 will meet on Aug. 27th. Call (630) 235-5590.

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Our Lady of the Snows School class of 1974 will meet on July 17th. Call (847) 302-1484.

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St. Gall Grammar School class of 1954 will meet on Sept. 26th. Call (708) 633-1799.

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Gage Park High School class of 1964 will have a reunion on Nov. 26th. Call (708) 429-6698.

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Kelly High School class of 1955 is planning a reunion on Sept. 25th. Call (630) 964-3005.

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Lindblom Technical High School class of 1979 is looking for classmates for an August reunion. Call (773) 374-7592 or (847) 490-8697.

Symphony Center Auditions

Symphony Center recently announced that auditions for this summer's *Showtime at the Apollo* on tour program will be held on Sunday, June 27th beginning at 12 noon at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

Doors open for registration at 10 a.m., with applicants seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The open auditions will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 5 p.m. No registrations will be accepted prior to Sunday, June 27th. Musicians, singers, dancers, comedians and other talents are welcome. Each candidate will have 60-90 seconds to present his or her audition material. The following instruments and equipment will be available for use: drum set, piano, electric keyboard, bass amp, guitar amp, and CD playback. Vocalists should provide an instrumental accompaniment CD.

Twelve finalists will be selected to appear in the *Showtime at the Apollo* on tour concert and competition to be held on Saturday, July 31st at Symphony Center. The winner of that competition receives a $1,000 prize, plus two round-trip tickets to New York City to audition for a spot on the nationally syndicated television program, *Showtime at the Apollo*

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Willie Nelson Headlines At Fest

He's On the Road Again, and he's heading for Chicago. Willie Nelson will headline the 14th Annual Chicago Country Music Festival on Saturday, June 26. On Sunday, June 27, the festival is honored to welcome 2004 Grammy® nominee, Brad Paisley, to headline at the Petrillo Music shell in the heart of Chicago's Grant Park.

The Chicago Country Music Festival is the largest free, outdoor festival of its kind. It brings thousands of people to the heart of Chicago to experience the best in country music and takes place in conjunction with the nation's largest food festival, the Taste of Chicago.

Since releasing his first single in 1957, Willie Nelson has given birth to concept albums, gospel albums, jazz albums, move soundtracks, myriad duet projects, Christmas albums, live albums, and an album of standards, which has become a standard in itself. This award-winning country legend has defied expectations through out his career and is expected to do no less in his free, outdoor concert in Chicago. Rodney Crowell will open for Nelson beginning at 3 p.m.

The Chicago Country Music Festival is presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events with the generous support of the following sponsors: the CTA, Communications Direct, Chicago Tribune, Hinckley Springs, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, LaGrou Distribution Systems, United Airlines, U.S. Cellular, WSUN US® 99 and W Hotel Lakeshore.

For more information call (312)744-3315 or visit www.city ofchicago.org/specialevents.

Summer Concert

St. Xavier University, 3700 W 103rd St., will host its annual summer concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 24th on the Chicago campus front lawn. The Voyager Orchestra will be playing the best of 40s swing, upbeat tunes from the 60s and 70s and many contemporary hits.

Admission is free and picnics are also welcome. Concessions, including Rainbow Cone ice cream, are available, and fireworks will follow the show at dusk, approximately 9:45. The evening will end by about 10 p.m. O'Connor Chevrolet, O'Connor Quality Hyundai and the Illinois Arts Council are co-sponsoring the concert. The rain date is Sunday, July 11th.

For more information, call (773) 298-3000.

Gaelic Park Features Entertainers

Appearing at the Carraig, a traditional Irish Pub located in the heart of Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., will be Bruce Foster on Friday, June 25th at 9:30 p.m. and Jerry Badie on Saturday, June 26th at 10 p.m.

There is no cover charge. For more information, call (708) 687-9323.

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OUTDOORS by Jim Kosky

ORLAND PARK TO THE RESCUE: After 16 years of having **Duke O'Malley's Free For Kids Fishing Derby** at Tampier Lake, the Cook County Forest Preserve District decided to not allow parking on the grass. Big problem: the parking lot holds about 200 cars, the District proposed parking the extra 700 cars at other locations and busing the kids and their families to the Derby location on the West end of Tampier.

During a meeting with the Forest Preserve District, several people pointed out the problems with the timing and logistics of moving so many people with their coolers, chairs, tables, blankets, etc. and the affect the new policy would have on other activities with large participation. It was hard to believe that someone suddenly decided that automobiles would harm the grass more than the thousands of people that walk and picnic on the same areas.

The District refused to budge and consider "grandfathering" the Derby, so Duke could give 700-1,000 kids a chance to experience the Great Outdoors and spend some quality time with their parents. It looked as though a lot of kids were in for a big disappointment if the Derby had to be canceled. But the event was saved when the **Village of Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department** offered to co-sponsor the Derby at its beautiful Lake Sedgewick in Centennial Park. 15600 West Avenue

While not as big a body of water as Tampier, Lake Sedgewick provided adequate room for parking, fishing, piers and lake structure. The "frosting on the cake" was the attitude of the Recreation & Park personnel, they couldn't do enough to make the day a success, including setting up 10 tents for shade, and providing picnic benches. The Parks and Recreation crew were "Johnny on the spot" when it came time to remove garbage and the huge pile of cardboard cartons from the unpacking of the cane fishing poles, soft drinks and goody-bags.

Kids line-up to get their free fishing tackle and goody bags.

Duke and his army of volunteers have been running these derbies so long that they have it down to a science. The kids line up to check their registration, get a wrist band, cane fishing pole all set up for fishing, a stuffed animal and goody-bag. Then it's down to the lake to catch what for many of them was their first fish.

All the fish caught were released back into the lake to fight again another day. Every kid I talked to caught some fish. Two sisters each caught and released 50 bluegills, a few largemouth bass were caught as well as a few catfish.

Kids enjoy fishing off one of the piers on beautiful Lake Sedgewick during Duke O'Malley's Kids Only Fishing Derby.

When the fishing ended, the kids were treated to an ice cream bar, cookies and a soft drink. This event is not a fishing contest, no pressure, just a fun day. To quote Duke: "Each kid must bring their own live bait and a smile." A special drawing was held for rods, reels and Plano tackle boxes

It was a great day, the kids, their parents and volunteers owe a debt of gratitude to the **Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department** for coming to the rescue of this event and giving about 700 kids a chance *"To Get Hooked On Fishing, Not Drugs."*

Something for Everyone

Sadar Stays With Soccer Next Fall

Aleksandra Sudar, a senior at Bryan High School in Omaha, Nebraska, has signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Xavier University as a member of the Cougar women's soccer program.

Sudar is projected to play either forward or midfield for the Cougars next fall. She is the daughter of Petar and Mirjana Sudar and plans to pursue a degree in business/marketing while at St. Xavier.

"Aleksandra is another great addition to our program," said SXU head women's soccer coach Derek Begich. "Her speed and ability to serve great balls from the flank makes her a dangerous weapon in a great freshman class. She has a great work ethic and personality and I am looking forward to coaching her over the next four years."

Bremen Girls Softball Champs

Bremen Girls Softball became regional champs on May 31st. The last time Bremen had regional champs was in 1979, 25 years ago and this is the second time in the school's history to win conference and regional. They won 16 of the last 18 games and had an overall record of 22-15.

This is the first time in Bremen's history to have eight team members named all conference, they are seniors Kelly Domrese and Renee Rybak and juniors Rhonda Chatman, Lauren D'Ambrosio, Valerie Lasky, Courtney Thompson, Brittany Wayne and Katie Windsor.

Pictured with the plaque they won are the coaches Wendy Podbielniak and Jim Hassel; manager Brittany Konsoer; and team members, Kelly Domrese #4, Renee Rybak #9, Katie Windsor #19, Val Lasky #7, Brittany Wayne #21, Lauren D'Ambrosio #10, Courtney Thompson #2, Jennifer Grandchamp #5, Rhonda Chatman #12, Carly Campbell #11, Lisa Rybak #17, Chole Ross #16, and Cindy Daggy #28.

Cheer Squad To Perform

On Sunday, Aug. 8th, the De La Salle Cheer Squad will perform during "Spirit Day" at U.S. Cellular field before the game between the White Sox and the Cleveland Indians at 2:05 p.m. The performance will take place in the southwest corner courtyard area adjacent to the park. Later, the Cheer Squad's performance will be shown on the big screen during the game.

For the Aug. 8th game, the Cheer Squad is selling tickets for the Lower Deck at $24 per ticket. For more information and ticket order reservations, contact Kim Vilimas at (773) 650-6800

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Windy City ThunderBolts Series Results

In the first game of the doubleheader against the Springfield/Ozark Ducks, the Windy City ThunderBolts crushed the Ducks 12-3. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Mike Zirioli kept the Ducks guessing all game, yielding just three runs and eight hits while striking out four and walking none in five innings. Ducks starting pitcher Matt Blanton got roughed up early and often, as the ThunderBolts scored in all but one inning, letting up 15 hits and 12 runs (all earned), walking five and striking out five in his complete game loss. P-Nut Williams continued his hitting streak to 21 games, going two for three with a two-run HR and a single. In the nightcap, the ThunderBolts struggled defensively against the Ducks with four fielding errors, losing 7-3. Starting pitcher Brett Stephens had a shaky start, giving up all seven runs (6 earned), six hits, and two walks while striking out six, earning the loss. Ducks starting pitcher Bruce Villareal limited the ThunderBolts to five hits and three runs (1 earned), walking three while striking out seven, earning the win. P-Nut Williams went one for three, extending his league-leading hitting streak to 22 games. Prior to the nightcap, the ThunderBolts had won 11 in a row, tying a Frontier League record for consecutive victories. The ThunderBolts have won 11 of their last 12, and are currently first in their division. In the second game the Springfield/Ozark Ducks bested the ThunderBolts 7-3. The announced attendance was 1,270 for the doubleheader.

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In the third game of their four game series, the Windy City ThunderBolts defeated the Springfield/Ozark Ducks by a score of 6-3. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Aaron Bolton had an excellent outing, scattering five hits and three runs (2 earned) while striking out five and walking none, pitching sever innings and earning his second win of the season

Matt Hines pitched a perfect ninth to record his eighth save of the season. Ducks starting pitcher Cody Fisher had a shaky year, giving up seven hits and four runs (3 earned) while striking out five and walking none, pitching six innings and earning his first loss of the season. The Ducks also struggled defensively, having three fielding errors that attributed to one of the ThunderBolts runs. P-Nut Williams continued his hitting streak to 23 games, going one for four with a single in the bottom of the eighth. The ThunderBolts have won 12 of their last 13 games, and are currently in first place, three games ahead of division rival Rockford. The announced attendance was 3,876.

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In the final game of their four game home stand, the Windy City ThunderBolts defeated the Springfield/Ozark Ducks by a score of 11-6. ThunderBolts starting pitcher Ty Kline provided his teammates with some rock solid pitching, scattering nine hits and four runs (2 earned) while striking out five and walking one, pitching six innings and earning his third win of the season. Ducks starting pitcher Mike Schaefer got into trouble early and often, giving up six runs (all earned) and nine hits over three innings, earning his fourth loss of the season. P-Nut Williams continued his hitting streak to 24 games, going one for four with a 425 foot three-run home run in the bottom of the third inning. The ThunderBolts have won 12 of their last 13 games, are currently 20-8 and a first place, three games ahead of division rival Rockford. The announced attendance was 1,622. The Thunder Bolts return on June 28 to face the Springfield Ducks again in a three-game series.

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Dr. Pascale Makes Patients Number One

During his 50 years of practicing medicine, cardiologist Luke Pascale, M.D., says he never once lost sight of his number one priority: his patients.

"I feel the practice of medicine is among the highest services a person can give," said Dr. Pascale, an original founder of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's nationally recognized cardiac program. "I thank my patients who honored and showed confidence in me by allowing me to serve them. To have entrusted their health, and even their life, is the most humbling experience."

Dr. Pascale, 82, retired as a physician last summer. He had been a staff physician at St. Francis since 1954. His legacy of superior cardiac care is honored through the hospital's Luke R. Pascale, MD, Cardiovascular Center, which opened last October. The center features state-of-the-art cardiac diagnostic and treatment services in one convenient location.

"It was a wonderful honor," Dr. Pascale said of the center dedication.

Dr. Pascale helped pioneer what later became the Heart Care Centers of Illinois, a group of cardiologists and cardiac surgeons committed to promoting comprehensive, long-term cardiovascular health.

Dr. Pascale says he was attracted to St. Francis Hospital in 1954 by John Sheehan, M.D., a pathologist on staff at St. Francis and former dean of Loyola Medical School.

"He called me and asked if I wanted to come to St. Francis as a cardiologist, and I did," Pascale said. "At St. Francis, a smiling face, gentle hand and attention to the patient was always first and foremost. Our primary goal was for the patient to have a wholesome and successful experience at the time of discharge from the hospital."

As a pioneer of St. Francis' cardiac program, Dr. Pascale recalls several "firsts" at the hospital, including the advent of nuclear medicine, open heart surgery and cardiac catheterization, and angioplasty.

"In the mid-50s, cardiology was just getting started," Dr. Pascale said. "I would actually sit with a patient for 48 hours after surgery until the bleeding was controlled and he became stable. That's how primitive it was. We didn't have the technical devices or drugs to treat patients like we do now. We eventually brought it all to St. Francis."

Dr. Pascale was born in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. Committed to staying in the Chicago area, he graduated from Loyola Medical School in 1947 and completed his fellowship at Presbyterian Hospital in 1953. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later served in the Korean War from 1953-55 in the medical nutrition laboratory.

Dr. Pascale said his older brother, who at age 17 died of kidney disease, motivated him to become a physician.

"Cardiology seemed to be the most exciting field given the dynamics of what we could do with the heart," he said. "There's so many ways the heart is affected and it sparked a major interest in me."

Dr. Pascale continues to work three days a week at St. Francis Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Center. He has four daughters and six sons. He and his wife Elsie, 80, have been married for 59 years.

"I want to thank everyone who had given me this life," Pascale said. "Most of my adult life was spent in medicine and as a husband and father. As a person, I have reached my zenith and totally enjoyed what I have done. I want to thank the thousands of people who have made this possible."

Workshop On Stroke Offered

The majority of people who find out that they are at risk for having a stroke or a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, had no idea that they were even a candidate for one of these potentially life-threatening diseases.

Lacking knowledge of the risk factors associated with stroke and abdominal aortic aneurysms, or without the presence of identifiable warning signs, thousands of people a year are stricken by the effects that each can cause. What most potential victims are unaware of is that a simple screening can prevent a major occurrence.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in America each year, yet most people can't even name a warning sign or a symptom. In order to educate the public about the potentially deadly effects of stroke, May has also been designated as "Stroke Awareness Month" by the American Stroke Association, and will direct attention towards the general knowledge and understanding people have of stroke.

Known also as a "Brain Attack," it can lead to debilitating brain damage depending on the severity of the stroke, and where it happens in the brain. The most common type of stroke occurs due to a build-up of a plaque-like substance in the carotid arteries. When plaque is discovered, it significantly increases a person's risk for stroke.

Abdominal aortic aneurysms, also known as AAAs, are not the first concern that comes to mind when someone thinks of a life-threatening illness. Yet it is the 10th leading cause of death in men age 50 and the 13th overall. One of the distinctions that make AAAs so deadly is that many go undetected until it is too late, leading to a mortality rate of over 80 percent in the event of a rupture.

Through prevention, the presence of plaque buildup or an aneurysm can be detected and treated prior to the problem occurring. Most stroke or AAA victims never show a symptom or warning sign, therefore increasing the importance of prevention.

Life Line Screening focuses on the education and prevention of treatable diseases such as stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis.

Free educational workshops are offered throughout the communities in which we screen, and are designed to help people better understand and recognize the risk factors, symptoms and warning signs that can occur with these treatable diseases.

Screenings are fast, painless, and offered at low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a rupture, and plaque buildup in the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

For more information on the screenings, to schedule an appointment or to locate a site in your area, call 1-800-710-1902.

Friends Battle Breast Cancer

(NAPS)—For women coping with breast cancer, it's important to have a support network of family and friends. Now, these women can add a few more "Friends" to the list of people in their corner. To encourage people to do their part in the fight against breast cancer, Courteney Cox Arquette and Matt LeBlanc, along with their four "Friends" co-stars, autographed a new 2004 BMW X3 that will travel around the country as part of the Ultimate Drive program to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. To learn more, visit www.komen.org and www.bmwusa.com/theultimatedrive.

For allergy relief, many turn to prescription or over-the-counter antihistamines and decongestants or herbal, vitamin and mineral supplements that claim to help boost the immune system, thus, increasing the body's resistance to allergens. A promising new entry to the market called Aller-7 represents the culmination of more than 10 years of research. Studies revealed that this unique blend of seven herbal extracts helps promote healthy respiratory and immune systems, clear airway passages and easy breathing. For more information about Aller-7 and the research behind it, visit www.aller-7.com.

Screening Advised For Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is preventable – yet according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 13,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. In Illinois, 740 women are expected to be diagnosed with cervical cancer, and an estimated 230 will die of the disease.

Cervical cancer rates are twice as high among African American and Hispanic/Latina women as white women, and Asian American women are also significantly impacted by the disease. These figures can be greatly reduced if women would get screened regularly, allowing reliable testing to find changes in the cervix before cancer develops.

"Cervical cancer is preventable through regular screening, and it is also nearly 100 percent curable if detected early," said Ermilo Barrera, MD, vice-president of the American Cancer Society Illinois Division Board of Directors. "The biggest gain in reducing cervical cancer incidence and mortality would be achieved by increasing screening rates among women who have not been screened or who have not been screened regularly."

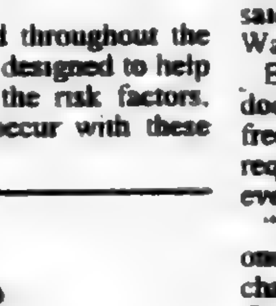
"I encourage all women to schedule an annual Pap test, to follow their doctor's advice and to take it seriously," said 16-year cervical cancer survivor Dee Garcia of Waukegan.

Even though Garcia's cancer was in the third stage, doctors were able to treat it through cryosurgery, or freezing of the abnormal cells. No further treatment was required, but Garcia does make certain she gets a Pap test every year.

"Cancer is prevalent in my family, and I consider myself one of the fortunate ones," said the 42-year-old mother and chair of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Lake County.

Almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by a sexually transmitted virus called the human papillomavirus (HPV). There are many types of this common virus and only a few high-risk types can cause cervical cancer.

Breast cancer and cervical cancer screening is now more available to medically under-served women through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This program provides breast and cervical cancer early detection testing to women without health insurance for free or at very little cost. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society, 24 hours a day, at 1(800) ACS-2345.



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Thoughts On Health & Nutrition

by

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SUMMER COOKING: POINTERS FOR GRILLING SEAFOOD

Many Americans are trying to eat healthy these days, and seafood is "in the news" for offering a low-fat, low-carb, low calorie solution. With summer now here, it's a great alternative to the chicken, steak, hamburgers and ribs that lots of us see all winter. There are ways to cook seafood to make it especially tasteful when it's grilled..(It's also easy to destroy if not careful.) Here are some helpful suggestions to keep on hand for your seafood dining pleasure.

Getting Started: Make certain the grill is clean. To reduce the risk of sticking, use a light coat of oil or nonstick cooking spray. If using a marinade, soak the seafood for about two hours beforehand to infuse it with the flavor. A heavy sugar marinade may cause the fish to stick to the grill as the sugar caramelizes. Drain off the excess marinade and pat seafood dry before grilling

Set aside some extra marinade to baste the seafood while it cooks and get a deep rich glaze. Don't use the marinade the fish was soaking in because it may contain bacteria.

Another way to season seafood is to brush it with a light coat of olive oil and then add your favorite seasonings.

Grilling shrimp: Place them on a skewer one on top of the other. Watch them closely, because they will cook quickly.

Grilling scallops: Place them on a skewer so the flat side is up. This allows them to pick up more flavors from the grill.

Grilling shellfish: Shellfish, such as oysters, mussels, and clams cook even faster than fish. Place them on the hottest part of the grill. They are done when the shell opens up.

Grilling fresh fish: Remove the fish from the grill when it is medium rare because it will continue to cook as it sits.

Pairing with wine: Several wines go especially well with grilled seafood--according to my wine tasting friends and other experts--such as an oaky Chardonnay or a light Pinot Noir. If you're seasoning your seafood with spices, a lighter, sweeter Riesling should provide a good match.

Enjoy!

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"THE CORNER"

YOUR Favorite Recipe and/or Helpful Hints

SALAD WITH WALNUTS & APPLES

- 1 pkg (10 oz.) romaine salad mix, washed
- 1 thinly sliced apple (tart apple works best)
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 pkg (4 oz.) Blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup walnut halves
- ¼ balsamic vinegar
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

Mix all ingredients in bowl and serve. Lena H.

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Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Treatment

Surgeons at Northwestern Memorial aim to determine if stent grafts, a newly developed minimally invasive approach to treating thoracic aortic aneurysms, is as safe and effective as the current standard of care – surgery which requires opening the chest, pulling apart the ribs and replacing the damaged portion of the aorta with a synthetic graft. Northwestern Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the Chicago area and one of a handful in the country evaluating three different types of stent grafts in separate clinical trials for people with life-threatening thoracic aneurysms.

Stent grafts combine flexible metal scaffolding surrounding a polyester material. They are placed inside the aneurysm – the abnormal bulging portion of the aorta – to contain the blood flow and prevent the aneurysm from weakening the aorta wall to the point of rupture. They are placed with specialized catheters that are inserted through arteries at the groin.

Surgeons at Northwestern Memorial began testing the first stent grafts developed about three years ago and have since placed about 35 of these devices. "Although the research has not yet been completed, we've had excellent outcomes so far with the stent grafts," says Mark Morasch, M.D., a vascular surgeon at Northwestern Memorial and assistant professor of vascular surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "This is a major advancement in the treatment of a difficult problem. What's more, for patients who are unable to undergo the open chest operation because of the risk involved, stent grafts may prove to be life-saving."

Open surgery poses risks for serious complications such as paraplegia, stroke and pulmonary failure. It involves an average two-week hospital stay and a two-to-three month recovery period. Conversely, with stent grafts most participants may return home in as little as one or two days following the procedure and resume normal activities within a couple of weeks.

"Being involved in three different manufacturers' trials means we have the ability to choose the best device for people based on their anatomy," says Mark Eskandari, M.D., a vascular surgeon at Northwestern Memorial and assistant professor of vascular surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "The devices vary in size and flexibility and we can tailor-pick the best device for our participants. Northwestern Memorial is truly one of the country's leaders in thoracic aneurysm repair because of the vast experience the vascular surgery team has had with a variety of stent grafts."

The aorta is the largest artery in the body and carries the blood that is pumped out of the heart to other organs. It extends from the heart, down through the chest (the thoracic aorta) and into the abdomen (the abdominal aorta). Although not as common as abdominal aorta aneurysm, thoracic aortic aneurysms are diagnosed in an estimated 21,000 Americans each year and the number is rising, possibly due to increased patient access to sophisticated imaging techniques as well as an aging population.

Aneurysms can occur at any age, although they are more common in people who smoke, have a family history of aneurysms and are age 60 and older.

The studies will also be open to people with aortic dissections or traumatic injuries to the aorta. Aortic dissection, which caused the death of actor John Ritter, is a condition in which bleeding occurs into and along the wall of the aorta.

People interested in participating in these research studies should call (312) 926-8400.

Lyme Disease Cases

As temperatures rise, so do tick populations, bringing with them a host of consequences, including Lyme disease. Nearly 23,000 human cases of the disease were reported in 2002, an increase of more than 15 percent since 2000. Health officials estimate that more then 75 percent of all Lyme disease cases are contracted on residential properties, making Lyme disease a true "backyard disease." And, it's estimated that only one in 10 cases of Lyme disease is actually reported.

Every year, the spring and summer months show a dramatic increase in the incidence of Lyme. For years, there was little the public could do to reduce tick populations and the probability of contracting Lyme disease that did not involve the broadcast of pesticides in the environment. This issue caught the attention of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Through a joint effort of CDC scientists and manufacturer Bayer Environmental Science, the Maxforce® Tick Management System is now available to control ticks and significantly reduce the risk of Lyme disease. The product works where the ticks themselves contract the Lyme bacteria, during an early stage in the life cycle when they feed on the field mouse, chipmunk and other rodents.

"Contrary to popular belief, small rodents, not deer, are primarily responsible for transmitting the Lyme bacteria to ticks," said Chuck Cole, Bayer Environmental Science. "By treating the rodents, we get to the root of the problem and break the cycle of Lyme disease."

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Stay Safe When Summer Thunderstorms Approach

Now that school's out and summer weather has arrived, people are spending more time in the great outdoors – playing baseball, soccer or golf, swimming, boating, hiking, picnicking and just enjoying the nice weather.

While you're having fun outdoors, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) want you to stay safe when summer thunderstorms approach. That's why they're joining together to observe Lightning Safety Awareness Week during the week of June 20-26.

"Tornadoes and hurricanes tend to grab the big headlines, but lighting kills more people each year in the U.S. than either of these types of storms," said IEMA Director William C. Burke. "Unfortunately, many people have mistaken perceptions of lighting dangers. During Lightning Safety Awareness Week, we want to help people learn the safety measures they should take, and hopefully prevent some deaths and serious injuries from lightning."

Each year in the U.S., approximately 73 people are killed by lightning and more than 1,000 are injured. In most lightning fatalities, victims die from cardiac arrest caused by the surge of electricity through their body. For those who survive lightning strikes, many will suffer long-term effects including memory loss, personality changes, fatigue, irreparable nerve damage, chronic pain and/or headaches, difficulty sleeping and dizziness. Only a few victims suffer burns, and many of these are minor.

"Illinois experiences nearly 650,000 lightning strikes each year," according to Chris Miller, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lincoln. "Mist lighting fatalities and injuries occur during outdoor recreational events in the summer. Coaches, officials, participants and spectators all need to be aware of the threat for deadly lightning. Seeking shelter indoors, or in an enclosed vehicle, is the smartest and safest thing to do when a thunderstorm is nearby."

While many storms come up quickly. There are several steps you can take to protect you and your family from lightning dangers. Some tips for lightning safety include:

- **Use the 30/30 Rule** – When you see lightning, start counting. If you cannot count to 30 before you hear thunder, get indoors immediately! Once indoors, stay there for 30 minutes after hearing the last rumble of thunder before resuming outdoor activities.
- **Get away from water** – Stop activities in or near water, such as swimming, boating, fishing and camping and seek a substantial shelter.
- **The best shelter from lightning is inside a substantial building** – Avoid carports, porches, garages, sheds, tents, baseball dugouts, or under bleachers.
- **If no substantial shelter is available, seek refuge in a hard-topped vehicle with the windows up.**
- **Stay away from trees, electrical poles and other tall objects.**

"Although nearly a third of lightning injuries are work related, a growing number are to children on sports fields," said Dr. Mary Ann Cooper, of the Bioengineering and Emergency Medicine departments at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a nationally-recognized experts on lightning injuries. "Adults are always responsible for the children in their care and this includes the coaches and referees who should postpone games whenever lightning is seen or thunder is heard or severe thunderstorms are predicted. Parents also can be indispensable in watching the sky during games."

Substantial buildings, such as homes and office buildings, offer the best protection from lightning, although lightning can still strike these structures. Lightning can enter a building through a direct strike, through wires or pipes that extend outside the building, or through the ground. Once in a structure the current from a lightning strike can travel through electrical lines, plumbing, phone lines, and radio or TV reception systems.

To stay safe indoors during a thunderstorm, you should:

- **Avoid contact with corded phones** – Phone use is the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries in the U.S.
- **Stay away from windows and exterior doors** – Windows and doors can provide a path for a direct strike to enter a home.
- **Stay off porches and decks** – Even if a porch is covered, it does not offer any protection from lightning strikes.
- **Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords** – Direct strikes and power surges due to lightning cause significant damage to personal property each year. If you plan to unplug any electrical equipment, do so well before the storm arrives.
- **Stay away from plumbing and plumbing appliances** – Do not take a shower or bath during a thunderstorm. Avoid appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and electric hot water heaters, since they utilize both water and electricity.

To learn more about steps to staying safe during thunderstorms, IEMA and the NWS developed a *Lightning Safety Awareness Guide*, which is available on the IEMA website at www.state.il.us/iema or by calling (217) 785-0229. The guide includes information on lightning risks and information on lightning safety both outdoors and indoors, lightning safety on the job, lightning strike injuries and the science of lightning.

Autism Treatments

(NAPS)—Many American families struggle with the challenges of having a child with autism and with the lifelong repercussions that this chronic disorder can represent. Fortunately, medical researchers are beginning to gain greater insights about autism, which usually is diagnosed in early childhood, sometimes by age two or three. New treatments are available. If you have concerns about your child's development or behavior, talk with your child's pediatrician. Your pediatrician may refer you to a medical specialist, such as a pediatric neurologist, developmental pediatrician or child and adolescent psychiatrist or psychologist to determine the best treatment options. For more information, refer to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Web site at www.nimh.nih.gov.

Some of the symptoms of heart disease may surprise you. One symptom that is often overlooked is erectile dysfunction (ED). Heart disease can result from conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, and these can also lead to ED. Fortunately, there are many treatment options for men with ED. The latest is Cialis® (tadalafil), the first oral treatment that's been shown to improve erectile function up to 36 hours in most men.

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One common, but often unrecognized example of sun-diseased skin is actinic keratosis (AK) – which may be an early warning sign of skin cancer. AK affects more than 10 million Americans each year. AK may appear as rough, red, scaly patches or crusts on the skin. They usually measure less than one quarter inch and are found primarily on areas of the body exposed to the sun, including the face, ears, lips, scalp, neck, back of the hands and arms.

AK can take years to develop – the condition usually first appears in older people, although cases have been reported in people in their 40s. Individuals with fair skin and a history of cumulative sun exposure and those living in sunny climates are at the greatest risk for developing AK.

In order to reduce the risk of AK and skin cancer, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends adopting a comprehensive sun protection program that includes wearing a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher; reapplying sun-screen every two hours when outdoors; wearing protective clothing, such as a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses; avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV rays are strongest; and seeing your dermatologist annually.

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Insects Begin To Bug Humans

There's a buzz in the air and it's not a friendly one. Now that summer is here, legions of stinging insects have begun their carnivorous assault on outdoor activities across America. These hostile marauders often leave in their wake: widespread fear, painful stings and even death. If you find yourself under siege, resist the temptation to launch a counter strike. This type of retaliatory action is best left to the professionals. If you become a sting victim, a trip to the hospital may be in order.

According to the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, most insect stings result in a normal reaction. Symptoms include: pain, swelling, itching and redness confined to the sting site. Recommended treatment includes: gently disinfecting the area, using ice to reduce the swelling and using topical steroid ointments or oral antihistamines to relieve the itching. Sometimes a normal reaction can be rather large extending well beyond the sting site (a sting on the wrist may cause the entire arm to swell). If this situation persists for more than a day or two, a physician should be consulted.

For one to two percent of the population, an insect sting reaction will be allergic in nature. This type of reaction is characterized by: hives, itching and swelling in areas rather than the sting site; tightness in the chest and difficulty in breathing; dizziness or a sharp drop in blood pressure; unconsciousness or cardiac arrest. An allergic reaction can occur in minutes after the sting and may be life threatening or even fatal. Immediate medical attention is required and may involve the administration of certain drugs and in some cases intravenous fluids, oxygen and other treatments. Because there is a 60% likelihood of a reoccurrence upon re-sting, allergic patients should seek follow-up care from an allergist. This specialist will evaluate a patient's allergic condition and may prescribe an insect sting kit for emergency treatment and/or immunotherapy; a highly effective vaccination program for life-long protection against allergic reactions. It was recently shown in a study published in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, that most people who are allergic to insect stings who undergo a two-year vaccination program will have a prolonged benefit and a permanent loss of allergy. This is good news for the 2 million Americans who suffer from potentially life-threatening allergic reactions and the crippling fear associated with them.

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Separating Facts, Myths About Food

Popular Food Safety Myths
Myth vs. Fact

Myth: Refrigerating or freezing food kills harmful bacteria.

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Myth: "It doesn't matter where raw meat, poultry and fish should be stored. Wherever there is room in the refrigerator is a safe place for it."

Fact: If raw meat, poultry, and fish can't be stored separately, store them below prepared or ready-to-eat food. Raw meat, poultry, and fish should be stored in the following top-to-bottom order in the refrigerator: whole fish, whole cuts of beef and pork, ground meats and fish, whole and ground poultry. Store meat, poultry, fish and dairy products in the coldest part of the unit, away from the door.

Myth: Hot food should be stored directly in the refrigerator.

Fact: Large quantities of hot food should never be placed in a refrigerator since it can warm up the refrigerator's interior enough to put other stored food into the temperature danger zone. To speed up the cooling process, the food can be placed in small, shallow containers for proper storage.

Myth: It is beneficial to line shelves of refrigerators with foil or paper to prevent cross-contamination.

Fact: Overloading refrigerators with foil or paper may prevent airflow and make the unit work harder to stay cold.

Myth: The internal temperature of the food in the refrigerator is the same temperature as the refrigerator itself.

Fact: The internal temperature of the food could be higher than the temperature of the refrigerator depending on the location of the food and how often the door or entrance has been opened. To prevent problems, randomly sample the internal temperatures of refrigerated food with a calibrated thermometer.

Myth: "It is okay to let turkey thaw out on the kitchen counter. Everyone does it that way."

Fact: You should never thaw poultry at room temperature. Because it is impossible to ensure that all raw chicken and poultry is free of harmful bacteria, you can only rely on temperature to control or eliminate the harmful bacteria. Bacteria tend to multiply and increase their population between 45 degrees F and 140 degrees F. By leaving raw turkey or any other raw poultry at room temperature, you are providing bacteria the opportunity to grow. It is best to thaw the poultry in the refrigerator. You can use other thawing methods, such as microwaving or running cold water over the bird, but these alternative methods need to be followed by immediate cooking.

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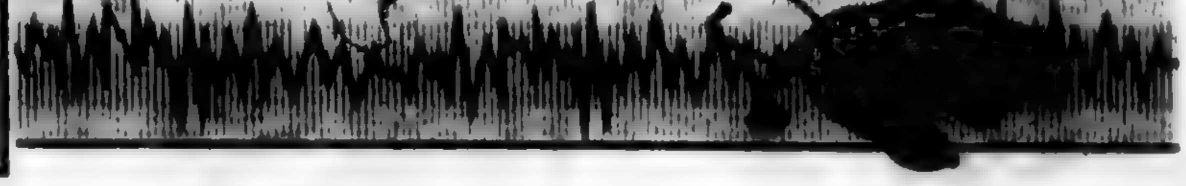

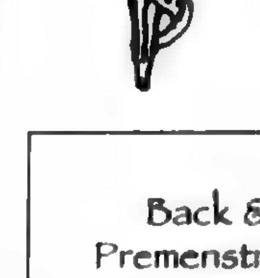

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Experts Predict Allergy Season Is Worst On Record

(NAPS)—Experts predict that this allergy season will be one of the worst on record. According to the Cleveland Clinic, it is estimated that two out of every 10 people suffer from allergies—and they can occur throughout the year.

Common allergy symptoms, often confused with a cold, include sneezing, watery eyes, running or congested nasal passages, sinus pressure, itchiness, a tickling cough and sometimes difficulty breathing. Unlike a cold, symptoms can persist for weeks or months.

Throughout the year, allergy sufferers are faced with the daily dilemma of taking medicine to alleviate their symptoms and risk dealing with side effects, such as drowsiness or jitteriness. The alternative is to avoid using medicine altogether and experience full-blown allergy attacks.

There are many different types of over-the-counter and prescription allergy medicines such as decongestants, antihistamines and anti-inflammatory nasal sprays. Data presented in *The Internet Journal of Family Practice*, a peer-reviewed medical journal, indicate that products with all-natural ingredients, such as homeopathic Zicam® Seasonal Allergy Relief no-drip liquid nasal gel, can effectively reduce the severity of seasonal allergies.

"There are many non-prescription products available for allergy symptom relief—from simple nasal sprays to pills that can cost more than $1 each," says Darrell Hulisz, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. "I typically recommend that patients start

Allergy relief products with natural ingredients can help alleviate symptoms without side effects.

with a safe and cost-effective product, such as Zicam Seasonal Allergy Relief no-drip liquid nasal gel, which has no known side effects and no drug interactions."

Allergies can result from a number of environmental factors, such as ragweed, pollen, dust, mold and other airborne materials. The body reacts to these substances, called allergens, by releasing chemicals such as histamine, which is responsible for most allergy symptoms. According to Dr. Hulisz, there are many ways consumers could minimize contact with allergens.

"Washing hands and rinsing eyes with cold water when coming in from outdoors," he says, "keeping windows closed, changing air filters around the house, cleaning fans, vacuuming and, of course, taking medication as directed, can help avoid sneezes and sniffles."

Dr. Hulisz recommends that patients speak with their pharmacist or physician about using allergy relief products to combat symptoms before they worsen.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 55744
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)
Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on September 16, 2003
I, Mark Thompson, Special Commissioner for this court will on August 3, 2004 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., 4th floor lobby, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:
C/K/A 8015 S. Troy St., Chicago, IL 60652
The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
The judgment amount was $133,257.97
Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.
For information: call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Adrienne Palmer, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19190.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 19, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 9, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate.
Commonly known as: 14522 S. Troy Ave., Posen, IL 60469.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, FA f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Jose M. Gallegos a/k/a Jose Martin Gallegos, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-21030.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 6, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on August 2, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14843 South Kay Shore Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $101,074.92.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-17500.

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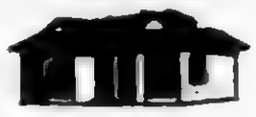

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Valentine McMahon a/k/a Valentine C. McMahon, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19533.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 5713 W. 88th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence and no garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $165,043.85.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Katrina A. Edwards, et al., Defendant. No. 01Ch-12269

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 10, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 4825 W. 109th St., Unit 6-301, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The improvement on the property consists of a condominium residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $92,804.44.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department — Chancery Division. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated 5/1/01 among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, Ace Securities Corp., Litton Loan Servicing LP and U.S. Bank National Association, C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, SR 2001-CB2, without recourse, Plaintiff, vs. Stanley R. Marek a/k/a Stanley Marek, Jr., et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-18357

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 14756 Hamlin Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence 1.5 story brick construction separate (2 car) garage tan.

The judgment amount was $92,266.10.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.attypierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm only. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file number PA0308603.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. James W. Gibson a/k/a James Gibson, Kimberly Gibson a/k/a Kimberly D. Stout a/k/a Kimberly D. Gibson, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-20399

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 9, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 4104 W. 89th Pl., Hometown, IL 60456.

The improvement on the property consists of a multi-family residence with 1 car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $121,713.64.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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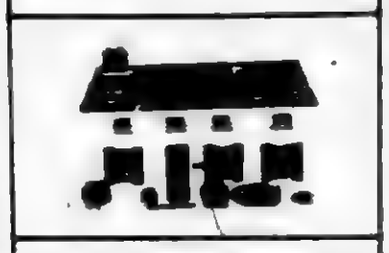

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. John M. Wolfe, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-19459

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 20, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 22, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4915 W. 138th Ct., Crestwood, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $79,975.46.

Sale Terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Kropik, Papuga & Shaw, 120 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1327, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 236-6405. Please refer to file number 31459.

Pursuant to Sec. 15-1507(c)(7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, no information other than the information contained in this notice will be provided.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countrywide Funding Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel T. O'Malley, et al., Defendant. Case No. 01Ch-13451.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 6, 2001, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 3616 W. 123rd Pl., Alsip, IL 60803.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $102,161.36.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-6494.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sergio Zamora, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-17598.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 8, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4021 W. 99th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $154,805.09.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9582.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee Molton, Allen & Williams Mortgage Co. LLC and/or its Successors, Plaintiff, vs. Howard P. Jebens, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-20155

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 30, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14301 S. Kenton Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $75,805.46.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-8869.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff, vs. Tawfiq Swiess a/k/a Tawfiq Swiess, Defendant. Case No. 02Ch-12654

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 7, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5922 W. 126th Place, Alsip, IL.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $237,248.32.

Sale Terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott & Beyers, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 740, Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 422-1719 ext. 23.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Scott & Beyers is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Successor in interest to Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Claudia De Leon, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-1193.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 4681 W. 82nd St., Chicago, IL 60655.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $95,421.23.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 02-6565D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Home Equity Asset Trust 2002-4, Plaintiff, vs. William McNulty, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03C-7387.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 57562
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on March 24, 2004.

I, Marc Siegel, Special Commissioner for this court will on July 22, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 p.m. at 118 N. Clark, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 3133 W. 102nd St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

The improvements on the property consist of single-family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $220,890.04.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2520, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. Successor by Merger to BA Mortgage LLC Successor in Interest by Merger of Nationsbanc Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Philip M Spencer, et al., Defendant. Case No 03Ch-16609.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 31, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 14600 S. Abbottsford Rd., Midlothian, IL 60445

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $54,997.63

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds, the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9867.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Homeside Lending, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Dwayne Bradford et al., Defendants. No. 99Ch-17946

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 7, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3853 W. 80th Place, Chicago, IL 60652

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence and will NOT be open for inspection.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior first mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro & Kreisman, 4201 Lake Cook Road, 1st Floor, Northbrook, IL 60062. (847) 498-9990, between the hours of [illegible] p.m. and 3 p.m. only.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Glover, Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-10226.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2003, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 23, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3801 W. 140th St., Robbins, IL 60472

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $37,152.88

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-9065D.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. James R. Provenzano, et al., Defendants. No. 01Ch-18853.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as 6827 S. Roberts Rd., Bridgeview, IL 60455.

The improvement on the property consists of a multi-unit building with a two car garage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $192,396.67.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attyplace.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0107886

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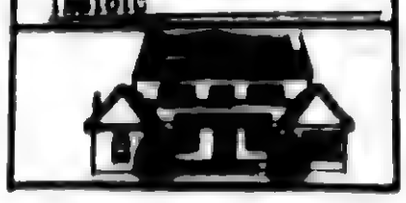

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Mortgage Clearing Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Kenyatta Covington, et al., Defendants. Case No. 03Ch-17142.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 16616 Knottingwood Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $170,552.45.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and any prior mortgages of record and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: The sales clerk, SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, 4201 Lake Cook Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, (847) 498-9990, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. only.

Please refer to file number 03-7715D.

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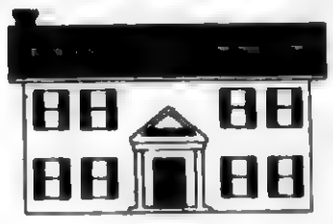

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. World Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. Alina Valencia, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-18915.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 15, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 19, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Commonly known as: 8112 S. Christiana Ave., Chicago, IL 60652.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $77,634.67.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attyplace.com between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Ste. 1300, Chicago, IL 60603. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060.

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File No. PA0300864

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Bank One, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Walter E. Williams, et al., Defendant. No. 03Ch-17472.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 20, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 7952 S. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60652

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

The sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Ms. Diane Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg and Rappe, 1807 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60566-7107. 630/548-6058. 187316C

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Juanita A. Love a/k/a Juanita A. Burks, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19948.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 5, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 13801 S. Kedvale, Robbins, IL 60472.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence which may be made available for inspection by arrangement with Jeff Uldrych at (708) 210-2001. The Judgement amount is $86,904.20.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Louis A. Weinstock at Plaintiff's Attorney, American General Finance, Inc., 20 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 263-0794

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, Assignee of Unity Savings Association, Plaintiff, vs. John Lucas, et al., Defendants. No. 03Ch-19182.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 23, 2004, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, July 12, 2004, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 15545 S. Natalie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. The Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments and to a prior recorded first mortgage.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The judgment amount was $53,170.39.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Dawn K. Krones at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 N. Franklin St., Chicago, IL 312/357-1125.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, Plaintiff, vs. Lenny Bradley, et al., Defendant., Case No. 01Ch-21552.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 30, 2002, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 19, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 5405 W. Kimball Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $138,256.09.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-01-A501.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE UNITED STATES District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Companion Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Dennis J. Doyle a/k/a Dennis Doyle, et al., Defendants. Case No. 02C-263

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OUR FILE NO. 48067
(IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES)

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on May 25, 2004.

I, Edward Grossman, Special Commissioner for this court will on July 21, 2004 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at Southwest corner Daley Center immediately inside building near Clark & Washington, Chicago, IL, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

C/K/A: 11713 S. Kedvale, Alsip, IL 60803.

The improvements on the property consist of single family dwelling.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

The judgment amount was $164,208.23.

Upon the sale being made the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information call the Sales Officer at Plaintiff's Attorney, Fisher and Fisher, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2020, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 372-4784, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., under Illinois law, the Sales Officer is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this Notice.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Daisy M. Farrell, et al., Defendant. Case No. 03Ch-16553.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 2, 2004, The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2004, in its office at 33 N. Dearborn St., 10th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602-3100, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as: 8100 W. 87th St., Unit 1C, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was $64,549.55.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 N. Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 Ext. 1320. Please refer to file number 14-03-9652.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that Plaintiff's Attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE

The Classified headings in our Help Wanted Section are used only for the convenience of our readers to list those kinds of jobs that have been historically more attractive to persons of one sex more than the other. The placement of an advertisement by an employer or employment agency under one of these headings is not in itself an expression of a preference, limitation, specification or discrimination based on sex. Those who advertise here will consider any legally qualified applicant for a job without discrimination as to age or sex.

Nature Café

Calling all nature enthusiasts and reading buffs. Do you enjoy nature? Do you take pleasure in reading a good book? Put the two together and you have "Nature Works Café," an adult (age 16 and above) discussion group. The books and the discussions are provocative, interesting, many times philosophical, and mostly fun. The program, sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Thursday, July 8th at 7 p.m. at Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher.

The selection to be discussed at the program is *Hawks Rest* by Gary Ferguson. Participants should read the book beforehand and bring a copy to the program.

A fee of $3 per person is requested and will be collected at the program.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Rd.,

Taste Of Chicago Opens In Grant Park June 25

The votes are in, and year after year, more than 3 million people choose Taste. The annual food and free entertainment festival, Taste of Chicago presented by U.S. Cellular, opens in Grant Park on Friday, June 25 and continues through July 4.

Enhancing a great array of menu items from more than 70 restaurants are popular fan favorites such as Taste portions – smaller portions of regular menu items sold for 1-3 tickets, rides including the Carousel, entertainment stages, cooking demonstrations, and the ever-popular Independence Eve concert and fireworks display.

This year, Taste closing weekend is also Independence Day weekend and in honor of the holiday, Taste hours will expand to 9:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4. Taste attendees can enjoy the fireworks display over Monroe harbor on July 3 and on Sunday, pick up a bite to eat before heading over to enjoy the display at Navy Pier.

Beginning June 1, the Taste of Chicago brochure will be available online at www.cityofchicago.or/specialevents and in many tourist destinations including the City Hall information desk. Visitor's bureau in both the Cultural Center and the Water Tower and at commuter train stations.

Taste Hours are as follows: Friday, June 25 and Friday, July 2-11 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4th - 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in strips of 11 tickets for only $7.00 onsite at the festival. Dominick's locations throughout the city will sell strips of 11 tickets for $5.50 beginning June 17 through June 24. Tickets will also be sold online (must be a minimum order of five strips) at www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents beginning June 1-15, and shipped June 14-18th. Each order includes a $3.50 shipping fee on the entire order

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals. Call 312/836-7000/TTY 312/836-4949 for information regarding the RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra. Planning to stay overnight? For information, call 1 877 CHICAGO or visit 877-chicago.com.

For up-to-the-minute traffic information, you may click on the Department of Transportation's Web site www.cityofchicago.org/mobility. Lakefront parking is available at the Millennium Parking Facility, as well as East Monroe, Grant Park, North and Grant Park South parking garages.

For more information on the Taste of Chicago, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Hotline at 312/744-3370,TTY 312/744-2964. Visit the Mayor's Office of Special Events on the Internet at www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents.

Give Free Gun Locks

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with local law enforcement to distribute more than 698,000 free gun locks in Illinois as part of the national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. PCS is designed to help make homes with firearms safer by raising awareness about responsible firearm ownership and storage.

An expansion of NSSF's Project HomeSafe, Project ChildSafe is funded by a $50 million grant from the Dept. of Justice and will provide nearly 20 million free gun locks and firearm safety educational materials to families in all 50 states, the five U.S. territories and District of Columbia.

A Project ChildSafe representative will visit local law enforcement departments now through July 6th as follows:

Friday, June 25th: Midlothian, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Orland Hills, Orland Park and Worth Police Departments.

Sunday, June 27th: Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Hometown, Burbank and Bridgeview Police Departments.

Monday, June 28th: Hickory Hills, Justice, Willow Springs and Lemont Police Departments.

For further information, visit the Web site at www.projectchildsafe.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW

103RD STREET AND 76TH AVENUE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Pursuant to the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4(c), the Village of Bridgeview hereby gives notice that it is soliciting proposals and bids for the disposition of the real estate located at the northeast corner of 103rd Street and 76th Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois identified by permanent index number 23-12-400-022, 027 and 035 (the "Property").

The Property consists of approximately 38.56 acres and is located at the 103rd Street and 76th Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area. The Property is a portion of the 41.6 acre area contained within the Project Area which is referred to in the Request For Proposals dated June 2004 issued by the Village of Bridgeview. The Village is requesting proposals for the development and disposition of the Property, which proposals may or may not provide for compensation to be paid to the Village, but which will provide for some type of development consistent with the 103rd Street and 76th Avenue Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 in the office of Ken Pannarella, Project and Planning Administrator, Village of Bridgeview, 7500 South Oketo Avenue, Bridgeview, Illinois 60455, telephone (708) 594-2525. The Village reserves the right to accept whichever proposal it deems to be in the best interests of the Village and to waive any requirements of the RFP process.

Ken Pannarella
Project and Planning Administrator

Dennis Moster Benefit

A benefit will be held to aid the youngest son of Chicago area natives Frank and Nancy Moster from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26th, at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 w. 115th St. Merrionette Park.

In July, the Mosters' son, Dennis (pictured), suffered a tragic accident. The injuries resulting from a 10-foot fall have left Dennis, 33, a quadriplegic.

A fund-raiser is being held to help the family defray some of the costs associated with Dennis' care.

Tickets at $25 include food, beverages and entertainment.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 each or six for $5. First prize is two round-trip airline tickets within the continental United State; second prize, a night downtown including hotel and dinner; and third prize, a $500 gift certificate to Bloomingdales. Winner need not be present.

For more information on the fund-raiser or to make a donation, call (773) 447-9413 or visit the Web site, www.dennismosterbenefit.com.

AFL-CIO Endorse Barack Obama For The U.S. Senate

Last Thursday (6/17) delegates representing one million union members across Illinois voted to endorse Barack Obama for U.S. Senate. The votes were cast at the Illinois AFL-CIO's fall Endorsement Session held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

"Barack Obama represents a bright future for Illinois and for this country," said Margaret Blackshere, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO. "He is a person with compassion, diligence and wisdom beyond his years. He is at ease on the floor of the State Senate and in the inner city neighborhoods of Chicago. He connects with working men and women from Rockford to Carbondale. He is empathetic to the day-to-day struggles of steelworkers and grocery clerks. His background is that of diversity and middle-class working values. As a senator from Illinois, Barack Obama will fight for working families. He will be our champion on issues like jobs, fair-trade, health care and corporate accountability."

Obama, a state senator representing the 13th District in Chicago, has a 90 percent lifetime voting record with the Illinois AFL-CIO. He has continually supported legislation important to workers like: the minimum wage increase, the Equal Pay Act, Card Check recognition, the expansion of the federal WARN Act, responsible bidder and prevailing wage improvements, day labor replacement prohibition, and stronger work zone penalties.

Sen. Obama sponsored two bills critical to working families during the 2004 Legislative Session; the Overtime Pay Protection bill and the Health Care Justice Act.

"The Overtime Pay Protection law that was passed in Illinois this year represented a lifeline for over 400,000 working men and women in this state who would have lost their eligibility to earn overtime pay if President Bush's new regulations had been allowed to take effect," said Margaret Blackshere. "Sen. Obama stood up for those workers by sponsoring this important legislation. And it sent a powerful message to Washington – that Illinois protects its workers – not corporate interests."

Sen. Obama also sponsored a much-needed bill that establishes a bipartisan health care reform commission to create a plan that will alleviate the health care crisis in this state.

"The Health Care Justice Act is crucial," said Blackshere. "Currently across this nation 44 million people live without health care coverage. And most of those are working Americans. They work full time and still cannot afford the astronomically high cost of health insurance. In union contract negotiations, health care is the most contentious issue. We need solutions to our health care crisis – now. Sen. Obama understands that."

Outdoor Concert

"Folk Music of the Island Amphitheater," a free, all-age outdoor concert sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be on Friday, July 9th at 7 p.m. at Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville.

Come and enjoy an evening of folk music and the summer evening next at the amphitheater near the Museum's lagoon. Afterward, stay for a tour of the Isle a la Cache Museum, devoted to the 18th century fur trade between voyageurs and Native Americans.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located on E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.), 0.5 mile east of Route 53.

For information, call (815) 727-8700.

St. Symphorosa Will Hold Family Fest

St. Symphorosa Parish, 62nd St. and Austin Ave., Chicago, will hold its family fest from Thursday to Sunday, July 8th to 11th.

The fest will be open from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday, July 8th; 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 9th; 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 10th; and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, July 11th.

For carnival rides, four-day all-you-can-ride wristbands are available for $40 through Friday, July 2nd, at the rectory office and Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd and 4th, after all Masses. They are offered for $45 Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6th and 7th. None will be on sale the days of the carnival.

One-day wristbands will be on sale for $15 at carnival ticket booths on from 6 to 11 p.m. July 8th, and from 1 to 5 p.m. July 10th and 11th.

Admission to the fest is free.

Live entertainment will include Beatles tribute band, American English on July 8th; Maggie Speaks on July 9th; family music and dance contest on the afternoon of July 10th; performance by Darla's Dance Center at 4 p.m. July 10th; Gold Cost on the evening of July 10th; Chet Schafer live on WCEV-AM radio at 1 p.m. July 11th; the Music Company on the afternoon of July 11th and the Incognitos on the evening of July 11th.

A raffle drawing will take place at 10 p.m. July 11th. The first prize will be $10,000. A total of 2,500 tickets will be on sale. Winner need not be present.

Food vendors and special events will be held including free immunizations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 11th by Chicago's CareVan. Participants are to bring immunization records. Children's fingerprinting and a children and senior identification program will be held.

SCORE Offers Full Day Workshop For Small Businesses

Attend a full-day workshop on Thursday, July 8th, offered by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business. Learn the fundamentals of successful business ownership, including legal matters, insurance, marketing, financials, business plans, records and taxes. This workshop is the overview for four additional workshops required for a SCORE Workshop Completion Certificate, which enhances a business plan presentation when seeking a loan. Attendees should be already in business or planning to start a business.

Workshop hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $50. Call (312) 353-7724 to pre-register. Space is limited. Same-day registration is also available at 8:30 at SCORE.

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is located in the Citicorp Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison at Canal in downtown Chicago. For more information, call (312) 353-7724 or visit the web site www.scorechicago.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

TO THE PUBLIC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ANNUAL TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE CITY OF BURBANK LISTING OF ALL MONIES RECEIVED AND ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2003 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 HAS BEEN PREPARED AND FILED. THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 6530 WEST 79TH STREET, BURBANK, ILLINOIS BEGINNING JUNE 30, 2004.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2004
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Southwest Area Obituaries

June V. Leib

Services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, for June V. Leib, 80, of Midlothian, wife of the late Joseph F. Leib Sr. She was a home-maker.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Kilcourse, Joseph F. Jr., Kenneth, Patrick and Earl Leib, her sister Laverne Laycock, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Paul R. Anderson

Memorial services were held Monday at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Paul Raymond Anderson.

He is survived by his children, John, Eric, Paul M. and Cheryl Lockhart, and one grandchild.

Arthur R. Bischoff

Services will be held at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 5727 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, followed by a 11 a.m. Mass at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemeteries, for Arthur R. Bischoff. He was a Korean War veteran and retired lieutenant from the Chicago Police Department after 40 years. He was a member of the FOP, IPA, American Legion Post 854 and Lieutenant Association.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, his children, Michael, Peggy, Donald, Gloria and Robert Joyce Bischoff, seven grandchildren, his sister, Frances Norman Schinske and his brothers, James and Richard (Joan) Bischoff.

Rudolph Pechota

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, with a private interment for Rudolph Pechota.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, his children, Leslie (Joe) Frausto, June (Bill) Wilkins, Tony Pechota and Marylynn (Nick) Matthis, and two grandchildren.

Bruno Sajpel

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Bruno Sajpel.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Bogacz Sajpel; his children, Patricia Moore, Walter (Doris Ann), Theresa (Joe) Neher, Michael (Theresa) and Angie (Tom) Petrizzo; his step-children, Bill (Denise) Wilson, James (Renee) Bogacz and Kenneth (Kris) Bogacz; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Henry (Linda) Sajpel, and his sister, Jean (Warren) Pacius.

Eileen Stack

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Eileen Stack, 95, of Evergreen Park, wife of the late Edward A.

She is survived by her children, Pauline Stack, Bernice (Robert) Gut, James (Elizabeth) and Michael Stack, 25 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

Stella Jerum Stefansko

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Stella Jerum Stefansko, wife of the late Anthony Jerum. She was a member of Cardinal Mundelein Council No. 3024 Auxiliary and Darius-Girenas Post, 271, American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, her daughter, Sandra (Jerry) Nelson, five stepchildren, two grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marie R. Brooks

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Marie R. Brooks, 90, wife of the late Orville C. She was a past president of the Chicago Ridge Seniors Club.

She is survived by her children, Daryl B. (William D.) Kochever and Sharon B. (John Ronald) Butler; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

John P. Kelly

Mass was said Tuesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John P. Kelly, husband of the late Eleanore T.

He is survived by his son, Kevin G.; one grandchild; and one brother, Martin Kelly.

Janet L. Pries

Services were held Tuesday at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with a private cremation for Janet L. Pries, formerly of Oak Lawn, wife of the late Miles.

She is survived by her son, Donald M. (Barbara) Pries, five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Leona C. Rickerson

Services were held Tuesday at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, with interment at Chapel Hills Gardens South Cemetery, for Leona C. Rickerson, wife of the late Frank H.

She is survived by her children, Wayne (Joan) Rickerson and Arlene (Rodney) Brown; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Louis J. Russo Sr.

Mass was said Wednesday at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Louis J. Russo Sr. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and a member of the MacDonald-Linn Post 177, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his son, James (Barbara) Russo; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Marie L. D'Angelo

Mass was said Monday at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Marie L. D'Angelo, wife of the late August.

She is survived by her children, Rose Marie (Thomas) Strapoli, Patricia (Art) Grosa, Anthony (Patricia) D'Angelo and Carolyn (Ronald) Spaghola; eight grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Tony (Jenny) Ragona.

Diane Frederick

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Diane "Dee Dee" Frederick.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher; her parents, Richard and Carol Budil; her brothers, Michael A. and Robert A. Budil; and her sister, Nancy C. Budil.

Margaret R. Langevin

Mass was said Monday at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Margaret R. Langevin.

She is survived by her husband, John C.; her children, Diane Gurnea, John (Sharon), William (Marion) and Edward (Patricia) Langevin, five grandchildren; her sister, Olive Crowley; and her brother, Richard (Jean) Remus.

Joseph L. Partoll

Mass was said Tuesday at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, with inter-ment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joseph L. Partoll. He was the former owner of Partoll & Son Masonry Inc. He was a member of Palos Sports-man Club, Builders Tee, Black Hawk Indians and Duck Unlimited Chapter 19.

He is survived by his wife, Delores E.; his children, Lawrence J. (Helen) Patroll, Linda (Bill) Hubbard and Dell Ann Esquivel; five grandchildren; his brothers, John (Deanna) and Bernie (June) Partoll; and his sister, Mary Cecilia (Russell) Wickler.

Dorothy LaMontagne

A memorial services was held Saturday at Edgar Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, for Dorothy May LaMontagne, 95, of Oak Lawn, wife of the late Frank.

She is survived by her son, John (Marvel) LaMontagne; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

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Public Servants Receive Medals

Fr. Bill Corcoran presents medals of Saint Michael and Saint Florian (patrons of police and firefighters) to Oak Lawn Police Chief Robert Smith, Fire Chief Tom Moran, and Police, Fire/Paramedic personnel at a special mass held in their honor recently at Saint Linus Church in Oak Lawn.

Hold "Ask Anything Sunday"

"Ask Anything Sunday" is a chance to ask questions about those things you've read in the Bible or seen in a church that you've always wondered about. No answers from God, just answers from someone who can give you a perspective from one tradition, and help you understand how other Christians might answer your question.

Everybody is welcome on Sunday, June 27th during the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Kostner & 104th.

Over 150 Attended Oak Lawn Elks #2254 Flag Day Ceremony

The Oak Lawn Elks #2254, 107th and Central Ave., Chicago Ridge, celebrated Flag Day with over 150 in attendance. With the Elks organization nationwide, Flag Day ceremonies are a mandatory event with a beautiful and moving ritual. With all Elks, "The American Flag serves as a symbol of our great nation. The flag represents, in a way that nothing else can, the common bond shared by an otherwise diverse people," according to Lee Venkus, chairman of veterans affairs.

The program was filled with music provided by Gloria Prascham and John Black with patriotic songs and a medley of all service branch tunes.

A history of the flag was presented by Earl J. Konecki, past exalted ruler with the Windy City Vets providing the flag bearers. All American Flags were shown with the initiation of the pine flag.

Speeches were given by William Skinner, past exalted ruler, Rich Mearns, current exalted ruler and guest speaker and Vietnam vet Paul Kent.

Various color guards were represented: The Burbank Detachment of the Marine Corps. League; Bremen VFW Post #2971, Tinley Park; Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220; Korean War Ex-POW Association; Korean War Veterans Association, South Suburban Chapter; American Legion Post #691, Midlothian; Midlothian Memorial VFW Post #2580; Midwest Chapter of American Merchant Marine Veterans; Mt. Greenwood American Legion Post #844; Windy City Veterans Association and the Junior Girl Scouts Troop #591.

The ceremony was concluded outside the lodge with the presentation of new flags and a three cannon salute by the Chicago Light Artillery Unit.

Food and refreshments were hosted by Joanne Mears and the Elks staff of Jo Cherogan, manager and the Oak Lawn Ladies of Elks.

Styler Attends Movie Camp

Sixth grader Mary Kate Styler of Oak Lawn will be attending the popular Young Chicago Critics summer camp of Facets Multi-Media this summer after hearing rave reviews from her friend and YCC veteran Abbey Wolfenson. Young Chicago Critics, one of the most in-demand summer activities for Chicago kids, is an intensive movie camp where children learn film school skills – including film criticism, video production and the "intensive viewing" that makes for an award-winning film critic. In addition, many of them will go on to participate in the children's jury for the 2004 Chicago International Children's Film Festival (Oct. 21st to 31st) and they will have a chance to be one of the four representatives of America in the 500-member jury at the Giffoni Film Festival in Italy.

Mary Kate watches a lot of movies, but her favorite movies are "all funny movies," including *Shrek 2*, *School of Rock* and *Uptown Girls*. Like many of us, Mary Kate started watching movies as a pastime, since it gave her and her friends "something to do besides just sitting around." But Mary Kate doesn't just stare blankly at the screen; rather, she and her friends "enjoy giving a running commentary of everything they see."

Mary Kate dreams about making her own movie, based on the funny things that have happened to her and her friends and family. Lacking the equipment and the know-how to start her project, she is looking forward to the guidance and support offered at Young Chicago Critics, where she will finally make a film of her own. She hopes that after she graduates from the program, "I will have the confidence to keep making my own movies," she said.

Give Law-Related Information

If you have not used an attorney for years, or maybe ever, and a situation has arisen that requires legal service, there are a number of steps you can take to ensure your first visit runs smoothly.

The first step is to review all the reasons you need the attorney's services. A short written list, highlighting the areas for discussion as well as any questions, should keep the meeting on track.

Another time-saving step is to bring all pertinent documents to the initial consultation. If you are selling a parcel of real estate, for example, it would be helpful not only to bring a real estate contract but information on the real estate parcel, the title policy and the land survey. If you are having a will drafted, the documents may include a rough financial statement and a list of beneficiaries.

Getting a handle on your expectations, especially related to the amount of time the case will take, is also important. The attorney should leave you with the feeling that the task can be accomplished within a reasonable time frame.

If the attorney's practice is such that he or she may be able to help you with other legal problems over time, you can use the first meeting to determine your comfort level. Having confidence in the attorney's ability to assist you, both short- and long-term, is important.

Finally, the first visit should include a discussion about the attorney's fees. Will you be billed on an hourly or fixed basis? What is the total estimated cost of the service? Are there any circumstances that might change the type of fee, which would make it a combination of a fixed fee and an hourly fee? In most cases, your attorney can give you a close estimate of the total cost. It should also be determined if a retainer fee, an upfront payment that needs to be made before work commences, is necessary and also what the expectations are about completing the entire payment.

In summary, if you are prepared in advance, realistic about your expectations, and have a clear understanding about fees, the first visit to an attorney should be both productive and satisfying.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Marist Honorees Receive Prestigious Laetare Medal

Br. Richard Carey, FMS, President of Marist High School, will bestow the prestigious Laetare Medal to four longtime Marist associates at a celebration dinner on Nov. 6th at the elegant Hotel Inter-Continental's Grand Ballroom.

Honorees for this year's ceremony are Al Brazen, Former Dean of Discipline and Athletic Director; Bishop John Gorman, Auxiliary Bishop, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate V; John McCambridge '70, Grippo & assp; Elden, Managing Partner; and Dr. Valerie Scaramella-Nowinski, Neuropsychology Diagnostic Center, LLC, Founder and Director. Recipients are selected based on their commitment to their faith, support of Marist, presence as a community role model, and dedication to excellence in education.

A committee of volunteers will fulfill the duties of securing items for the Silent Auction, selling Ad Book space, ticket sales and marketing. The 2004 Laetare Committee includes: Bunny Azzarello (Oak Lawn), Rosalinda Barajas (Chicago), Donna Boddy (Orland Park), Bill Carroll '69 (Orland Park), Steve '69 and Donna Gill (Oak Lawn), Barb Lenzen (Chicago), Kathy Lodwich (Palos Park), Bridget McGann (Evergreen Park), Mary Pat O'Connor (Palos Heights), Matt Mullarkey '88 (LaGrange Park), Tom Murphy '87 (Chicago), Dean Reidy (Oak Lawn), Monica Rose (Orland Park). The co-chairs are Ann Carroll (Orland Park) and Mary Jo Guyette (Oak Lawn). Internal Marist members are Alex Brown (Oak Lawn), Tom Insinga (Evergreen Park), Terese Lindemann (Chicago), Kerry Mullaney (Chicago), Emily J. Powell (Chicago), Diane Snyder (Chicago), Katie Wernert (Chicago) and Marty Wirtz (Chicago).

Laetare dinner tickets are $150 per person and can be purchased by contacting Kerry Mullaney in the Marist Development Office at (773) 881-6360, ext. 5382, or via email at mullaney.kerry@marist.net.

Named Porker Of The Month

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) recently named the South Carolina legislature Porker of the Month for June 2004 for overriding almost every one of Gov. Mark Sanford's (R) 106 budget vetoes. After Gov. Sanford vetoed almost $36 million of a $5.5 billion fiscal 2005 budget, the Republican-controlled legislature breezed through 105 overrides in the House and 99 overrides in the Senate with little or no debate. Gov. Sanford responded by walking into the House chamber carrying two pigs, named "Pork" and "Barrel," infuriating lawmakers. The mess made by the pigs was nothing compared to the chaos caused by the failure of the legislature to put a lid on wasteful spending.

After the House kicked the budget back to Gov. Sanford, he vetoed another $16.2 million in appropriations, saying that the surplus funds should be used to pay off the remaining portion of the state's unconstitutional $155 million deficit carried over from fiscal 2002. Sanford also vetoed some appropriations that relied on $90 million in surplus funds that may not be collected.

Some of the 106 items vetoed by Gov. Sanford included: $5 million for Hunting Island Beach Renourishment; $500,000 worth of equipment for a Florence-Darlington Technical School building that has not been built or funded; $380,000 for a stadium expansion to accommodate a Palmetto Bowl Football Game; $250,000 for the Freedom Weekend Aloft balloon festival; $40,000 for an early retirement pay-out to a single employee; and $26,000 for the Senior Citizens Sports Classic.

The piggies provoked a bipartisan firestorm from the pork-barrelers in the legislature. House Speaker David Wilkins (R) called Sanford's act "insulting" and "childish," saying it was "beneath the dignity of the governor." It's ironic that a harmless joke is called "insulting", but reckless spending is considered respectable.

Mark Sanford served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2000, earning Taxpayer Superhero status and a number one ranking in the entire Congress by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste. Sanford campaigned for governor on bringing his vision of efficient, cost-saving, growth-friendly government to his home state. His reform efforts have often been thwarted by legislators who are protective of the status quo. He deserves congratulations, not condemnation, for his bold demonstration of concern for South Carolina's taxpayers. In fact, CAGW may have inspired his actions, as each year the group releases its annual *Congressional Pig Book* at a press conference complete with live pigs.

For placing higher importance on park projects than the state's tax and deficit burdens, for reflexively overriding the governor's budget vetoes, and for squealing when Gov. Sanford called them out with a light-hearted jab, CAGW names the South Carolina legislature its Porker of the Month for June 2004.

READ ALL POINTS FOR LOCAL POLITICS

Name Scholarship Recipients

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School announced its student alumnae scholarship recipients for the 2004-05 school year. These scholarships are funded by alumnae of McAuley. To qualify for an award, a student must be a daughter or granddaughter of a Mother McAuley or St. Xavier Academy alumna, and must submit an essay supporting her reasons for selecting McAuley as her high school of choice. Each scholarship awardee receives a $500 non-renewable tuition grant.

Katelynn Bragg is the daughter of Karen Hogan Bragg. She is from Oak Lawn and currently attends St. Germaine. In addition to her mother attending McAuley, her aunt Kathy Wetherland also attended the school.

Caitlin Duggan is a resident of Oak Lawn and attends St. Catherine of Alexandria School. Her mother is Margaret Gallagher Duggan, a McAuley graduate.

Courtney Griffin lives in the Beverly area of Chicago and attends St. Barnabas. Her mother is Georgina Byrnes Griffin, a McAuley graduate.

Christy Irace attends St. Damian and lives in Oak Forest. Her mother is Karen Sequin Irace. Two of Christy's aunts have also attended McAuley; Susan Sequin Nevin and the late Lynn Sequin.

Bridget Leiser is a resident of the Beverly area of Chicago. She attends St. John Fisher. Her mother, Nancy McGrath Leiser, is a McAuley graduate. Bridget is also the niece of Mary McGrath, a graduate of McAuley, and of Sister Jean McGrath, the Distinguished Alumna Honoree at McAuley's Celebration Dinner Dance. Bridget has a sister, Margaret, who is currently enrolled at McAuley.

Mary Linane residents in Oak Lawn. Her mother, Sheila Galvin Linane, is a graduate of McAuley as well as four of her aunts, Maureen Kasarski, Teresa O'Donnell, Kathleen Galvin and Patricia Galvin. Mary also has a sister, Elizabeth, currently attending McAuley. Mary attends and belongs to St. Catherine of Alexandria.

Bridget Nolan attends Cyril and Methodius and resides in Lemont. She is the daughter of McAuley graduate Margaret Gallagher Duggan.

Sarah Pudzelski resides in the Mount Greenwood area of Chicago. She is the daughter of Eileen Foley Pudzelski, graduate of McAuley. In addition, Sarah's aunts Alice Holzman and Sheila Brucker attended McAuley. She also has a sister, Emily, currently enrolled at the school. Sarah attends St. Christina.

Molly Rourke is a resident of the Beverly area in Chicago. Her mother, Peggy Evans Rourke, attended McAuley as well as three of her aunts; Mary Joan Evans Jedrey, Elizabeth Evans Rourke and Patricia Evans Duffy. Her grandmother, the late Joan Phillipi Evans, attended St. Xavier Academy. Molly also has two cousins with connections to McAuley; Ann E. O'Rourke graduated in 2001 and Amy E. O'Rourke is a current student. Molly attends St. Cajetan.

Catherine Ryan of Evergreen Park is the daughter of Helen Brett Ryan. Catherine has five aunts who have attended Mother McAuley; Elizabeth Pufunt, Ann Michelle Brett, Kathryn Brett Coughlin, Michelle Brett and Suzanne Brett Enright. Catherine also has a sister, Meghan, currently enrolled at McAuley and a cousin, Erin Pufunt, who is a recent graduate.

Alicia Toussaint is a resident of the Mount Greenwood area of Chicago. Her mother, Denise Fleming Toussaint, attended McAuley as well as three of her aunts; Diane Fleming, Debra Fleming and Bridget Fleming Brennan. Alicia attends St. Christina.

Margaret Vaulman attends St. Cajetan and is a resident of the Beverly area in Chicago. Her mother is Kathy Anderson Vaulman, a graduate of McAuley, and her sister Molly is a current student.

Mother McAuley High School congratulates all the recipients of alumnae scholarships for the 2004-05 school year and looks forward to welcoming them next fall.

Ensure Children Have Proper Immunizations

Due to a lingering outbreak of pertussis in four Chicagoarea counties, Dr. Eric E. Whitaker, state public health director, urged parents to ensure their children have been properly immunized against this highly contagious disease and asked that persons exhibiting symptoms to immediately seek medical care.

Since March, at least 69 people have been sickened by pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, in Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties. There have been no deaths.

Cases have ranged in age from two years to 55 years, but 80 percent of those diagnosed with the bacterial disease are 10- to 15-years of age. This is the first documented outbreak of pertussis in the United States involving youths in the 10- to 15-year-old age group.

"Anyone who has symptoms of pertussis and has had contact with a person with pertussis, should consult their healthcare provider," Dr. Whitaker said. "The Department is working closely with local health departments in each of the four counties to investigate and to help control the outbreak."

Dr. Whitaker called on doctors and other healthcare providers in northeastern Illinois to assist local health departments in controlling the outbreak by promptly reporting suspect cases. Those with pertussis and their close contacts should be treated with antibiotics.

The five-dose pertussis vaccine is recommended for every child beginning at two months of age. Other doses are given at four, six and 15 months and a final dose at four to six years of age. The vaccine is given in the same shot with diphtheria and tetanus and is required for school attendance.

The vaccination provides protection when children are most susceptible to serious illness, but immunization begins to wane three to five years after the last shot. Protection can be completely gone 12 years after the final inoculation.

Despite immunization efforts, pertussis in the United States has increased 400 percent since 1980. In Illinois during the past decade the number of cases has risen from 111 in 1994 to 320 in 2003.

Pertussis can be easily spread from person-to-person through coughing and sneezing. An infected person is contagious from just before the onset of symptoms until up to three weeks after symptoms start. Although it is generally not a severe disease for adults, it can be a serious illness and cause death, particularly among children younger than one year of age.

Symptoms usually appear five to 10 days after exposure, but can take as long as 21 days to develop. The first symptoms to appear are similar to a common cold – runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a mild, occasional cough. The cough gradually becomes severe and, after one to two weeks, the patient has spasmodic bursts of numerous, rapid coughs.

The characteristic high-pitched "whoop" comes from breathing in after a coughing episode. During such an attack, the patient may turn blue, vomit and become exhausted. Between coughing attacks, the patient usually appears normal. Some patients do not have the whooping-type of cough and may only experience a persistent cough.

The attacks tend to increase in frequency for a couple weeks, remain at the same level for two to three weeks and then gradually decrease. Coughing can last 10 weeks or longer. Recovery is gradual and coughing episodes can recur with subsequent respiratory infections for months after the onset of pertussis.

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